

Half-Yearly Examinations 2022-23

समय : 2:30 घण्टा

कक्षा - XIIth

पूर्णांक :- 90

विषय :- English

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

Section - A (Writing)

- Q. 1 Write an article on any one of the following topics in 100 - 150 words :- 10
- Population problem of India
 - Online classes
 - How to make good health
- Q. 2 Write a letter to your principal of your college complaining against the shortage of books in your college library. 10

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper about the cleanliness of your city/village.

Section - B (Grammar)

- Q. 3 a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech :- 5 X 2 = 10
- Mohit said to Reeta, "Why did you stop here" ?
 - The teacher said to the children, "Do not quarrel with your sisters".
- b) Combine any one of the following as directed :-
- The thief was punished. The thief was fined. (Compound sentence)
 - When does the train arrive ? I do not know the time. (complex sentence)
- c) Change any one of the following as directed :-
- He could read the English book. (Passive voice)
 - Mumbai is the best city in India. (Comparative Degree)
- d) Correct any one of the following sentences :
- I am tired in doing this.
 - Death is preferable than dishonour.
- e) Give the synonyms of any one of the following words :
- deed (ii) conceal
- Q. 4 a) Give the antonym of any one of the following words :- 5X2=10
- Ancient (ii) blunt
- b) Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meanings clear (do any one) :-
- berth (ii) birth
- c) In the following questions, choose the most suitable 'one word' for the given expressions (do any one) :-
- That cannot be read :-
a) Stoic b) Illegible c) Ascetic d) Illiterate
 - A selfish person who always thinks of himself.
a) Egotist b) celibacy c) egoist d) fatalist
- d) Use any one of the following phrase verbs your own sentences so as to make their meanings clear :-
- Call on b) Break out
- e) Use any one of the following idioms in your own sentences so as to make their meaning clear.
- Call a spade a spade b) A black sheep

- Q. 5 Translate the following into English :- 5
मुंशी प्रेमचन्द एक महान साहित्यकार थे। उनका जन्म एक साधारण परिवार में और एक छोटे से गाँव में हुआ था। फिर भी वे पूरे विश्व में प्रसिद्ध हुए। हिन्दी व उर्दू दोनों भाषाओं पर उनका समान अधिकार था। उपन्यास तथा कहानियाँ लिखने में वे कुशल थे। उनके उपन्यासों में भारतीय समाज का सजीव चित्रण मिलता है। उनकी पुस्तकों का संसार की अधिकांश भाषाओं में अनुवाद हुआ है। उन्हें उपन्यास सम्राट कहा जाता है। वे एक सफल और लोकप्रिय शिक्षक थे। कम पढ़े लिखे लोग भी उनकी पुस्तकों को रुचि के साथ पढ़ते हैं।

Section – C (Literature)

Flamingo (Prose)

- Q. 6 Answer the following questions :- 4 + 4

(i) why was M. Hamel constantly looking at various things in the room ?

OR

Why did Saheb's family migrate to India ?

(ii) How does M. Hamel praise the French language ?

OR

When will Savita know the sanctity of the bangles.

- Q. 7 Answer any one of the following questions:- 7

(i) How did M. Hamel look different on the day of the last lesson ?

(ii) Describe the life of ragpickers in Seemapuri.

Poetry

- Q. 8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows :- 6

And yet, for these

Children, these windows, not this map, their world,

Where all their future's painted with a fog,

A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky

Far far from rivers, capes and stars of words.

(i) What does the map on the wall signify ?

(ii) Who are these children ? What is their world like ?

(iii) What kind of future does the poet foresee for them ?

- Q. 9 Give the central idea of any one of the following poems : 5

(i) My Mother at Sixty-six

(ii) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum.

(iv) Keeping quiet

Vistas (Supplementary Reader)

- Q. 10 Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :- 10

1. What was the third level ? Where was it situated ?

OR

What did the astrologer predict about the tiger king's death ?

2. Why do the people in the modern world want to escape ?

OR

Describe 'The students on Ice' programme that writer, Tisani Doshi was a part of.

- Q. 11 Answer any one of the following questions :- 7

1. 'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them ?

2. Give an account of a humorous episode from the story. (The tiger king)

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