

District Level Internal Examination Board  
Half Yearly Examination, 2023  
Class - X  
Sub - English

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 90

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

(SECTION - A)

1. Choose the correct answer from among the alternatives given below : 1x20=20

(i) Lencho went out in the rain to -

- (a) Welcome to rain      (b) Enjoy the rain  
(c) Bath in the rain      (d) Feel the rain drops on his body

(ii) Lencho wrote the letter to God on a -

- (a) Saturday (b) Sunday (c) Monday (d) None of the above

(iii) The word 'Crooks' means -

- (a) idiots      (b) dishonest persons  
(c) hopeless person      (d) stupid persons

(iv) What comes more naturally to human heart ?

- (a) Love (b) Joy (c) Hate (d) Anger

(v) Mandela was a leader of -

- (a) Indian National Congress (b) American National Congress  
(c) African National Congress (d) None of these

(vi) The 'Chevron' pattern is a shape like -

- (a) V (b) I (c) S (d) X

(vii) On which date was South African's first democratic non-racial government installed ?

- (a) 8th May (b) 9th May (c) 10th May (d) 19th May

(viii) Buddhist monks can be seen in -

- (a) Brahmagiri (b) Mangalore  
(c) Bylakuppe (d) Nisargadhama

(ix) From where can one see the panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg ?

- (a) Brahmagiri (b) Brahmagiri mountain  
(c) Brahmagiri hills (d) All the above

Contd.



(x) The only people in India allowed to carry firearms without a licence are -

- (a) The Punjabis (b) The Coorgis  
(c) The Marathis (d) The Gorkhas

(xi) The best season to visit Coorg is -

- (a) September to March (b) April to July  
(c) April to September (d) All the above

(xii) At night, the tiger hears the sound of -

- (a) Singing (b) People walking  
(c) Train (d) Patrolling cars

(xiii) Who is the poet of the poem, "A Tiger in the Zoo"?

- (a) Robert Frost (b) Leslie Norris  
(c) John Keats (d) Walt Whitman

(xiv) Where do the plump deer pass?

- (a) near bushes (b) near the water hole  
(c) in grassland (d) under the trees

(xv) Amanda is instructed to -

- (a) Finish her home work (b) Tidy her room  
(c) Clean her shoes (d) All of the above

(xvi) Amanda was asked not to bite -

- (a) Chocolate (b) Her nails (c) Her finger (d) Her hair

(xvii) Amanda should not eat chocolate because -

- (a) She is fat (b) She can't digest  
(c) She is weak (d) She has acne

(xviii) Ausable came to Paris twenty years ago from -

- (a) Boston (b) London (c) Moscow (d) France

(xix) Max looks like -

- (a) a fox (b) a spy (c) a gentleman (d) a boxer

(xx) In the safe, there were jewels worth about -

- (a) 10,000 pounds (b) 5,000 pounds  
(c) 7,000 pounds (d) 15,000 pounds

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

(i) Where was Lencho's house situated?

(ii) What did Lencho hope for?

(iii) From whom did Mandela learn the meaning of courage?

(iv) What did overwhelm Mr. Mandela on the day of the inauguration?

(v) From where does the river, Kaveri get its water?



- (vi) Why should the tiger hide near the water hole ?
- (vii) Where does the orphan draw pattern and with what ?
- (viii) What was Max holding in his hand ?
- (ix) What languages did Ausable speak ?
- (x) Why does Ausable not fit as a secret agent ?

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions in Part 'A' and with appropriate determiners in Part 'B'.

1×6=6

Part "A"

- (i) Butter is made \_\_\_\_\_ milk.  
(a) of (b) for (c) by (d) from
- (ii) Take the medicine \_\_\_\_\_ meal.  
(a) on (b) after (c) at (d) none of these
- (iii) The boy were sitting \_\_\_\_\_ their desk.  
(a) at (b) in (c) on (d) upon

Part "B"

- (iv) My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ MBBS.  
(a) a (b) the (c) an (d) that
- (v) Only \_\_\_\_\_ boys were present in the class.  
(a) a few (b) few (c) the few (d) any
- (vi) Are there \_\_\_\_\_ men in the field ?  
(a) any (b) many (c) some (d) little

4. Answer the following questions as directed :

1×9=9

- (i) He can speak English. (Change into passive voice)
- (ii) Let a story be told me. (Change into Active voice)
- (iii) Robin said, "The Earth moves round the Sun".  
(Change into indirect speech)

(iv) My mother advised me to speak the truth.  
(Change into direct speech)

(v) The baby (cry) because he is hungry. (Re-write the sentence using the correct tense form of the verb given in bracket)

(vi) Her handwriting is \_\_\_\_\_ (illegible/eligible).  
(Choose the correct alternative from the choice given)

(vii) The sceneries of Assam is very beautiful.  
(Re-write sentence correctly)

(viii) The Earth moves round the Sun. Everybody knows it.  
(Combine into a single sentence)



- (ix) She is the most beautiful girl in our class. (Rewrite in positive degree)

### SECTION-B

5. Give short answers to the questions given below :  $2 \times 8 = 16$

(i) Why did Lencho turn angry after he had counted the notes ?

