

Half Yearly Exam - 2022-23
Class – X
Subject – English

Time : 3¼ Hours

Total Marks : 70

General Instructions to the Examinees:

1. Candidates must first write their Roll No. on the question paper.
2. All the question are compulsory.

SECTION – A (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow— 6

The Ganga is a holy river to the Hindus. The Hindus call it 'Mother Ganga'. Every Hindu wishes to die on the banks of holy Ganga so that he may reach heaven. It is one of the biggest rivers of India. It rises in the Gangotri mountains in the Himalayas. At Haridwar it leaves the mountain and enters the plains. After flowing through Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal, it flows into the Bay of Bengal.

The Ganga is very useful to the country. It brings with it rich soil from the mountains and spreads it on the land to make it very fertile. The fields in this area produce two crops a year.

(i) The state in which the Ganga does not flow through is :

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| (A) West Bengal | (B) Bihar |
| (C) Gujrat | (D) Uttar Pradesh |

(ii) The Ganga is a holy river to the:

- (A) Muslims (B) Hindus (C) Sikhs (D) Bodhs

(iii) Who call the Ganga 'Mother Ganga' ?

(iv) Why is the Ganga useful to our country ?

(v) What is the opposite of 'fertile' ?

(vi) Find out from the passage the word which means 'to grow or make something by a natural process.'

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions. 8

Today everybody is health cautious. He/she wants to keep himself/herself fit and healthy. Different people adopt different methods. To obtain best possible health, we should ideally engage in exercises that will strengthen the heart and lungs. We should participate in exercises that strengthen and tone muscles, as well as increase our energy level. Exercising regularly can help us maintain a healthy weight and *simply* help us feel and look better. In fact, a good exercise *programme* has the ability to add a couple of years to our life ! *Additionally* people

who exercise regularly, tend to be happier and laugh more, because exercise alleviates stress and anxiety. And, when a person attains better health through exercise, that person will generally have a healthier, more optimistic outlook towards life.

Running is one of the best ways of getting fit. It's inexpensive, requires no special equipment or out-of-the-way locations and is easy to fit in with your everyday routines. Running eats up lots more calories per minute than swimming or cycling.

The crucial rule is never to run at a pace that would stop you talking to someone as you go. Make sure that your strides are not too long. Run with your back straight but keep your body tilted slightly forward. Hit the ground heel first and roll your foot through to the toes. Keep your arms bent and parallel to your body. Let your hands hang loose.

For beginners, five minutes running is a respectable achievement. And if you spend three minutes of those just walking briskly that's still a good start. More important than the length of the run is the regularity aspect

- (i) Today everybody wants to do : 1
 (a) poor (b) cruel
 (c) kind (d) fit and healthy
- (ii) The best way to be fit is : 1
 (a) swimming (b) running
 (c) to remain optimistic (d) cycling
- (iii) We can have optimistic outlook towards life : 1
 (a) if we are healthy (b) if we are rich
 (c) if we are powerful (d) if we are poor
- (iv) How is exercise helpful ? 1
- (v) Why do the people who do exercise tend to be happier ? 1
- (vi) Why is running the best exercise ? 1
- (vii) How should we stand running ? 1
- (viii) Write the word from the passage which is opposite to :
 'irregularly' 1/2
- (ix) Write the word from the passage which means 'cheap'. 1/2

GRAMMER

~~Choose the correct form of the verb:~~ 4

- (i) He (teach) me English regularly.
 (a) taught (b) is teaching
 teaches (c) are teaching
 (d) are teaching



- (ii) Aaru from Jaipur yet.
 (a) returned (b) has not returned
 (c) hadn't return (d) doesn't return
- (iii) He (get) a prize ten days ago.
 (a) got (b) gets
 (c) has gotten (d) had gotten
- (iv) He (wear) yellow dhoti daily.
 (a) wore (b) wears (c) worn (d) is wearing

4. Rewrite the following sentences changing them into Indirect Speech: 2

- (i) Dishank said to me, "Do you know me?"
 (ii) He said to me, "Please bring me a glass of water."

