

Name Roll No.

Half-Yearly Examination, 2019-20

English

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Class - 9

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes]

[M.M. : 70

Instructions : (i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates for reading the question paper.

(ii) All the questions are compulsory.

Section-A (Reader)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :

Once upon a time, in the kingdom of Seri, the Bodhisattva, who bought and sold pots and pans, was called Serivan. In the company of another seller of pots and pans, a greedy fellow, he crossed the river Televastra and entered the city of Andhapura, Dividing the streets between the two of them, they set about selling their pots and pans, each in the streets of his own district.

(a) Who was called Serivan? Who was an another seller in his company? https://www.upboardonline.com 2

(b) What did both of them do dividing the streets of the city? 2

2. Answer one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4

(a) What punishment was given to Tom by Aunt Polly? How did he escape from doing hard work?

(b) What did Kabuliwallah begin to think of seeing Mini grown into a beautiful woman? How did Mini's father help him?

3. Answer any two of the following questions in about 25 words each : 2 + 2 = 4

(a) What treatment did Aunt Polly give to Tom?

(b) What kind act did Alan do?

(c) How did the greedy seller meet with his death?

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4. Match the words of List 'A' with their meanings in List 'B' :

4 + 1 = 4

List A

List B

(a) knock down

marriage

(b) busy

strike down

(c) wedding

comfort

(d) convenience

crowded

5. Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it :

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed ;

My grief a proud man heard;

His looks were cold, he gave me gold,

But not a kindly word.

(a) How did the proud man help the poet? 2

(b) What words rhyme in the about stanza? 2

6. Give the central idea one of the following poems : 3

(a) The mountain and the squirrel

(b) The Seven Ages of a Man.

OR

Write four lines of a poem given in your Text book. Do not copy out the lines given in the question paper.

7. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each : 4

(a) Why did Gandhi ji prepare coffee himself?

(b) Why did Prince Dev Datt go to the court of King Suddhodhana?

(c) Where does Pt. Nehru wish to go with young children?

8. Point out the true and false statements in the following : 4 x 1 = 4

(a) Gandhi ji as a coffee drinker.

(b) The lad went down with dysentary.

(c) Prince Siddhartha saved the life of the swan?

(d) Pt. Nehru sent a beautiful elephant to the children of Canada.

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9. Complete the following statements with the most suitable choice given below them : 4 × 1 = 4
- (a) Gandhi ji picked up nursing
 (i) through a nursing school
 (ii) through experience when nursing became necessary for him in life
 (iii) working under a doctor.
- (b) The elephant came from
 (i) Mysore (ii) Banglore
 (iii) Rangoon.
- (c) The swan was shot by
 (i) Prince Dev Datt (ii) Prince Siddhartha
 (iii) a Cruel Hunter
- (d) Gandhi ji visited in the Ashram
 (i) every day (ii) every alternate day
 (iii) on Sundays only.

Section-B (Grammar)

10. Do as indicated below in the following :
- (a) I follow advice bad your can not
 (Reorder the above words) 2
- (b) Some body has stolen my pen. (Negative sentence) 2
- (c) Who was knocking at the door ? (Passive voice) 2
- (d) He said to his son, "When do you get up in the morning?"
 (Indirect speech) 2
11. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate prepositions given in brackets.
- (a) We should be proud our native land. 2
 (of, to, on)
- (b) Put the right tense form of the verb. 2
 It went on for hours yesterday. (rain)
- (c) Complete the spelling of the following words. 2
 N _ t _ n _ l, P e _ a _ c _ e _ k

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- (d) Punctuate the following using capital letter wherever necessary. 2
 ramesh mahes harish and mohan went to visit agra, mathura, goberdhana and vrindaban.
12. Translate the following into English : 4
 गया बिहार का प्रसिद्ध तीर्थ है। यहाँ एक बहुत बड़ा मन्दिर है। इस मन्दिर में गौतम बुद्ध की एक विशाल मूर्ति है। मन्दिर के पास बड़े पीपल के पेड़ के नीचे ही बुद्ध ने ज्ञान प्राप्त किया था। इसी कारण बौद्ध लोग इसे पवित्र मानते हैं।
13. Write a letter to your mother asking her how she is living 5
 or
 Write an application to the principal of your college requesting him/her to grant you leave for two days while you are suffering from cold and cough.
14. Write a composition on any one of the following topics in about 60 words : 6
 (a) A Nurse (Uniform, duties, salary, usefulness)
 (b) Your best Friend (Name, family condition, routine, food, habits, why you like him)
 (c) Your Town or city (Name, location, people, markets, schools, famous spots, why you like it)
15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :
 Socrates was great philosopher. He decided that he would never be excited. But his wife was ill-tempered, She lost her temper over trifles. One day when Socrates was gossiping with his friends, she began to scold him. But he turned a deaf ear. Out of anger, she overturned a pail of water upon him. His friends laughed. Socrates also laughed. When his friends asked him its reason, he said, "I know, after thunder, it rains."
- Questions :**
- (a) Who used to lose her temper ? 3
 (b) With whom was Socrates gossiping ? 3

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