

Half Yearly Examination 2023-2024

Subject - English

Time : 2.30 Hrs.

Class - 8

M.M. : 80

Note-All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions given follow.

Once a traveller was passing through a forest. It was a very hot day. The sky was clear. The sun was shining brightly. He was very thirsty. He looked here and there for water, but he could not find water anywhere. Now he was very tired. So he sat under a tree to take some rest.

After some time, he saw a coconut tree. Coconuts were hanging from it. But they were very high. He could not climb up the tree. He saw some monkeys on the tree. He thought a plan. He picked up a stone and threw it at the monkeys. The monkeys grew angry. They plucked some coconuts and threw them at the traveller.

He picked some of them and broke them. He drank their water and quenched his thirst. After this he went away from there.

- (a) Why did the traveller look here and there ? 2
 (b) Why did he sit under a tree ? 2
 (c) What did he see after some time ? 2
 (d) What did he see on the coconut tree ? 2
 (e) How did the traveller quench his thirst ? 2
 (f) Write two Nouns from the passage. 2
 (g) Write opposite of the words underlined in the passage. 2
 (h) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

Section-B (Writing)

2. Write eight lines of any poem from your text book other than the poem given in the paper. 8
 3. Write an application to your Head master for two days leave to attend your cousin wedding ceremony. 6

OR

Write an application to your Head master for two days sick leave.

4. Write a short paragraph on any one of the following in 8 to 10 lines. 6
 (a) How we celebrate Talent Day (Pratibha Diwas) in our school.
 (b) Independence day.
 (c) Teacher's day celebration in our school.

Section-C (Grammar)

5. Rearrange the following words in correct order to form meaningful sentences. 4
 (a) vanish/the car/seemed to/into thin/have/air.
 (b) stop/and tell me/beating about/what you want/the bush.
 (c) love/I/my/country.
 (d) play/I/like/to/football.

(1)

P.T.O.

6. Write the plural of the followings- 4
 (a) Bush (b) Wife (c) Woman (d) Lad
 7. Fill in the correct form of verbs given in the bracket. 4
 (a) She always _____ (go) to school.
 (b) He _____ (sing) a song.
 (c) I _____ (write) a letter yesterday.
 (d) He is _____ (eat) a mango.

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in the box. 4
 (on, in, at, over)
 (a) I get up _____ 6O' clock.
 (b) The rider is sitting _____ the horse.
 (c) The sun rises _____ the east.
 (d) the bird is flying _____ the tree.
 9. Say whether the following sentences are in Active or the passive voice.4
 (a) Someone stole my bicycle _____
 (b) The tyres were deflated by the traffic police _____
 (c) It had been thrown there _____
 (d) My father gave it to the mechanic _____

Section-D (Literature)

10. Read the stanza and answer the following questions given below.

When the jet reached ten thousand feet,
 it was clear why the country <https://www.ukboardonline.com>
 had cities where the rivers ran
 and why the valleys were polluted.
 The logic of geography-
 That land and water attracted man-
 Was clearly delineated

When the jet reached ten thousand feet.

- (a) How high did the jet plane reach ? 2
 (b) What was clear from ten thousand feet ? 2
 (c) What according to the poet was clearly delineated ? 2
 (d) Make sentences- (i) Country (ii) Polluted 2
 (e) Name the poem and the poet. 2

11. Answer any five questions- 5x3=15

- (a) What did the author find in a junk shop ?
 (b) Who did Connie Macpherson think her visitor was ?
 (c) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert ?
 (d) In what way did the British officers exploit Indians ?
 (e) How did East India Company subdue the Indians ?
 (f) Who was Chunnilal ? What did he want from Bepin Babu ?
 (g) Why did Velu run away from home ?
 (h) Who is the speaker in the poem "The Last Bargain" ?
 (i) Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand ?

◆◆◆◆◆
 (2)