5. Change the following sentences into passive voice. 2

- (i) She is making tea. (ii) He writes book every year.

6. Frame questions to get following answer :

- (i) ? 1

Yes, I go to college everyday.

7. Add question - Tag to the statement given below:

He was very coward ? 1

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronouns: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- (i) I saw that man made this table. (who / whom)
 (ii) This is the school I read for five year. (when / where)

9. Join the following sentences by using 'both and'.

- (i) She is beautiful. She is talented. 1

SECTION - B

Answer the following questions in 40- words :

10. Why did lencho say the saindrops were like new coins ? 2

[A Letter to God]

11. Why did custard cry for a nice safe cage ? 2

[The Tale of Custard the Dragon]

12. Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki ? 2

[A Triumph of Surgery]

13. What does Horace Danby like to collect ? [A Question of Trust] 2

14. Why do Bholi's parents accepts Bishambers marriage proposals ?

[Bholi] 2



16. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the Kabai, It was a single piece long frok reaching down to the knees. In our childhood we saw bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that he is dressed like a pader ! 2

- (i) What is Kabai ?
- (ii) Who invites the comment "he is dressed like a pader ?"

17. Read the following passage and answer the questions as follows:

2+2=4

The Buddha preached his first sermon at the city of Benares, most holy of the dipping place of the river Ganges, that sermon has been preserved and is given here, It reflects the Buddha's wisdom about one inscrutable kind of suffering

Kisa Gotami had an only son, and the died In her grief she carried the dead child to all her neighbours, asking them for medicine, and the people said, "She has lost her senses. The boy is dead."

- (1) Gautama Preached his first sermon:
 - (a) At Delhi
 - (b) At Bihar
 - (c) At Benares
 - (d) At Jalore
- (2) Benares is situated at the bank of river:
 - (a) Ganga
 - (b) Narmada
 - (c) Kaveri
 - (d) Chambal
- (3) What does the sermon of Buddha reflect ?
- (4) Whose son had died ?

18. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follows:

Has given my heart
 a change of mood
 and save some part
 of a day I had rued.

- (1) What effect did the crow's act have on the poet ? 1
- (2) How was the poet's day before this event ? 1

19. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
 They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
 They do not make me sick dicussing their duty to God.

- (1) How do animals react to their condition ?
 (2) Why do animals always enjoy sound sleep ?

SECTION - C

Answer the following questions in 100 words :

19. What kind of freedom did mandela enjoy in his childhood ? 3
 [Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom]

OR

Describe the narrator's experience as the flew the aeroplane into the storm. [The Black Aeroplane]

20. What is the story about the Kodavu people's decent ? 3
 [Glimpses of India]

OR

Why did Anne think she could confide more in her diary than people?
 [From the Diary of Anne Frank]

21. What was a source of unending joy for valli ? What was her strongest desire ? [Madam Rides the Bus] 3

OR

How did Kisa Gotami realize that the life and death is a normal process ?

22. What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist ? 3

OR

What kind of a person is Mme Loisel and why is she always unhappy ? <https://www.rajasthanboard.com>

SECTION - D

23. You are Dishank Sundesha living in Shastri Nagar, Jaipur. Your friend is in Ajmer. Write a letter and congratulating him. On his success in the secondary school examination. 4

OR

Write an E-mail to your principal informing him about your completion of syllabus in English and Maths.

