

Half Yearly Examination 2021-2022

Subject - English

Time : 3 Hrs.

Class - 10

M.M. : 100

Note:All question are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section - A (Reading)

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

The most astonishing aspect of all Indus cities was their advanced system of town planning |within the thick outerwalls probably a defence against flooding- large blocks of houses were separated by a grid of brood roods. (Houses were terraced; they varied in size, but were all designed around an inner courtyard, usually with a staircase leading to an upper floor.) Much of the daily life of the citizens took place in the courtyard, as it does in Indian homes today.

The people were fastidious about personal hygiene. (The houses contained bathrooms and often brick lavatories, which were connected to a system of drains which followed the routes of the streets, punctuated by manholes, gutters and weels.) The houses contained slight traces of elaborate woodwork and the plastered walls and flower may have been painted or covered with mats and hangings. Finds of jewellery vivacious figurines and lively painted pottery. Show that the Indus people did not lack artistic imagination or colour in their daily lives. But there seem to have been little room for more permanent secular or even religious art, onlu sparse evidence of which has survived.

- Ques. :** (a) What was surprising aspect of Indus cities ? 2
(b) How were the houses designed there ? 2
(c) How were the lavatories built in houses ? 2
(d) What has been said about imagination of people of Indus ? 2

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

Blood is made us of three cell types and plasma which together have vital tasks to perform. On one hand blood is a means of transport, supplying every part of body with oxygen and nutrients, on the other hand it removes carbon dioxide and waste products. In addition to these functions, it serves as a means of communication between different organs by carrying hormones and other chemical messengers from place to place. The constant circulation of blood also helps to keep our body's temperature constant. and blood platelets help to protect us by blocking the flow of blood from wounds. The red corpuscles contain haemoglobin. Molecule that transports oxygen around the body, while the various types of white corpuscles play an important role in our body's vital immune defences. They are constantly patrolling the whole body and are able to penetrate into any type of tissue through the blood vessel

walls and remove foreign matter harmful bacteria and diseases cells. Red blood cells contain the protein haemoglobin. Which gives it its red colour. The harm group of protein molecules-iron attached to them is responsible for the colour. Haemoglobin's task is to bind the oxygen in the lungs, transport it to the rest of the body and then release it.

- (a) What does the blood supply ? 2
(b) How does blood serve as a means of communication ? 2
(c) How are blood platelets helpful to us ? 2
(d) What penetrates into tissues and what does it remove ? 2
(e) What does red-blood corpuscles contain ? 2
(f) Find the word from the passage which means- 2
(i) Unchanging (ii) Essential

Section - B (Writing)

3. You are Rajeev/Radhika of main market, Rudraprayag, Your Younger brother is in a hostel in Dehradun. He is fond of eating fast food outside. Write a letter to him advising him to avoid junk food and its harmful effects on health ? 8

OR

You are Karan/Kiran of main market Agastyamuni. Write a letter to the Municipality officer complaining against the irregular electric supply in your locality <https://www.ukboardonline.com>

4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in 60 words : 4
(i) Covid-19 (ii) Importance of Forests
(iii) Smoking is injurious to Health.
5. On the basis of hints given below, write a paragraph in about 80 words on 'A Picnic'. 8

Hints : A pleasure trip outdoors—choice of the place with friends—day and time-preparation—the journey its surroundings—how you enjoyed it— back home.

Section - C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of non finites given in the brackets : 2
(a) We saw a bird _____ in the garden. (sing)
(b) You are too young _____ this tree. (climb)
(c) _____ is my hobby. (cook)
(d) My mother is fond of _____. (dancing)
7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the sentence connectors given in the brackets : 2
(i) My aunt burnt her hand. She was baking a cake. (while)
(ii) He left his hiding place. It become dark. (when)
8. Join the following pairs of sentences as directed : 2
(i) She is very beautiful. I Know. (Begin with "I know.....")
(ii) He told me. He knows the minister personally. (Begin with "He told....")

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the the verbs given in the brackets : 3
 My brother.....(come) from Bagalare yesterday. By the time he.....(reach) home, my father.....(leave) for Bombay.
10. Complete the following sentences using models : 2
 (a) We.....obey the law.
 (b) We.....not tell lies.
11. (a) Re-arrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : 2
 (a) country / for / fight / brave / their / men.
 (b) lives / a / very / simple / life / he.
- (b) Transform the following sentences into passive voice : 2
 (a) Simran sings a song.
 (v) Mr. Sharma teaches us english

Section - D (Text Book)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 5
 With satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boy exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.
 "It's really getting bad now," exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly." It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white as if covered with salt.

- Ques. : (a) Why did Lencho look satisfied ?
 (b) What happened all at once ?
 (c) What did Lencho hope for ?
 (d) What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped ?
 (e) Which word in the passage means to look like ?

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:
 He felt certain that his wings would never support him, so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where the slopt at night. Even when each of this brothers and his little sister where wings were for shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flopped thier wings and flew aways he failed to muster up couage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate.

- Ques. : (a) Why did the young seagull run back ? 2
 (b) Why did he not follow his brothers and his little sister ? 1
 (c) Where did the young seagull sleep at night ? 1
 (d) Which word in the passage means, 'to gather or bring together'. 1
14. Answer any one of the following question in about 80 words : 6
 How did Mandela's hunger for freedom change his life ?

OR
 (3)

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Why was Anne's teacher annoyed with her ? How was she able to bring about a change in his attitude towards her?

15. Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: 4
In what way was Wanda different from the other children ?

OR

Describe a traditional goan village baker.

(Poetry)

16. Read the extract and answer the question that follow:

But he's locked in a concrete cell.

His strength behind bars.

Stalking the length of his cage.

Ignoring visitors.

- Quest.:** (a) Who does 'he' refer to in the first line ? 1
(b) How is 'he' in the cage ? 1
(c) How does he react to the visitor ? 1
(d) Name the poet of this poem. 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.:** (a) Whom does the poet stand with ? 1
(b) Name the poem and the poet ? 1
(c) What are the two different views about the end of the world? 2

17. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: 6

- (a) What message has Robert Frost given in his poem Dust of snow?
(b) What does John Berryman say the boy is learning from the loss of the ball ?
(c) What is the natural habitat of a tiger ? Why is the tiger locked in a cell of the zoo ?

(Supplementary Reader)

18. Answer the following questions in about 100 words : 8

Who was Anil ? How did he transform Hari Singh's character ?

OR

"Griffin was rather a lawless person". Comment.

19. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : 4

Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki ?

OR

Why was it difficult for Hari Singh to rob Anil ?

20. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words : 3

How did Griffin enjoy in the London store ?

OR

Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki's appearance ?

