

Half Yearly Examination

Subject : English

Class : XI

Time : 3 hrs

MM : 100

Section - A

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

The blessings which the reading habit confers on its passenger are many provided we close the right kind of books. Reading gives the highest kind of pleasure. Some books we read simply for pleasure and amusement e.g. good novels. and novels and books of imagination must have their place in every body's reading. when we are tired, or the brain is weary with serious study, it is healthy recreation to lose ourselves in some absorbing story written by a master hand. but to read nothing but books of fiction is like eating cakes and sweet meats. as we need plain wholesome food for the body, so we must have serious reading for the mind and here we can choose to our taste. there are many books on history, geography, philosophy, religion, travel and science which we ought to read, and which will give us not only pleasure but education and we can develop a taste for serious reading, so that in the end it will give us so more solid pleasure than even novels and books of fiction. nor should poetry be neglected, for the best poetry gives us noble thoughts and beautiful imaginings clothed in lovely and musical language.

- (A)
1. Which books do we read simply for pleasure? (2)
 2. What is the condition for getting blessings of the reading habit? (2)
 3. Which is the healthy recreation when we are tired or weary? (2)
 4. How is reading only books of fiction like? (2)
 5. Which books give us pleasure and education? (2)
 6. What does poetry give us? (2)
- (B) Select words from the passage which give the following meaning.
1. Give an honour of favour (1)
 2. beneficial for you. (1)
 3. To give not enough care or attention. (1)

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

An elephant does not work mechanically, like many animals. he never stops thinking. Not even a really good sheep- dog can compare with an elephant in intelligence.

I don't believe that "an elephant never forgets" but I should scarcely be surprised if he tied as knot in his trunk to remember something's if he wante to. His little actions are always revealing an intolligence which finds in a prompt solutions for new difficulties. If he cannot reach with his trunk some part of His body that itches, he doesn't always rub it against a tree, he may pick up a long stick and give himself a good scratch with that, instead, if one stick isn't long enough, he will look for another.

(A) 1. Make notes on the above passage. (7)

2. Supply title to it.

(B) Do as directed : (3)

1. Give the verb of action.

2. Find a word that means 'sufficient'

3. Give the noun form of 'intelligent'.

Section - B

Q.3 Write a paragraph on "Man, Computer and Mobile" (4)

Q.4 Write an essay on any one topic. (7)

1. Importance of Games / Sports

2. Dowry problem

3. Science in our daily life.

Q.5 (A) Write a letter to the collector of your district about the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the government hospital of your area. (5)

(B) Write a letter to your friend. Amit, who lives in Indore, inviting him to attend your Brother's / Sister's Marriage. (4)

Section – C (Grammer)

Q.6 Do as Directed

1. Gwalior is not as big as Bhopal. (Rewrite using Comparative degree)

2. Obey the rules of the road. (Combine with so that)
You may not collide with some one
3. I have _____ books on this topic (a few, few)
4. _____ the Trains are late (All, Both)
5. _____ Student was present (Each / Every)
6. Mohan bought a new shirt
Sohan bought a new tie (Rewrite using 'And')
7. He is poor (Rewrite using 'But')
He is happy
8. You can write in ink (Rewrite using 'OR')
You can write in pencil
9. He _____going to home (is, am, are)
10. They _____not like to work (do does, are)

Section – D

Q.7 (A) Read the following extract and answer the following question.

O Captain! My Captain! our fearful trip is done.

The ship has weather d every rack the prize we sought is won.

The part is near, the belk I hear, the people all exulting.

While follow eyes the steady kneel, the vessel givm and daring.

1. Meaning of 'Kneel' is
2. 'Ship' is looking
3. How do people react at the ship approaches the port?

(B) (A) Answer the following question.

(3x3=9)

1. What is the 'Chandles Wobble'?"
2. Who are the nearest relations in nature?

3. Where does the heart of nature beat?

(B) Answer the following questions :

(3x4=12)

1. Why does the poet describe sea as sleepless?

2. Why crop did he sow?

3. What did Lencho ask God in his letter?

4. Why did Lencho ask for help from God?

Q.9 Answer the following questions:

(2x5=10)

1. How did Della save the money for the present?

2. Why was Della first overjoyed and then broke down into tears when she received her gift?

Q.10 Answer the following questions:

(2x5=10)

1. It seemed as if he had turned into a statue is whod does this sentence signify?

2. Why did Jim say that to gifts were too nice to use at that time?