

Half Yearly Examination - 2023**Sub : English****Class : X****Time : 3 hrs.****Full Marks : 90***The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the question.***SECTION-A**1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given: $1 \times 10 = 10$

a) "A plague of Locusts would have left more than this" what does the underlined word mean?

- (i) a herd of animals (ii) a swarm of bees
(iii) a flock of birds (iv) a swarm of insects.

b) Lencho compared the quantum of damage with -

- (i) attack by mice (ii) attack by sparrows
(iii) plague of Locusts (iv) None of these

c) 'Apartheid' is a political system that separates people according to their.

- (i) religion (ii) race (iii) gender (iv) Language

d) _____ dawned bright and clear

- (i) Tenth April (ii) Tenth July
(iii) Tenth June (iv) Tenth May

e) The dress worn by the Arab and the Kurds is -

- (i) Jubba (ii) Kuffia
(iii) Long red coat (iv) None of the above

f) The main crop of Coorg is -

- (i) rice (ii) coffee
(iii) tea (iv) peanuts

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- g) The best season to visit Coorg is -
(i) April to June (ii) July to August
(iii) September to March (iv) July to August
- h) The field looked as if it were covered in -
(i) Salt (ii) Locusts
(iii) Sugar (iv) Ice
- i) Mandela's country is rich in -
(i) forest (ii) minerals and gems
(iii) agriculture (iv) None of the above
- j) The freshwater fish of Coorg is -
(i) Dolphin (ii) Whale
(iii) Shark (iv) Mahaseer

2. Choose the correct answer of the following : $1 \times 10 = 10$

- a) A tiger lurks in shadow -
(i) out of fear (ii) to catch the deer
(iii) out of anger (iv) None of the above
- b) What does 'Languid' mean in the poem 'Amanda'?
(i) green (ii) relaxed
(iii) long hair (iv) rage
- c) What does Amanda imagine to be when she pictures herself in a tower?
(i) Mermaid (ii) Orphan
(iii) Rapunzel (iv) Teenager
- d) The captured tiger is stalking in
(i) the stable (ii) the cage
(iii) the cave (iv) the night street

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- e) How should you describe Ausable?
(i) Witty (ii) Selfish
(iii) lazy (iv) All of the above
- f) How do the eyes of tiger look?
(i) Pale (ii) brilliant
(iii) angry (iv) fearful
- g) Sherry is a -
(i) woman (ii) child (iii) dog (iv) cat
- h) How did Max claim to have entered Ausable's room?
(i) using a passkey (ii) through window
(iii) using the balcony (iv) None of the above
- i) The tiger in the cage is angry because he is -
(i) hungry (ii) ill (iii) imprisoned (iv) old
- j) Chocolate was harmful for Amanda's -
(i) nails (ii) hair (iii) acne (iv) temper

3. Write very short answers to the following questions: $1 \times 10 = 10$

- i) What was the one hope of Lencho?
ii) Where was Lencho's home situated?
iii) What is an amphitheatre?
iv) Who was Nelson Mandela?
v) What is Coorg home to?
vi) Who was the first Chief of Indian Army?
vii) What is the 'last voice' heard by the tiger?
viii) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?
ix) Who was Henry?
x) What was people's opinion about Horance Danby?

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4. Choose the right determiners from among the alternative given and fill in the blanks. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i) I can't give you _____ money (any/some/a little)
- ii) He is a man of _____ words. (few/a few/the few)
- iii) She does not get _____ time for studies. (many/much/some)
- iv) _____ men are free from faults (few/a few/the few)
- v) _____ guidance from you will be enough for me. (little/a little/the little)

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5. Choose the right preposition from those given in brackets. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i) I cannot agree _____ your plan (at/to/with)
- ii) He is convicted _____ telling lies. (of/with/by)
- iii) She objected _____ by remark. (with/to/for)
- iv) The tiger lives _____ flesh (by/on/with)
- v) I met him _____ the street (on/in/at)

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6. Use the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets : $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i) Since when you (read) the book?
- ii) The match (start) before the captain reaches in the field.
- iii) When she came in, I (write) a letter.
- iv) He (come) here in two days.
- v) She (not do) the work yet.

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7. Fill in the blanks with right alternative. $1 \times 2 = 2$

- i) My warning had no _____ on the boy. (affect/

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effect)

- ii) Nobody likes his _____ behaviour (childlike/
childish)

8. Combine the following sentences into a single sentence $1 \times 2 = 2$

- i) He is not sincere. He is not honest.
ii) Where does he live? Do you know it?

Section - B

9. Give short answers of the following : $2 \times 11 = 22$

- i) Lencho's soul was filled with sadness. Why?
ii) What are the sports that Coorg offers to tourists?
iii) What ideals does Mandela set out for the future of South Africa?
iv) What did Lencho write in his first letter to God?
v) What would the tiger have been doing if he were in his natural habitat?
vi) What 'twin obligations' does Mandela mention?
vii) Why does a tiger in the cage ignore visitors?
viii) Is Amanda a student? How do you know?
ix) Why is Amanda asked not to eat chocolate?
x) Give a pen-picture of the river Kaveri.
xi) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

10. Answer any two from the following questions : $4 \times 2 = 8$

- i) Who was Max ? How and why did he enter Ausable's room?

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- ii) Give a brief description of Ausable's conversation with Max.
 - iii) How did Horace Danby become an assistant librarian in prison?
 - iv) How did the young lady trick Horace Danby?
11. Write an application to your Headmaster/Principal praying for a half holiday to celebrate the victory of your school team in the Inter school cricket tournament. 3

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper complaining against the recent price rise of essential commodities. 3

12. Translate into the language as per your MIL subject. $1 \times 3 = 3$
- i) There was no cloud in the sky.
 - ii) The teacher said, "Always speak the truth"
 - iii) Can you swim across the river?

Or

Write the substance of the following passage : 3

There are books which are really no books at all, and to read which are mere waste of time; while there are others so bad that we cannot read them without great harm. It is no doubt good to be warned against temptations and dangers of life; but anything that familiarizes us with evil is in itself an evil, so also there are others which one can read without being the better of them. By useful literature we donot mean

only what will help a man in his business or profession. That is useful no doubt, but by no means the highest use of books. The best books raise us into a region of selfless thought where the troubles and anxieties of the world are almost forgotten.

13. Write a story with the help of the following outline and give a suitable title to it.

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Outline : A railway bridge gives way during heavy rain
 ___ a train approaching ___ a boy sees the train ___
 stands on the track ___ ignores warning whistles ___
 waves his shirt ___ prevents the accident ___ rewarded
 for his bravery.

Or

Outline : A young man applies for a post ___ is told
 'no vacancy' ___ he notices a pin lying near the door
 ___ picks it up ___ proves to be highly careful ___ he
 gets a job.

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