

## Half Yearly Examination

Subject : English (E.M.)

Class : VIII

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Time : 3 hrs

MM : 100

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**Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

“I do not know whence I got the notion that good hand-writing was not a necessary part of education, but I retained it until I went to England. When later, especially in South Africa. I saw the beautiful hand writing of the lawyers and the young men born and educated in South Africa. I was ashamed of myself and repented my neglect. I saw that bad hand-writing should be regarded as a sign of imperfect education. I tried later to improve mine but it was too late. I could never repair the neglect of my youth. Let every man and woman be warned by my example and understand that good hand-writing is a necessary part of education.”

1. Who is the writer of this passage?
2. What was his first idea about hand-writing?
3. When did he feel ashamed of his own hand-writing?
4. What did he think of bad hand writing?
5. What warning does he give to every man and woman?

**Q.2 Answer the following questions. (30)**

1. How was Amis first day at school?
2. Why did the king refuse to surrender the dove?
3. Who are ‘whining drones’?
4. What did Rakesh do to the seed?
5. What is the story of the novel ‘Kashi Yatra’?
6. What can cause a casualty?

**Q.3 Do as Directed.**

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1. Punctuate the following sentences:
  - (a) What are you doing?
2. Change into negative sentences.
  - (a) Reena helped Kala.                      (b) Harsha likes tea.
3. Change the following sentences into simple.
  - (a) I get up at 7O' clock.                      (b) He finishes his work at 5'O Clock.
4. Use the verbs as gerunds in the following sentences.
  - (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is a good exercise. (Swim)
  - (b) Have you finished \_\_\_\_\_ that book? (read)
5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given below.
  - (a) We \_\_\_\_\_ in Indore but now we live in Bhopal. (live)
  - (b) When Rita was going she \_\_\_\_\_ at lot of milk . (drink)
6. Fill in the blanks with the adverbs given below.  
(Loudly, Kindly)
  - (a) Han speaks \_\_\_\_\_ to his servant.
  - (b) The dogs bark \_\_\_\_\_ at night.
7. Give the opposite for the following words.
  - (a) Wealthy
  - (b) Brahe

**Q.4 Write any eight lines of the poem form your text.**

**(10)**

**Q.5 Write down a story which you like most.**

**(5)**

**Q.6 Write a short rote on.**

**(3)**

“Importance of Trees”

**(2)**

**Q.7 Write a complaint to the postmasters against the new postman who does not deliver the letters and parcels properly in time. (10)**

OR

Write an application to your principal to issue you book from book-bank.

**Q.8 Write an essay on any one of the following topics- (10)**

1. Dussehra
2. A Picnic

**Q.9 Answer the following questions. (10)**

1. Discuss the meaning of the word 'Yoga'.
2. Write the benefits of Padmasana.
3. What is the name of the pot of Jala neti?
4. What is meant by pranayama?
5. Mention the benefits of Mahamundra.

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