

District Level Internal Examination Board

Half-Yearly Examination, 2023

Sub : English (Theory)

Class- IX

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 90

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

SECTION : (A)

1. Choose the correct option from the alternatives given below. $1 \times 20 = 20$

(i) The pages of the book that Tommy found was -

(a) Yellow (b) Green (c) White (d) Grey

(ii) In the box of the county Inspector, there were -

(a) Pens (b) Tools (c) Dials (d) Tools and dials

(iii) Evelyn Glennie was born in -

(a) Iceland (b) Ireland (c) Switzerland (d) Scotland

(iv) Evelyn's loss of hearing began at the age of -

(a) Seven (b) Eight (c) Nine (d) Ten

(v) "Gunj uthi Shehnai" was the composition of -

(a) Bismillah Khan (b) Vijay Bhatt

(c) Vikram Srinivas (d) Faiyaz Khan

(vi) On the pipe of the shehnai, the number of holes are -

(a) Six (b) Seven (c) Eight (d) Nine

(vii) Tommy found the real book on -

(a) 17th May, 2157 (b) 27th May, 2154

(c) 7th May, 2157 (d) None of the above

(viii) The ancestral house of Kalam was built in the middle of the -

(a) 18th century (b) 19th century

(c) 20th Century (d) None of the above

(ix) The All India Radio in Lucknow was opened in -

(a) 1837 (b) 1838 (c) 1937 (d) 1938

(x) Abdul Kalam became the president of India in -

(a) 2000 A.D (b) 2001 A.D (c) 2002 A.D (d) 2003 A.D

(xi) In earning his first wages, Kalam was helped by -

(a) Jallaluddin (b) Samsuddin (c) Ashiamma (d) Jainulabdeen.

(xii) "The Road Not Taken" was composed by -

(a) Phoeby Cary

(b) W. B. Yeats

(c) Robert Frost

(d) None of the above

(xiii) Saint Peter came to the world for -

- (a) Teaching (b) Hunting (c) Preaching (d) Fighting

(xiv) The greedy lady put the cakes -

- (a) on a table (b) on a shelf (c) in a box (d) on a plate

(xv) Toto was a -

- (a) Dog (b) Cat (c) Fox (d) Monkey

(xvi) To collect pension, Grandfather went to -

- (a) Delhi (b) Dehra Dun (c) Mumbai (d) Bangalore

(xvii) The ticket collector categorised Toto as a -

- (a) Dog (b) Cat (c) Monkey (d) Fox

(xviii) The name of Grandfather's donkey was -

- (a) Rana (b) Nana (c) Dada (d) Sana

(xix) Toto's fingers were -

- (a) Quick (b) Wicked (c) Quick and Wicked (d) Long

(xx) Toto's teeth were -

- (a) Milky White (b) Pearly White (c) Grey (d) Green

SECTION : (B)

2. Choose the meaning of the underlined words -

(a) enough to provoke a saint.

1 × 2 = 2

(make happy / make angry / make sad)

(b) ages and ages hence.

(in the past / in the present / in the future)

3. Choose from the box the words that rhyme with "glade" and "wood"

could, but, made, tat.

1 × 2 = 2

4. Which Road did the traveller take ?

1

5. Why could not the traveller travel on both the roads ?

1

6. Why did Saint Peter curse the greedy lady ?

2

7. How and when does peace come to Innisfree ?

2

8. What will the poet do when he goes back to Innisfree ?

2

SECTION : (C)

9. Answer briefly the following questions :

1 × 7 = 7

(a) What did Abdul Kalam inherit from his mother ?

(b) Who was the father of Ramanadha Sastry ?

(c) When did Evelyn Glennie decide to make music in her life ?

(d) Who was Bismillah Khan ?

- (e) What is the Highest Civilian award in India ?
- (f) What is the name of Abdul Kalam's autobiography ?
- (g) What is the name of the speech delivered by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on 15th August, 1947 ?
10. What had once happened to Tommy's teacher ? 2
11. Why does Evelyn say "Men with bushy beards give me trouble"? 2

Or

- Which award was given to Evelyn by the Royal Philharmonic society?
When did she receive this award ? 1+1=2
12. Where did Khansaab practise shehnai in solitude ? 2
13. What did Abdul Kalam say about his father ? 2
14. How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages ? 4

Or

- When did India gain independence ? What role did Bismillah Khan play on that day ? 1+3=4
15. Describe Margie's school. 4
16. Answer either (a) or (b)
- (a) How does Toto come to grand father's private zoo ? 5
- (b) How does Toto take a bath? Where has he learnt to do this ? 1+4=5

SECTION : (D)

17. Correct the tense of the verbs given in brackets. 1×5=5
- (a) He (sit) on a bench now.
- (b) Ramesh and Sita (arrive) just now
- (c) I had completed the work before my mother (reach) home.
- (d) Honesty (be) the best policy.
- (e) To (tell) a lie is a sin.
18. Add a question tag to the following- 1×2=2
- (a) Lachit Borphukan was a hero, _____.
- (b) Sheeta never goes to school, _____.
19. Ask a question to get the following answer with the word given in brackets - 1×2=2
- (a) He arrived yesterday. (when)
- (b) My father is a farmer. (what)

Contd.

20. Use appropriate preposition to fill in the gaps - 1×3=3

- ✓ (a) She is afraid _____ dogs.
- ✓ (b) The fan is moving _____ my head.
- ✓ (c) He prevented me _____ going to river.

21. Re-arrange the words to get meaningful sentence. 1×3=3

- ✓ (a) Grandfather my is oldman a very.
- ✓ (b) Came me Ravi to meet here.
- ✓ (c) Why crying asked he her was ~~he~~? ~~She~~?

SECTION : (E)

✓ 22. Amplify any one of the following- 5

- ✓ (a) Honesty is the best policy.
- ✓ (b) As you sow, so will you reap.

✓ 23. Your school observes Gandhi Jayanti prepare a report with the help of the following hints- 5

- Time: 10 a.m, 2nd October
- Place: XYZ School, Dhubri
- Lighting of earthen lamps and offering of flower garlands to the portrait of Gandhiji.
- Meeting held: Speech delivered by teachers and students.
- Distribution of chocolates among students.
- Closing of the ceremony.

✓ 24. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Once upon a time, a nobleman built a grand house. On the front of the gate he wrote the words " The house is to be given to the first man who can prove that he is contented." One day a stranger knocked at the gate saying that he was contented. "Had you been a self-contented man, you would not have come here for the house." said the nobleman saying this, he turned the stranger out.

Question:

- ✓ (i) What did the nobleman build ? 1
- ✓ (ii) What was written on the gate of the house ? 1
- ✓ (iii) Why did the nobleman turn the stranger out of his house ? 2
- ✓ (iv) Write the word from the passage that means "satisfied". 1