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## Half-Yearly Examination-2023-24

**Subject: English** 

Class:10 (Tenth)

#### **SECTION-A**

1.Read the passage given belo	w and answer the $\mathfrak c$	questions that follow
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1.Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:				
(i)Swami Vivek	ananda had:			
(a)an unknown personality		(b)an inspiring personality		
(c) a discouragi	ing personality	(d)an iı	nsensitive personalit	
(ii)Were was the parliament of religions held?				
(a)In India	(b)In Newyork	(c) In Chicago	(d)In Seatle	
(iii)Which religion did Vivekananda had?				
(a)Buddhism	(b)Hinduism	(c)Christianity	(d)Jainism	
(iv)Which qualities did Vivekananda had?				
(a)Vast knowledge of Eastern and Western culture (b)Broad human sympath				

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- (c)Colourful personality (d)All of the above
- (v)Choose the opposite word of 'ineptness':
- (a)fervid (b)irresistible (c)insight (d)inspiring
- (vi)Choose the similar word of 'ardent':
- (a)brilliant (b)fervid (c)spiritual (d)cherish

## 2.Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(i) What is the chief food of the adult sparrow?

Ans- The chief food of the adult sparrow is seeds.

(ii) Where do the sparrows live?

Ans-The sparrows live almost everywhere, even where there are humans.

(iii) Where do sparrows not build their nests?

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Ans-Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places.

(iv) Who take care of the young sparrows?

Ans-Both the parents take care of the young sparrows.

(v)How do sparrows take water bathing?

Ans-Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water.

(vi)What is followed after bathing?

Ans-Preening and sometimes group singing is followed after bathing.

(vii)Find the word from the passage which means 'kinds'.

Ans-**Species** 

(viii)Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'freezing'

Ans-Melting

# SECTION-B(WRITING)

3. You are Alka living in Manav City, Sikar. Last month you went to Udaipur on a trip. Write a letter to your friend describing the places which you visit there.

Manav City

Sikar

11 Dec.2023

My dear Kalpna

Thank you very much for your letter. I got it ten days ago but I could not reply it in time. I think you will not mind it. I am well here and hope same to you. In this letter I want to write you about my Udaipur trip. Last month I went to Udaipur with my parents on a trip. Udaipur often called the Venice of the East. We visited City Palace, Lake Palace, Jag Mandir, Fateh Sagar Lake, Monsoon Palace, Sahelion Ki Bari etc. We enjoyed this trip very much.

Please convey my best regards to your parents. We shall talk rest when we meet. All is O.K.

Yours sincerely

Alka

4. Write short story the outlines given below. Assign a suitable title and moral to it.

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A wood-cutter.....honest......axe falls.....in the river.....appears...axe of silver.....jumps back....axe of iron.....pleased.....gives all the axes.(Word limits 80 words)

### Ans- River god and the Woodcutter

Once there was a woodcutter. He was very honest. One day he was cutting a tree on the bank of a river. By chance his axe fell into the river. He began to cry. The river god appeared there and asked him the reason of crying. The poor woodcutter told him the whole story.

The god dived into the river and brought a golden axe. The woodcutter refused to take it. Then the god brought a sliver axe. The woodcutter refused to take it either. Then the god brought an iron axe. He accepted it happily. The god was pleased with his honesty and gave him all the three axes as a reward.

Moral-Honesty is the best policy.

5. You always go on morning walk with your grandfather and enjoy the scene of the rising Sun. Remembering the scene write a short paragraph in 80 words on it.

## Ans- The Pleasure of Morning Walk

I always go on morning walk with my grandfather and enjoy the scene of the rising sun. It gives us positive attitude for day's work. Morning walk is the best exercise for our health. It keeps our mind and body fit. In the morning, environment is calm and fresh, so we feel fresh the whole day. There is very little pollution in the morning, so we can breathe pure oxygen in our lungs. Deep breathing makes our lungs strong.

## **SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)**

- 6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the bracket:
- (i)I *shall show*(Show) you the documents tomorrow.
- (ii)India is (be)rich in minerals and gems.
- (iii)My parents were taking (take)tea when I rang the bell.
- (iv)The principal **took** (take)our class last Saturday.
- 7. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:
- (i) The votes said to the leader, "Why should we vote for you?"

The voters asked the leader why they should vote for him.

(ii) The Buddha said to Kisa Gotami," I want a handful of mustard-seed".

The Buddha told Kisa Gotami that he wanted a handful of mustard-seed.

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in brackets:

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(i)Slow and steady <u>wins</u> the race.(win/wins)				
(ii)The shower of young flowers <u>fall</u> upon the child.(fall/falls)				
9. Change the following sentences into Passive Voice:				
(i)People cut the trees without thinking.				
Ans-The trees are cut without thinking.				
(ii)Meera has learnt all the lessons.				
Ans-All the lessons have been learnt by Meera.				
10. Frame the questions:				
(i)Where <u>was she dancing</u> ?				
Ans-She was dancing on the stage.				
(ii)Add a Question –Tag.				
You don't speak English, do you?				
SECTION-D (TEXT BOOK)				
11.Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:				
(i)What was her wish?				
(a)To see fair (b)To ride the bus (c)To Meet conductor (d)To shout in English				
(ii)Where did the bus stop?				
(a)At the street corner (b)At the bus stand				
(c)At the main market (d)?None of the above				
(iii)Which English word Valli used as a slang expression of disapproval?				
(a)proud (b)crowd (c)shroud (d)ground				
(iv)How does Valli express her jealousy?				
Ans-Valli expresses her jealousy by saying proud! Proud!				
(v)What wish crept into the mind of Valli?				
Ans-To ride the bus.				

