

Half Yearly Examination 2016-2017

Subject - English

Time : 3 Hrs.

Class - 10

M.M. : 100

Note : This question paper is divided into four sections A, B, C & D. All sections are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section - A (Reading)

1. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:10**
Bicycle have been around for a long time. They are not only good fun but are now seen as a more sensible way to get about cities than cars. The rider is the engine. so bikes do not use up fuel or pollute air. Putting two wheel sunder people lets them do things they can's do on two legs. They can go faster and carry heavy loads. Bicycle are an important torm of transport in many parts of the world. In some coutries cars have taken over. The problems that are make, worry a lot of people who would like cities designed for walkers and bike riders.
There are the three type of bicycles by many difference between models. Some of the difference are just ways of making bikes took never and sell more.

- Ques. :** (i) Why are bicycles very old and delightful ?
(ii) Mention three advantages of bicycle.
(iii) What problems do cars create for the people ?
(iv) What type of bicycle and differences between models exist there.
(v) **Find words from the passage which mean the following:**
(a) having good understanding
(b) Spoil or spread poisons

2. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:12**
English is useful language. The people who speak english today make up the largest speech community in the world. A speech community in similar to other hands of communities. The people who make up the community share a common language. Often they live side by side as they do in a neighbourhood, a village or a city. More often they form a whole country. Many nationss are composed of a single major speech community, example Italy, Sweden and Japan. National boundaries however are not always the same made up of many speech communities.
(i) Which is the largest speech community in the world ?
(ii) What is one aspect of the people who make up a speech community?
(iii) Which are the single speech communities in the world ?

(iv) Name two common speech communities that extend across national boundaries.

(v) Find the words from the passage which mean the following :

(a) Like

(b) Made up of

Section - B (Writing)

3. You are Ankit/Ankita, Kedarnath Marg, Rudraprayag. Your father's is posted in Dehradun. Write a letter to your father telling him about how you are preparing for the board examination. 8

OR

Write a letter to the superintendent of Police complaining against the increasing road accidents in the district. You are Mohan/Mohita resident of Subhash Nagar, Dehradun <https://www.ukboardonline.com>

4. Write a Paragraph on any one of the following in 60 words : 4

(i) Natural Disaster

(ii) A flood scene

(iii) Teacher's Day

5. Write a short composition on about 80 words on 'A Small Family is a Happy Family' using the following hints : 8

Hints : Small family enjoys life.....food and clothes of their choice.....expenses limited.....enough money.....enough time.....enjoy luxuries of life.

Section - C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of non finites given in the brackets : 4

(i) I saw Mohan.....cricket.

(play)

(ii) Do you mind.....the door.

(open)

(iii)is a good exercise.

(dance)

(iv) The boys enjoy.....romantic song.

(listen)

7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the sentence connectors given in the brackets : 2

(i) She was preparing a cup of tea. Her finger got burnt. (while)

(ii) He will be happy. He pass with good marks. (if)

8. Join the following pairs of sentences as directed : 2

(i) Where has he put up his book ? (Begin with can you)

(ii) He is a good man. I know. (Begin with I know.....")

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the the verbs given in the brackets : 3

When I.....(reach) the station. I was shocked to know that the train had.....(leave) the station already. My friends also.....(come) take to see me off.

10. Complete the following sentences using models : 2

(2)

- (i)God bless you.
- (ii) She was so old that she.....not run.
11. (a) **Transform the following sentences into passive voice :** 2
- (i) I helped an old man.
- (ii) Open the door.
- (b) **Re-arrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences :** 2
- (i) Like / I / T.V. / watch.
- (ii) Asked / I / to / boil / her / milk.

Section - D (Text Book) Prose

12. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream he fell outwards and downwards into space. Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his feathers, then under his stomach and against his wings. He could feel the tips of his wings cutting through the air. He was not falling headlong now. He was soaring gradually downwards and outwards. He was no longer afraid.

- Ques. :**
- (i) Who is he in the above lines ? 1
- (ii) Why didn't she come near to him ? 1
- (iii) He fell down into the space. How did he feel for a minute ? 1
- (iv) Why was he no longer afraid ? 1
- (v) Find the word from the passage, which means 'Ugly and frightening.'? 1

13. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in the prison. When my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

- Ques. :**
- (i) Do you think it is our national instinct to hate another person on the basis of his/her colour or religion ? 1
- (ii) Do you believe that people can be taught to love ? 1
- (iii) What is natural to us to love or to hate others ? 1
- (iv) Who is the writer of the above passage ? 1
- (v) Which word in the passage means 'Companions' ? 1

14. Answer the following question in about 80 words : 6
 Why was the Seagull afraid to fly ? How did he conquer his fear ?
OR
 Did wanda have a hundred dresses ? Why do you think she said he had ?
15. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words : 4
 Why was Mr. Kessing annoyed with Anne ? What did he ask her to do ?
OR
 Why were two national anthems ?
 (Poetry)
16. Read the following stanza and answers the questions that follow:
 The way a crow
 Shook down on me
 The dust of snow
 From a hemlock tree
- Quest: (i) Name the poet and the poem ? 2
 (ii) What did he crow do ? 1
 (iii) Who What are the crow and hemlock associated with ? 1
- OR**
 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.
- Quest: (i) What are the two different views about the end of the world ? 2
 (ii) What do you mean of 'tasted of desire' ? 1
 (ii) Who is 'I' here in this sylanza ? 1
17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words: 6
 (i) Why does Amanda Say "I am an orphan" ?
 (ii) How does the tiger look in his cage ?
 (iii) 'And no one buys a ball back' What does John Berryman mean by it?
 (Supplementary Reader)
18. Answer the following questions in about 100 words : 6
 Why did Mrs. Pumphrey say 'This isa a triumph of surgery' ?
OR
 What makes you think that Griffin was a lawless person ?
19. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : 3
 Why Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki ?
20. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words : 2
 How did Hari Singh get a job at Anil's house ?
OR
 Why does Max enter Ausable's room ?
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