

Half Yearly Exam – 2022-23

Time: 2hrs

Class – 12 B

M.M. 100

Subject – English

Q. i. This paper is divided into four sections-A,B,C and D

ii. All questions are compulsory.

iii. Marks are indicated against questions.

(Section-A: Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Life is not a bed of roses It is full of dangers and difficulties. They have to overcome, if we are to succeed in life In the race of life we should not be afraid of the risk which is but natural. Success in any work in life goes to those persons who welcome risk. Science would not have made such wonderful achievements if our scientists had not risked their lives and comforts. The more difficult a work is the harder should be our efforts to perform it. Life is not a smooth sailing. Petty difficulties frighten a weaker heart who is not prepared to take a risk. But brave hearts achieve fame and honour because they enjoy taking risks. In short, risk begins success and work miracles.

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| a- How is man's life ? | 3 |
| b- What Should we do to success in life ? | 3 |
| c- Who are frightened by petty difficulties ? | 3 |
| d- What do brave hearts achieve ? | 3 |
| e- Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'artificial' ? | 1 |
| ii- Which word in the passage means fear ? | 1 |
| iii- Write the adjective form of 'miracle' ? | 1 |

(Section-B: Writing)

Q.2- Write an article(Essay) on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 Words ?

- Mobile Phone – Boon or Bane
- Your Ambition in Life
- Pollution Problem in India
- The Evils of Dowry

3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining about the frequent breakdowns of electricity in your locality.
or Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the polluted water supply in your area. 10

(Section-C: Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following question :-
- (i) Rohit has gone before his father come. Which word in the above sentence is an error?
(a) gone (b) before (c) his (d) come
- (ii) The Phrase 'Nip in the bud' means –
(a) To be in trouble
(b) To eat something not meant for you
(c) To destroy something later in life
(d) To destroy in the early stage
- (iii) The synonyme of 'acute' is –
(a) nice (b) accidental (c) severe (d) curious
- (iv) The Antonym of "Virture" is -
(a) Fraud (b) Crime (c) Vice (d) Wickedness
- (v) One who abandons his religious faith is an –
(a) atheist (b) apostate (c) infidel (d) optimist
5. (a) Change any one of the following sentences into indirect speech-
- (i) His father said, "Bravo! you have secured distinction in three subjects"
- (ii) My friend said to me, "Don't bathe in the flooded river".
- (b) Combine any one of the following sentences as directed -
- (i) He has three sons. He has to educate them. (into Simple) 2
(ii) He is poor. He is contented. (into complex)
- (c) Transform any one of the following as directed - 2
- (i) She is more intelligent than any other girl in the class.
(into superlative)
- (ii) He was too weak to win the race. (Remove 'Too')
- (d) Correct any one of the following sentences 2
- (i) Kind man will pity poor .
(ii) If he will ask me I will help him.
- (e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentence to make the difference in their meaning clear : 2
- (i) Break. Brake (ii) Fair, Fare

6/Translate the following into English -

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असफलता से हमें कभी निराश नहीं होना चाहिए। सफलता और असफलता बहने हैं। असफलता हमारी आँखें खोलती है और हमारी कमजोरियों को अजागर करती है उन्हें दूर कर हम पुनः सफल हो सकते हैं बड़े-बड़े वैज्ञानिक अपने प्रयोग में असफल होते हैं बड़े-बड़े योद्धा युद्ध के मैदान में पराजित होते हैं। महान नेता चुनाव में हार जाते हैं। पर वे निरन्तर प्रयास करते हैं। और एक दिन अवश्य सफल होते हैं। मार्ग की कठिनाइयों को देखकर कभी निराश नहीं होना चाहिए। यदि हम दृढ़ निश्चय कर लें तो कोई भी चीज असंभव नहीं है। जीवन संघर्ष का ही दूसरा नाम है। यह फूलों की सेज नहीं है।

(Section-D: Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words :

4 × 4 = 8

(a) Who was mukesh? Where did he belong and what was his ambition ?

OR

What terror did Douglas have in his heart ? How ?

(b) What did M. Hamel say about the French language ?

OR

Who was the rattrap seller? How did he make them ?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words - 7

(a) What incident did Douglas face at the pool ? What was its effect of his life ?

(b) Who was saheb ? What was the night that compelled him to wonder in the streets of Delhi for ragpicking ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the question that follows

3 × 2 = 6

Those who prepare green wars,
Wars with gas, wars with fire,
Victory with no survivors,
Would put on clean clothes
And walk about with their brothers
In the shade, doing nothing,

Question – (a) What types of wars are prepared by the persons ?

(b) What is the end of such wars ?

(c) What would such persons do after keeping quite ?

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems 4

(a) My Mother At Sixty-Six

(b) A Thing of Beauty

(c) Keeping Quiet

(d) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum

11- Answer the following questions in about 40 words each $4 \times 4 = 8$

(a) What was the astrologer's prediction ?

or What did M. Hamel say when Franz reached the school ?

(b) How did the author reach Antarctica ?

or Who was Geoff Green ? What did he offer to the students ?

12- Answer any one of the following questions in about 70 words 7

(a) Who was the tiger king ? How was he named as the tiger king ?

or What was Akademik Shokalskiy's mission and how was it accomplished ?

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