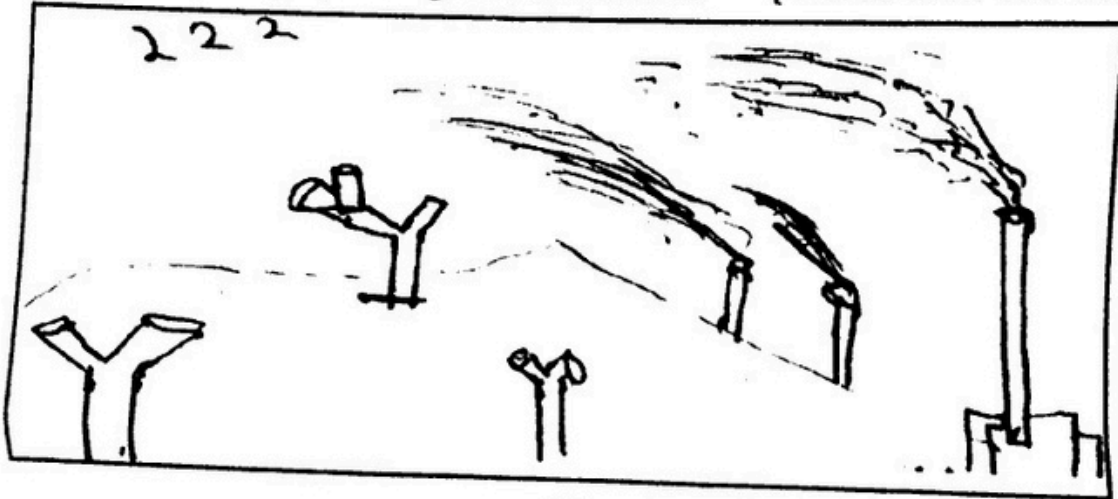
24. Write a story using the outline given below :
 Assign a suitable title and moral to it. [Word limit 150-200] 4

A capseller travels place to place a bag of caps
 a hot afternoon sleeps a tree many monkeys
 climb down take away caps awakes bag empty
 worried thinks throws away his own cap monkeys
 do the same collects goes way.

OR

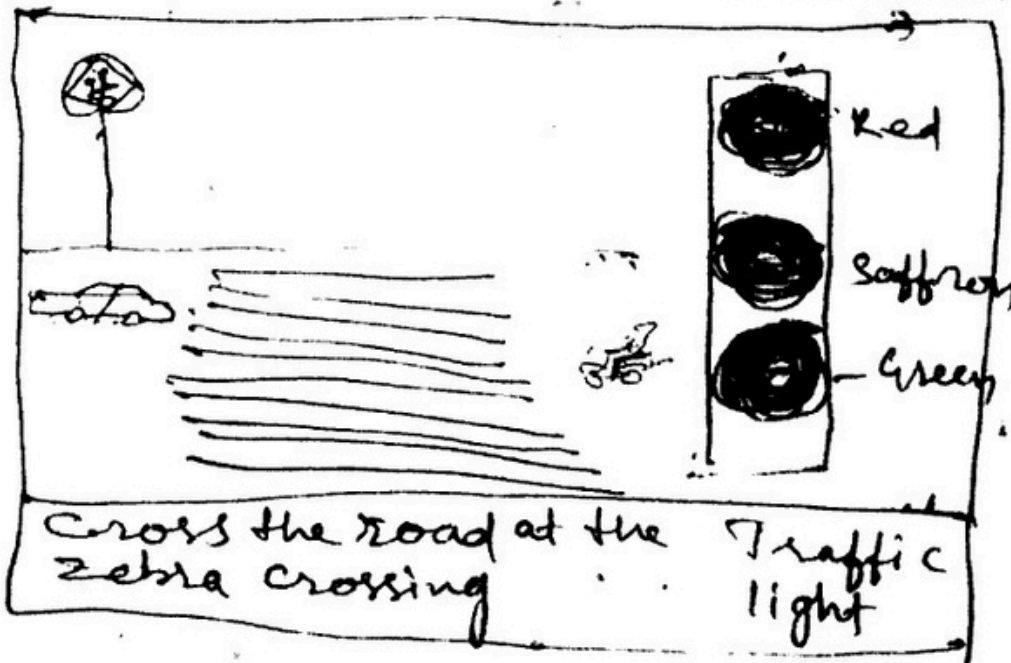
Old farmer four sons always quarrelling farmer advises no effect calls his sons gives a bundle of sticks non can break unties the bundle gives a stick breaks teaches lesson realize give up quarrelling.

Write a paragraph on given visual-aid. [Words limit 150-200] 4



OR

Write a paragraph on the given visual-aid. [Words limit 1500-200]



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