# Half Yearly Examination, 2023-24
## Class- X
### Sub. : English

Time : 3 hrs

Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)

## SECTION- A

1. Choose the correct options for the following : 1× 7=7

   (i) Where did Lencho expect the rain to come from ?

       a) North          b) South

       c) North-East     d) North-west

   (ii) Lencho compared the raindrops with–

       a) Money         b) Silver coins

       c) Pearls          d) New coins

   (iii) Send me the rest, since I need it very much. What does the underlined word mean ?

       a) relaxing        b) remaining part

       c) remaining idle     d) snow

   (iv) Nelson Mandela joined–

       a) South American National Congress

       b) North American National Congress

       c) African National Congress

       d) None of the above

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(v) What is a country's wealth, according to Nelson Mandela –

    a)  Its resources        b) Its minerals

    c)  Its people          d) Its technology

(vi) Who was the first chief of Indian Army ?

    a)  General Mankeshow

    b)  General Cariappa

    c)  General Lokesh

    d)  General Naravane

(vii) The season of joy in Coorg commences from–

    a)  April and continues till August

    b)  September and continues till March

    c)  June and continues till October.

    d)  November and continues till February

2.    Choose the correct answer of the following :  1×13=13

(i.)  The captured tiger is stalking in–

    a)  The stable        b) The cage

    c)  The Zoo         d) The street

(ii)  The word that rhymes with 'edge' is –

    a)  grass           b) skin

    c)  house          d) village

(iii) Who is the poet of the poem, 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?

    a)  Robert Frost      b) Walt Whitman

    c)  Leslie Norris     d) William Wordsworth

(iv) What should a tiger be doing in shadow ?

    a) lurking                b) sleeping

    c) sitting                 d) resting

(v) How is 'freedom' to Amanda ?

    a) golden              b) sweet

    c) sour                d) bitter

(vi) Why do deer come to water hole ?

    a) to drink water     b) to bath

    c) to play in water    d) to carry water

(vii) How has the ball gone ?

    a) slowly             b) speedily

    c) merrily            d) sadly

(viii) What is the cost of the ball as mentioned in

    'The Ball Poem' ?

    a.) 2 dimes         b) 3 dimes

    c) 1 dime           d) 5 dimes

(ix) The boy has lost _____ in the water

    a) his ball            b) his bat

    c) his pen            d) his book

(x) How is the boy's state of mind who has lost his ball ?

    a.) he is confused     b) he is sad

    c) he is happy        d) he is restless

(3)

(xi) The poet of 'The Ball Poem' is____

    a) John Berryman    b) Leslie Norris

    c) Walt Whitman    d) John Keats

(xii) What accent did Ausable use while speaking ?

    a) English    b) German

    c) American    d) French

(xiii) What was the proof against Horace ?

    a) his gloves    b) the witness

    c) his lighter    d) his fingerprints

3.  Write very short answers to the following questions :

                                                           $1 \times 8 = 8$

i) Who is the chief character in the story, 'A Letter to God' ?

ii) How many years did Nelson Mandela spend in the prison ?

iii) What is the other name of Coorg ?

iv) What is the 'last voice' heard by the tiger ?

v) What is a 'Water hole' ?

vi) Where does Amanda roam ?

vii) What do the animals not do for their sins ?

viii) According to the poet of 'The Ball Poem', what is the child learning after losing his ball ?

Fill in the blanks with correct tense forms in part A and with correct determiners in Part B.

<div align="center"><u>Part A</u>    1× 4=4</div>

(i) I _____ this novel since January.

  a) wrote      b) have written

  c) have been writing  d) none of the above.

(ii) I _____ to the market with some friends last night.

  a) have gone    b) went

  c) am gone     d) am going

(iii) I _____ my lunch one hour ago.

  a) have had     b) had had

  c) have       d) had

(iv) If you _____ your studies, you will fail.

  a) neglect      b) have neglected

  c) are neglecting   d) none of the above.

<div align="center">PART-B      1× 4=4</div>

(i) The workers decided to form _____ union.

  a) a        b) an

  c) the       d) little

(ii) Mr. Das has to manage with _____ money he earns.

    a) little          b) a little

    c) the little        d) the few

(iii) Ram received _____ help from his mentor.

    a) many          b) much

    c) more          d) few

(iv) _____ of the boys has done his work.

    a) each          b) every

    c) some          d) many

5.   Fill in the blanks with correct alternatives :     1× 3=3

(i)  The train arrived ten minutes_____. (late/ lately).

