

Half Yearly Examination - 2022-23

Subject : English

Class : X (Tenth)

MM : 70

Time : 3.15 hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1. Candidate must write their Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.

SECTION-A : READING

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 6

Gandhiji's great aim in life was to improve the condition of the poor and people suffering, and to aid people in any way he could, but always without using force. He was against every sort of evil, no matter of what kind. When he tried to find out about the condition among the poor farm workers, the people crowded around him by the hundreds. When the police ordered Gandhiji to leave the place, he refused and in the court he explained why he could not obey. Then he asked the court to punish him for breaking the law. The court did not know what verdict to give in such a case, and so let him go free.

- (i) Gandhiji was against : 1
(a) Non-violence (b) The poor and the rich
(c) All evils (d) None of these
- (ii) Gandhiji was ordered to leave the place by the : 1
(a) Police (b) Magistrate (c) People (d) British Lawyer
- (iii) What was Gandhiji's great aim in life ? 1
- (iv) When did the farm workers crowd around Gandhiji? 1
- (v) Find the word from the passage which means 'help'. 1
- (vi) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'never'. 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 8

The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations, which results in behavioural differences and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called generation gap.

Generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents and their children. It is not only because of the gap in age, but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children being very young and immature do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are, matured, do not empathize with the changing value and thinking pattern of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between these two generations.

Generation gap between parents and children is mostly caused by parents themselves. They do not talk openly to their children and do not take part in solving their problems. This behaviour gives the impression about parents being authoritative persons, because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by their children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they don't spend quality time with their family, which makes them completely unaware of how their children are growing, what kind of mentality is being developed in them, and so on. This ultimately creates a gap between them.

To overcome this problem, parents should show interest in all matters of their children and deal with them positively. Giving time to the children, having open communication, and allowing the child to feel free, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent.

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- (2)
- (i) What is mainly discussed in this paragraph? 1
 (a) Modern world (b) Generation gap
 (c) Children (d) Parents
- (ii) Most of the parents don't spend..... time with their family. 1
 (a) Free (b) Weekend (c) Quality (d) Leisure
- (iii) What is the generation gap? 1
- (iv) Why is the generation gap there in the families? 1
- (v) Why are the parents responsible for this gap? 1
- (vi) What steps need to be taken to overcome this problem? 1
- (vii) Find the word from the passage which means 'separated'. 1
- (viii) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'aware'. 1

SECTION-B : WRITING

3. You are Dinesh living in Sikar. Your friend Avinash has won a gold medal in Gramin Olympic. Write a letter congratulating him on his success. (Word Limit - 30 words). 4

OR

Suppose you are the owner of the New Bharat Trade Company, Sikar. You have supplied some furniture in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bhadwari. Send an e-mail to the principal requesting him to send the payment of the furniture. His e-mail address is gsssbhadwasi@gmail.com. (Word limit - 30 words)

4. Write a story using the outline given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it. 4
 A hare proud of his speed laughs at the tortoise slow
 speed challenges run a race race begins
 hare runs fast sleeps under a tree tortoise goes on
 reaches the goal loses the race hare wakes up runs fast.

OR

A shepherd grazes sheep thinks of a mischief cries
 "Wolf! Wolf!" villagers run to help no wolf villagers
 angry one day a wolf really comes cries for help
 people do not believe kills many sheep.

5. Computers are going to play a very important role in the field of education. A lot of can be learnt with the help of computers. Imagine about a future classroom and write in about 60 words about it. 4

OR

Develop a short paragraph with the help of given outlines in about 60 words :
 Morning exercise fresh less pollution
 increases lungs capacity calm and fresh refresh us.

