

## Half Yearly Examination 2022-2023

### Subject - English

Time : 3 Hrs.

Class - 10

M.M. : 80

Note: (i) This question paper is divided into four sections-'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'. (ii) All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

#### Section - 'A' (Reading)

#### 1. Read the passage and answer the following questions :

✓ The sure way of making and keeping friends is to be a good listener. Take great care to listen to a person with interest. Also make sure that when you speak yourself, you say only as much as is needed to open up some fresh topic for the other person to start conversation. People don't like to be interrupted by others while speaking. They wish to put their views forward. So one is delighted with the company of someone who is content to listen attentively. (Most of the friendships begin by little acts of kindness, sympathy and understanding to lonely folk) (Sincerity is the keynote for friendship, for sincerity includes loyalty, sympathy and trust.) A common interest will draw you very close to some friends.

- (a) How can we make good friends ? 2  
(b) What is the keynote of friendship ? 1  
(c) How do most of the friendships begin ? 2  
(d) How can you come close to someone ? 1

#### 2. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

✓ In ancient times people noticed that night came after day, summer after spring and winter after rainy season, and that the sun replaced the moon in the sky at fairly regular intervals. Soon they learnt to divide the time into parts - the interval from one winter to another was a year, from one sunrise to another sunrise was a day. Next they split up the days in even smaller bits and called them hours. (When the sun is at its highest in the sky, and the shadow on the sundial is the shortest, it is midday or noon.) When the sun goes down, the shadow gets longer and longer. So, people could tell time not only by the sun, but by planets and stars. Then slowly and slowly people began to invent clocks and watches. First, there were water clocks, hour glass, then mechanical time pieces. Today, watches show hours, minutes and seconds.

- (a) How did the people know about a year ? 2  
(b) How did the ancient people split up the days ? 2  
(c) What is the difference between the ancient and the modern way to know the time ? 2

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- (d) How did the people know about noon? 2  
(e) Find a word in the passage which means 'old'? 1

**Section – 'B' (Writing)**

3. You are Mohan / Priya, living at Main Bazar, Almora. Write a letter to the Municipality Officer complaining against the irregular electric supply in your locality. 6

**OR**

Write a letter to your friend Rachit/ Riya informing him about your plan to join an educational trip to Dehradun during holidays.

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

- (a) Importance of Sports (b) Save Environment  
(c) A Visit to a Historical Place

5. On the basis of hints given below, write a paragraph in about 80 words on 'The Morning Assembly in My School': 5

Hints: gathering ..... prayer..... pledge.....group song..... thought of the day ..... news..... Principal's address..... attendance..... national anthem.

**Section – 'C' (Grammar)**

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of non-finites given in the brackets :2

- ✓ (i) *Reading* is my hobby. (Read)  
(ii) Having ..... his home work, he went to bed. (Complete)  
(iii) This bag is too heavy..... (Carry)  
(iv) We saw a bird ..... in the garden. (Sing)

7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the sentence connectors given in the brackets : 1x2=2

- ✓ (i) It is raining. I am not going out. (As)  
(ii) He was tired. He could not go to market. (Because)

8. Join the following pairs of sentences as directed : 1x2=2

- ✓ (i) She got married. At that time she was eighteen. (Begin with 'When she.....')  
(ii) I reached home. It started raining. (Begin with 'As soon as.....')

9. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets : 1x3=3

- ✓ (i) In the morning Rama came and ..... me a book. (give)  
(ii) I have ..... my friend. (lose)  
(iii) Yesterday I *went* to market. (Go)

10. Complete the following sentences using modals : 1x2=2

- ✓ (i) He was so old that he ..... not run.  
(ii) Do not eat this fruit. It ..... be poisonous.

11. (a) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form a meaningful sentence: 1x2=2

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- (i) fit/ keeps/ regular/ physical/ exercise / us.
  - (ii) cooks/ for/ us / food /mother.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable words (what, where): 1x2=2
- (i) ..... can't be cured must be endured.
  - (ii) I visited the neighbourhood ..... I grew up.

**Section – 'D' (Textbook)**

(Prose)

**12. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :**

✓ Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

- (a) Where is Coorg ? 1
- (b) What is the main crop of Coorg ? 1
- (c) Which is the best season to visit Coorg ? 1
- (d) Find out the similar word for 'begins' 1

**13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

✓ It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office. <https://www.ukboardonline.com> Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence-but he became angry when he counted the money.

- (a) Who delivered the letter and to whom ? 1
- (b) What did the postmaster do in the meantime ? 1
- (c) Which 'good deed' is referred to here ? 1
- (d) Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money ? 1

**14. Answer the following question in about 80 words:** 5

✓ Draw a character sketch of Lencho in your own words.

**OR**

How does Anne feel about her father, her grandmother, Mrs Kuperus and Mr Keesing? What do these tell you about her?

**15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words:** 3

✓ What was the effect of the letter of Wanda's father on Miss Mason?

**OR**

Where were the monthly accounts of the baker recorded? When did the

(Poetry)

36. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

He should be snarling around houses  
At the jungle's edge,  
Baring his white fangs, his claws,  
Terrorising the village!"

- (a) Who is 'He' in the above stanza? 1  
(b) How should 'He' terrorise the village? 1  
(c) Name the poem and the poet. 1

OR

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.  
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
Knowing what every man must one day know  
And most know many days, how to stand up.

- (a) What has happened to the boy's ball? 1  
(b) What does every man need to know one day? 1  
(c) Name the poem and the poet. 1

17. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 4

- (a) What has the boy learnt from the loss of the ball?  
(b) Mention three things that humans do and animals don't.  
(c) Justify the role of the crow in the poem 'Dust of Snow' in changing the poet's mood.

*Supplementary Reader*

18. Answer the following question in about 100 words: 7  
Why did the thief return to Anil? Why did not Anil hand over the thief to the police?

OR

"Horace Danby was good and respectable, but not completely honest."  
Justify.

19. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words: 3  
Comment on Griffin as a scientist.

OR

What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

20. Answer the following question in about 20-30 words: 2  
Why did Horrace need a lot of money? How did he get it?

OR

Who was Hari Singh? Why was he living with Anil?