(iv)Find out the word from the passage similar in meaning to 'small'.

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#### **Ans-Tiny**

#### 12. Answer any three from the following questions in around 20-30 words:

(i) Why does the author go to Basra? How long does he wait there and why? (Mijbil the Otter)

Ans-The author goes to Basra to the Consulate General to collect and answer his mail from Europe. He waits there for five days. He waits there because his mail has not arrived for three days, and he can not make a phone call due to some or other problems.

(ii) Why was the young seagull alone on the ledge? (His First Flight)

Ans-The young seagull was alone on the ledge because he was afraid to fly. He thought that his wings would not support him to fly across the sea.

(iii) Which sights changed Siddhartha's outlook to life? (The Sermon at Benares)

Ans-First he saw a sick man. Then he saw an old man and then a funeral procession. In the end he saw a monk begging for alms. These sights changed Siddhartha's outlook to life.

(4) Why were two national anthems sung? (Long Walk to Freedom)

Ans-Two national anthems were sung because in South Africa there two main communities or races - the white and the black. The white wanted to give respect to their national anthem whereas the black wanted to give respect to theirs.

#### 13. Answer anyone of the following in 80 words

(i) How does Anne justify her being a chatterbox in her essay? (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

Ans-Anne justifies her being a chatterbox in her essay by arguing that talking is a student's trait. She said that she would do her best to keep her chattering under control. She also mentioned that in spite of her efforts, she would never be able to cure herself of the habit since she was as much talkative as her mother. She wrote that talkativeness was her inherited trait and it could not be cured.

(ii)Draw a character sketch of Lencho. (A Letter to God)

Ans-Lencho is a farmer. He works hard in his fields in. He has firm faith in God. He is very poor. When his crop is destroyed by hail storm, he is sure God will help him. Therefore he writes a letter to God for help. He is an innocent person who is ignorant of worldly ways.

#### 14. Answer any one questions in 40 words:

(i) How does the play conclude? (The Proposal)

Ans-Chubukov says to Lomov that his daughter wants to merry him so he should hurry up and get married. He puts Lomov's hand into the hand of his daughter. He also blesses them.

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(ii)Draw a character of Natalya.(The Proposal)

Ans-Natalya is a young girl of twenty-five years. She is a good housekeeper. She is not bad looking. She is well educated. She is very quarrelsome and abusive by nature.

## 15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree.

(i) Which tree is mentioned here?

Ans-Hemlock tree is mentioned here.

(ii) Write rhyme scheme and words.

Ans-Rhyme scheme is abab.

Rhyme words are-crow,me,snow,tree.

#### 16. Asnwer any two of the following questions in about 80 words:

(i) How does the poet describe fog in the poem? (Fog)

Ans-Fog is compared with a cat. It comes as silently as a cat, it looks and moves on.

(ii) Who are the character in this poem? List them with their pet names. (The Tale of Custard Dragon)

Ans-The characters in the poem with their pet names are – 1.Girl – Belinda, 2.Dragon – Custard, 3.Kitten – Ink, 4.Mouse – Blink, 5.Dog – Mustard.

(iii) What are the opinions about the end of the world? (Fire and Ice)

Ans- The world will end either by fire or by ice. Any one of these two is sufficient for the end of the world .

## 17. Answer Any one of the following questions in about 80 words:

(i)Draw a brief character sketch of Bholi. (Bholi)

Ans-Bholi has neither good looks intelligence. She even stammers while speaking. She is a neglected child at home. The only thing that happens in her favour is that she is given education. Once educated, she gains self-confidence. She returns her marriage party as her prospective husband is greedy. She decides to teach in the village high school and serve her parents in their old age.

(ii)"Griffin was a brilliant scientist but a lawless person". Explain it.(Footprints without Feet)

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Ans-Griffin used his scientific discovery in doing wicked things. He set fire to his landlord's house. He stole warm clothes, shoes and a hat from a big London store. He encountered the landlady on the inn and threw a chair. He stole the clergyman's money. He did not hesitate to attack people.

#### 18. Answer any one of the following questions in about 20 words:

(i)What does he say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?(The Thief's Story)

Ans-He says that a greedy man shows fear. A rich man shows anger. A poor man shows acceptance.

(ii) How is Ausable different from other secret agents? (The Midnight Visitor)

Ans-He is too much fat. His accent is not proper. He looks quite ordinary in his appearance.

(iii) What was Ebright's project? (The Making of a Scientist)

Ans-Ebright's project was to see whether, in fact, birds eat monarchs.

#### 19. Choose the correct alternative:

(i) What is the name of the dog in the lesson "A Trimph of Surgery"?

(a)Tricki (b)Hellow (c)Tripi (d)Tommy

(ii) How was the ruler of the Mars?

(a)Omega (b)Iota (c)Think-Tank (d)Oop

(iii) What is the work of Horace in prison in the lesson "A question of Trust"?

(a) Jailor (b) Prisoner (c) Assistant Librarian (d) Cook