(ii) Nobody likes his _____ behaviour

                           (childlike/ childish)

(iii) It is difficult to go out in a bad _____

                           (climate/ weather)

6.   Combine the following pairs of sentences into a single sentence :     1×4=4

(i)  He is not sincere. He is not honest.

(ii) The earth is round. We can prove it.

(iii) He read attentively. He passed the examination.

(iv) You were ill. I didnot know it.

7. Make sentences with the following phrases (any two):

$1\times2=2$

bag and baggage, take for, deal in, give up

8. Give short answers to the following :

   (i) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God' ?  $1+1=2$

   (ii) Who or what did Lencho have faith in ? What did he do ?  $1+1=2$

   (iii) What were Lencho's feelings after the hail had stopped ?  2

   (iv) What did Lencho do throughout the morning ? What did he see ?  $1+1=2$

   (v) Who were the other persons who took oath alongwith Nelson Mendela ?  2

   (vi) State the two national anthems of South Africa. Why were they sung ?  $1+1=2$

   (vii)What are the 'twin obligations' that Nelson Mandela mentioned in his autobiography ?  2

   (viii) What did Mandela say about the people of South Africa?  2

(ix) What is Kuppia and Kuffia ? 2

(x) How is the water of the Kaveri river ? Where does the river obtain its water from ? 1+1=2

(xi) What are the sports that Coorg offers to tourists ?2

(xii) Mention the story that supports the view that the people of Coorg are of Greek origin. 2

(xiii) Why did the poet feel more at home with animals than humans ? 2

9. Give very short answers to the following questions : 1×4=4

(i) Who was Henry ?

(ii) What did Horace do in the prison ?

(iii) Who was the real culprit in the story, 'A Question of Trust' ?

(iv) Who was Fowler ?

10. How did Ausable manage to make Max believe that there was a balcony attached to his room ? 4

or

How did Horace Danby become an assistant librarian in the prison ?

11. Write an essay on either of the following : 6

i) The Festival you like the most.

(8)

ii) Television as a source of knowledge.

or

Develop a short story with the following hints. Give a suitable title.

A boy in a bank ___ suddenly sees some robbers raid the bank __ The boy quietly escapes through a window __ informs the police ___ the robbers are caught.

12. Write a letter to your friend informing him/ her how you have spent 'Independence Day' at your school. 5

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a local English daily news paper complaining against frequent load shedding in your area.

13. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

In the northern part of Greece, there stood a lofty mountain called Olympus. Its sides were covered with thick, green woods and it was so high that its peak seemed to pierce through the clouds up into the sky. None of the people of Greece had climbed to the top of Mount Olympus and they said that it was there that the Gods lived, among the clouds and the stars. The people of Greece believed that if they did anything wrong, it would

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displease the Gods and they would be punished by sickness or death or some other evil; but if they did what was right, the Gods would be pleased and would love them and send them wealth and happiness. So, they built great temples of marble and in them set up God and ivory images of the Gods; and there they came, in times of troubles to ask for help; and when they were happy, they came to offer up their thanks to the kind Gods.

(a) Where is Olympus ?         1

(b) Where, according to the people of Greece, did the Gods live ?         1

(c) What did the people of Greece believe if they did anything wrong ?         1

(d) What did the people of Greece believe if they did what was right ?         1

(e) Why did the people of Greece come to the temples of marble ?         1

14. Translate into the language as per your MIL / (IL) subject :         1× 5=5

(i) It has been raining since eight o' clock this morning.

(ii) The Brahmaputra is the biggest river in Assam.

(iii) I went to Guwahati by train last month.

(iv) Health is wealth.

(10)

(v) The teacher said, "Always speak the truth."

or

Write a substance for the following :         5

The value of man's life is measured not by the number of days he has been living but the number of good deeds he has done. A man may live long life without doing any great and noble deed. Such a man's life is useless and the man is forgotten as soon as he dies. But a man who does noble work for the benefit of mankind lives in the memory of people long after his death, though he may live a short life here. So, we should devote our precious days to perform noble deeds as far as possible.

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