SECTION-C : GRAMMAR

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in bracket : ½x4=2
 (i) Water (boil) at 100°C.
 (ii) Ranjeet (learn) English for five years.
 (iii) While the doctor (examine) the patient, there was an uproar in the hall.
 (iv) Try hard and one day you (get) success.
7. Rewrite the following sentences by transforming from direct to indirect speech : 1x2=2
 (i) Peggy said to Wanda, "How many dresses have you?"
 Peggy asked Wanda
 (ii) The doctor said to Jagan, "Take the medicines daily".
 The doctor advised Jagan

- (ii) This is the school. I read for five years. 1
10. Read the sentences carefully and choose the correct alternative:
- (i) The letter a week ago and it arrived yesterday.
 (a) is posted (b) will be posted (c) had posted (d) was posted
- (ii) Look! My car
 (a) is being towed (b) is towed
 (c) have been towed (d) was towed

11. Frame question to get the following answer:

- (i) Where?
 Ans.: We are going to the bus-stand. 1

12. Add Question-Tag to the statement given below:

- (i) Few people will go,?

SECTION-D (TEXT-BOOK)

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below: 6
 Tenth may dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by the dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil.

The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.

- (i) The dignitaries and the world leaders were coming to before the inauguration: 1
 (a) India (b) America (c) Japan (d) South Africa

- (ii) The inauguration was held on 1
 (a) 10th June (b) 20th May (c) 10th May (d) 5th May

- (iii) Where did the ceremonies take place? 1

- (iv) Why did people gather there? 1

- (v) Find from the passage the word which means: to be surrounded closely by. 1

- (vi) Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'same'. 1

14. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below them. 6

An hour later the car veered sharply off the main road. They crossed a cattle-bridge and entered Dhekiabari Tea Estate.

On both sides of the gravel-road were acre upon acre of tea bushes, all neatly pruned to the same height. Groups of tea-pluckers, with bamboo basket on their backs, wearing plastic aprons, were plucking the newly sprouted leaves.

- (i) When did the car veer? 1

- (a) An hour later (b) Two hours later
 (c) Three hours later (d) Four hours later

- (ii) The tea-pluckers were plucking: 1

- (a) Weeds (b) Rotten tea plants
 (c) Newly-sprouted tea leaves (d) Large, mature tea leaves

- (4)
- (iii) How did they enter the Dhekiabari tea estate? 1
 (iv) What did the tea-pluckers have on their backs? 1
 (v) Find the word from the passage which means : 'turned'. 1
 (vi) Write the word from the passage which is opposite to 'rough'. 1
15. Answer any one of the following two questions in about 20 words : 1
 (i) Why didn't Vally want to make friends with the elderly woman? (Madam Rides the Bus)
 (ii) Draw a character-sketch of Lomov. (The Proposal) 3
16. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words : 3
 (i) "The sight of the food maddened him". What does this suggest? What compelled the young seagull to finally fly? (His First Flight)
 (ii) Draw a character-sketch of Wanda Petronski? (The Hundred Dresses-1) 2x2=4
17. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : 2x2=4
 "Some say the world will end in fire
 Some say in ice
 From what I've tasted of desire
 I hold with those who favour fire".
 (i) What would be the cause of the end of the world, according to people?
 (ii) Why does the poet think the reason to be fire?
- OR
- "I think I could turn and live with animals,
 they are
 So placid and self-contain'd,
 I stand and look at them long and long".
 (i) Why does the poet prefer to be in the company of animals?
 (ii) What does the poet do when animals are around?
18. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words : 2x2=4
 (i) What does 'Dust of Snow' indicate? (Dust of Snow)
 (ii) What was the behaviour of the boy after losing the ball? (The Ball Poem)
 (iii) What does the poet compare their branches to? (The Trees)
19. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 4
 (i) Draw a character-sketch of Anil. (The Thief's Story)
 (ii) How did Mr. Loisels and Matilda repay their debt? (The Necklace)
20. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20 words : 1x2=2
 (i) What was Tricki's only fault that made him sick? (A Triumph of Surgery)
 (ii) What did Horace Danby rob a safe every year? (A Question of Trust)
 (iii) Why is Bholi's father worried about her? (Bholi)
21. Choose the correct alternative : 1x2=2
 (i) Griffin was a (Footprints without Feet)
 (a) Scientist (b) Doctor (c) Teacher (d) Businessman
 (ii) What is the name of the nursery book that had saved the Earth?
 (The Book that Saved the Earth)
 (a) Little Star (b) Mother Goose
 (c) Baby Book (d) Short Stories
