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Half-Yearly Examination, 2022-23

B/25,000

English

Class-12

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Mins.]

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General Instructions :

- (i) First 15 Minuts are allotted for candiadates to read the question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into four sections—A, B, C, and D.
- (iii) All the sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The life of Shivaji was full of action and achievement. He built a large and brave army and laid the foundations of an organised state. Just by force of his achievement and personality, he shaped the Marathas into a nation. Many of his qualities were rare in that age. He performed not only the old Hindu religious rites, but also practised a broad-minded toleration. A Musalman holy man was as respectable to him as a Brahmin. He would cause no harm to any holy building to Islam. He could punish severely, but he was not by nature either cruel or blood thirsty. Towards women he displayed a gentle treatment.

The spiritual lessons which he had learned from his mother were strengthened by his famous Guru Ramdas. A part from his peculiar genius, he was a notable example of what the old Hindu training could produce.

- (a) What kind of life did Shivaji lead ? 3
- (b) How did he behave towards women ? 3

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- (c) What was the role of his Guru Ramdas, in his life ? 3
 (d) What are the Synonyms of 'achievement'. 1½
 (e) What are the Antonyms to 'toleration'. 1½
 (f) What do you mean of 'performed'. 3

Section-B (Writing)

2. Write an essay (Article) on *one* of the following topics in about 150 words : 10
 (a) New education policy.
 (b) Clean and green India-mission.
3. Write a letter to the District Magistrate requesting him to tackle the grim flood situation in your town/village. 10

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily showing your concern regarding the spate of crimes committed by teenagers.

Section-C (Grammar)

4. Multiple choice questions :
- (a) What is the synonym of 'Dispute'. 2
 (i) show (ii) grief (iii) quarrel (iv) dispose
- (b) What are the antonyms of 'miser'. 2
 (i) mar (ii) worthless (iii) profit (iv) spendthrift. ✓
- (c) The meaning of 'To makeout' Phrase is : 2
 (i) to understand (ii) to go out
 (iii) to make something (iv) something out
- (d) To Fill in the blanks with suitable word : 2
 She is the girl in the class. (good, better, best)
- (e) Give one word substitute 'Worship of idols' : 2
 (i) Fatalist (ii) Idolatory (iii) Museum (iv) Temple
- (f) Change into indirect speech : 2
 John said to James, "will you like to play cricket ?"
- (g) I met a man. He was blind. (into simple sentence) 2
 (h) The class is too noisy. (remove 'too') 2
 (i) Ram is the Tallest boy in the class. (into positive degree) 2
 (j) Who did not obey the teacher. (into passive voice) 2

5. Translate the following into English :

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जब जॉर्ज वाशिंगटन छोटा लड़का था, तो उसके पिता ने उसे खेलने के लिए कुल्हाड़ी दी। जॉर्ज बहुत खुश हुआ। वह उसे लेकर अपने बाग में गया। वहाँ उसने कुल्हाड़ी से कई पौधों को काट डाला। शाम को जब उसके पिता बाग में गये और पौधों को गिरा देखा तो उन्हें बहुत क्रोध आया। उन्होंने अपने पुत्र से पूछा, "यह किसने किया है?" आँखों में आसू भरकर जॉर्ज के कहा, "यह सब मैंने किया है।" पिताजी जॉर्ज की सत्यता पर बहुत खुश हुए।

Section-D (Literature)

6. Answer any *two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words :

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- Why did Franz not go to school that day ?
- What does the writer say about Savita ?
- How did the big boy throw the author into the pool ?

7. Answer any *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words :

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- Give a brief character-sketch of M. Hamel.
- How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer ?

8. Read the following lines of poetry and answer the questions given below :

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor.
The tall girl with her weighed-down head'

- Which figure of speech has been used in the first two lines?

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- Who are these children ?

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- What does the word 'pallor' mean ?

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9. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems :

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- My Mother At Sixty-Six.

- Keeping Quiet.

- An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum.

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10. Answer any *two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 4 + 4 = 8

(a) What did Charley find there ?

(b) What happened to the tiger provided by Dewan?

(c) What is photosynthesis ?

11. Answer any *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 7

(a) Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley ? Why?

(b) What values of life does the story "Tiger King" give us?

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