(ii) What are the twin obligations according to Mandela ?

(iii) What are the animals keep a watchful eye from the tree canopy ?

(iv) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent ?

(v) What does Mr. Mandela say about man's goodness ?

(vi) "I hope it passes quickly".

(a) Who is the "I" here ?

(b) What is meant by it ?

(vii) How does the tiger terrorise the villagers in the Poem "A Tiger in the Zoo" ?

(viii) What is a mermaid ? Why does Amanda want to be a mermaid ?

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

(i) Who is Fowler ? What is his first authentic thrill of the day ?

(ii) How is Ausable different from other secret agent ?

(iii) Give a brief description of Horace Danby ? Why was he not completely honest ?

(iv) How did Horace Danby become an assistant librarian in prison ?

7. Write an essay on either of the following topics: 5

(i) Physical Exercise (ii) A man you admire most

Or

Develop a short story with the following hints. Give a suitable title to it. 5

A woman's only son died -- she became very sad -- went to Lord Buddha -- Buddha asked her to bring some mustard seeds from a house where no one had ever died - she went from house to house -- could find no such house -- came back to Buddha -- the woman was sad no more.

8. Write a letter to the Editor of a local English newspaper about frequent load-shedding in the evening in your locality. 3

Or

Prepare a report using the following information given below.

Do not add any new information. 3

Hints: (i) Celebration of Teacher's Day at your school.



- (ii) September 5th, 2023 -10:00 am.
- (iii) Principal/Headmaster presided.
- (iv) Students felicitated the teachers.
- (v) A few teachers and students spoke about the significance of the function.
- (vi) President's speech.
- (vii) Closing of the function.

9. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(i) The policy of apartheid created a deep and lasting wound in my country and my people. All of us will spend many years, if not generations, recovering from that profound hurt. But the decades of oppression and brutality had another, unintended effect and that was that it produced the Oliver Tambos, the Walter Sisulus, the Chief Luthulis, the Yusuf Dadoos, the Bram Fischers, the Robert Sobukwes of our time - men of such extraordinary courage, wisdom and generosity that their like may never be known again. Perhaps it requires such depths of oppression to create such heights of character. My country is rich in the minerals and gems that lie beneath it's soil, but I have always known that it's greatest wealth is it's people, finer and truer than the purest diamonds.

**Questions :**

- (a) What was it that created a deep and lasting wound? 1
  - (b) What was unintended effect of the decades of oppression and brutality? 1
  - (c) How were the people like - Oliver Tambos, Walter Sisulus etc. ? 1
  - (d) What is the country rich in? 1
  - (e) What is the greatest wealth of South Africa? 1
- (ii) One fine Sunday morning (Newton was reading a book at the foot of an apple tree in his garden.) All on a sudden, a ripe apple dropped down from the tree. He picked it up with joy. He was surprised to think that the fruit had been hanging the branch so long, why should it fall as it did? Could it fall by itself or by it's own strength? It could not do so (he argued, as it was not a lifeless thing, having no will of it's own, what could be the real cause behind the fall of the apple?) After deep thought,



3 Newton discovered that the cause was - "Nature's law of Gravitation" and the earth is like a magnet.

**Questions :**

- (i) Where was Newton reading a book ? 1  
(ii) What questions arised Newton's mind regarding the cause of fall of the apple ? 2  
(iii) What cause did Newton discover at last ? 2  
10. Translate into English : 1×3=3

(ক) সোণ এবিধ মূল্যবান ধাতু।

(খ) নমিতা যিমান ধুনীয়া, ববিতাও সিমান।

(গ) মই তেঁওক সুধিলো, "তোমাৰ দেউতাৰা ঘৰত আছেনে"?

Or

Write a substance of the following passage : 3

Health is the most valuable of all earthly possessions. Without it all the rest are worth- nothing. To enjoy good health, we should refrain from excess eating. We should eat moderalety and not devour whatever we get. When you sit among many for a dinner, do not reach your hand out first of all. A little food is sufficient for us. Sound sleep comes from a light stomach.

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