

# Half Yearly Examination -2024

## English Class – VIII

M.M – 80

Time - 2.30 Hrs.

- Note-** 1. Attempt all questions.  
2. Marks are indicated against each question.

### Section-A (Reading) (15 marks)

**Q1-** Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Rohit has a pet dog named Max. Max is very friendly and playful. He loves to run and chase balls. Rohit takes Max for a walk every morning. Max also likes to sleep a lot. He sleeps for twelve hours a day. Rohit's family members love Max very much.

- (a) What is the name of Rohit's pet dog? (1)  
(b) Who takes Max for a walk? (1)  
(c) Choose the correct opposite of the word 'night' given in the passage. (1)  
i. morning            ii. day            iii. evening  
(d) What does Max like to do? (2)  
(e) How is the pet's behaviour? (2)  
(f) How does Rohit's family feel about Max? (2)

**Q2-** Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day a deer saw a wolf coming. He was much frightened. He at once thought of a trick. Walking away slowly, he began to limp badly. The wolf came up and asked him why he was so lame. The deer said that he had a thorn in his hind foot and requested him to pull it out.

- (a) Who was coming near the deer? (1)  
(b) Choose the correct meaning of the word 'frightened'. (1)  
i. ran away            ii. afraid            iii. fainted  
(c) What did the wolf ask the deer? (2)  
(d) What was deer's trick? (2)

### Section-B (Writing) (15 marks)

- Q3-** Write an application to the Headmaster/ Principal of your school for two days leave. (6)  
**Q4-** Write a short paragraph on any one of the following topics- (5)  
i. My family            ii. My best friend            iii. My village  
**Q5-** Write four lines of any poem from your text book. (4)

### Section-C (Grammar) (15 marks)

- Q6-** Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs. (1)  
(a) A new student-----in my class yesterday. (come) (1)  
(b) They did not-----football match. (play) (1)  
(c) Gita is-----food. (cook) (1)  
(d) He was-----to school. (go) (1)  
(e) She has-----hockey. (play) (1)  
(f) Boys are----- in the field. (jump) (1)

**Q7- Form correct sentences by reordering the words in the following.**

- (a) Sun / the / rises / the / east / in (1)  
(b) He / writing / letter / a / is (1)  
(c) Sita / eating / loves / mangoes (1)  
(d) Are / noise / making / field / boys / the / in (1)  
(e) He / flute / likes / to / play (1)

**Q8- Match the following words with their opposites-** (2)

'A'	'B'
Come	Out
In	Take
Give	Go
Big	Small

**Q9- Change the gender of following words-** (2)

Man  
Boy  
King  
Horse

#### Section D Literature (35marks)

**Q10- Read the passage and answer the questions that follow-**

Sanjeev was a policeman, serving in the Katchall island of the Nicobar group of islands. He somehow managed to save himself, his wife and his baby daughter from the waves. But then he heard cries for help from the wife of John, the guesthouse cook. Sanjeev jumped into the water to rescue her, but they were both swept away.

- (a) Who was Sanjeev? (1)  
(b) In which island Sanjeev was serving? (1)  
(c) Who was John? (1)  
(d) Complete the spelling of 'd-ug-t-r' . (1)  
(e) Who jumped into the water? (1)  
(f) Change the gender of 'wife'. (1)  
(g) What is the second form of the verb 'jump'? (1)

**Q11- Answer the following questions in about 10 to 20 words.** (8\*2=16)

- (a) Why had Velu run away from home? (2)  
(b) Why did Sanjeev jump into the water? (2)  
(c) Who is the poet of the poem 'Geography Lesson'? (2)  
(d) What happened with Sanjeev at last? (2)  
(e) When did the animals start working for humans? (2)  
(f) Where did the lazy animal 'camel' live? (2)  
(g) What did the author find in junk shop? (2)  
(h) Why had Tilly's family come to Thailand? (2)

**Q12- Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words.** (3\*4=12)

- (a) What problems did Velu face when he stood on Chennai platform? (4)  
(b) What did Velu eat when he was running from his home? (4)  
(c) How the camel got his hump? Explain. (4)

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