HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION-2023

Class-IX

Set-A

Subject-English

Time 3:00 Hours **Max. Marks -75**

Instructions: -

- **All questions are compulsory.**
- **Marks are indicated in front of each question.**

SECTION-A (READING)

Q-1 Read the passages carefully and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence." The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry the wound will still be there.

Questions:

I. The little boy was -

(a) lazy. (b) careless. (c) patient. (d)short-tempered

II. The number of nails hammered into the fence daily gradually decreased because-

(a) the boy was tired (b) the hammer broke (c) the boy was fed up of this activity (d) the boy learnt to control his anger.

III. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

(a) The boy had a bad temper.
(b)The father asked him to drive a nail into the fence every time he lost his temper.
(c) The father was very angry with the boy after the task was finished.
(d) Soon the boy learned to control his temper.

IV. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence because-

(a) he wanted to get all the nails back. (d) he wanted to praise his son for his good work.
(b) he wanted to scold his son for his carelessness.
(c) he wanted to show his son the after effects of anger.

V. The holes in the fence indicate that anger-

(a) leaves scars on other people's mind.
(b) creates difference between the father and the son.
(c)puts the knife in other person's heart.
(d) breaks the fence between people.

Q2. Read the passages carefully and answer the questions given below. {1×5=5}

Biogas is a mixture of methane, carbon dioxide, hydrogen and hydrogen sulphide, the major constituent being methane. Biogas is produced by anaerobic degradation of animal wastes (sometimes plant wastes) in the presence of water. Anaerobic degradation means break-down of organic matter by bacteria in the absence of oxygen. Biogas is a non-polluting, clean and low-cost fuel which is very useful for rural areas where a lot of animal waste and agricultural waste are available. India has the largest cattle population in the world (240 million) and has tremendous potential for biogas production. From cattle dung alone, we can produce biogas of a magnitude of 22,500 mm3 annually. Air-tight digestion/ degradation of animal waste is safe as it eliminates health hazards which normally occur in case of direct use of dung due to direct exposure to faecal pathogens and parasites.

Questions:

I. What is the main component of biogas?

(a) Carbon dioxide(b) Methane(c) Hydrogen(d) Oxygen

II. What is the major source of biogas in India?

(a) Coal(b) Solar energy(c) Cattle dung(d) Natural gas

III. What is the significance of anaerobic degradation in biogas production?

(a) It requires oxygen
(b) It involves burning
(c) It occurs in the absence of oxygen
(d) It uses sunlight

IV. Which country has the largest cattle population in the world?

(a) China(b) Brazil(c) India(d) United States

V. Why is biogas considered a low-cost fuel?

(a) It requires expensive technology
(b) It has high production costs
(c) It utilizes waste materials
(d) It is difficult to produce

SECTION- B (WRITING)

Q.3 Read the following passage and make notes on it and also give a suitable title to it. 4

Education holds a crucial role in human life. One needs to go to schools and colleges to get an education. As a learner and gainer of education, one's student life takes off. This is the time when he or she has to learn and know a range of subjects. As a student, we read a lot of books, study many subjects, involve in multiple sports, games and other academic activities.

Student life involves fewer struggles, more fun, fewer problems, and more joy. Students do a lot of mischievous activities during their student life. But they also learn moral values that make them a gentleman providing them with a distinct identity in society. Your future totally depends on how has your student life been.

But having finished our education, we are still called students because education and learning never end. If it does for you, you are not a real learner. That is why we should always keep learning and growing into a better version of ourselves. It is said that "Student life is the best life" because it keeps you growing.

Q.4 You are Mahesh/Manisha studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Sironj. Write an application to your principal to grant you ten days leave as you have to go for the marriage of your brother. 4

Or

You are Anoop Mishra residing at 450, Adarsh Nagar, Sehore. Write a letter to your friend Deepak Verma inviting him to attend your younger brother's birthday party.

Q.5 Write an essay on the any one of the following topics in 150 words. 5

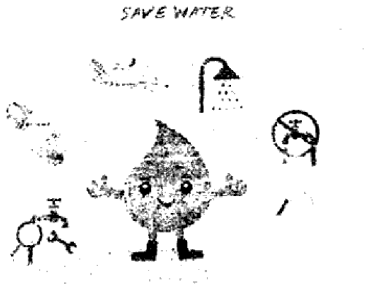
a) Importance of Games and Sports

b) Science in our daily life

c) Environmental Pollution

d) Importance of festivals in our Life

Q.6 On the basis of the picture given below, describe how we can save water in our daily life. (In about 75 words) 3



SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

Q-7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets. (any five) **1×5=5**

(a) The bread was placed _____ the table. (at/on/by)

(b) There is not _____ water in the pool. (much/many/few)

(c) Health is _____ than wealth. (good/better/best)

(d) He wanted to _____ an engineer(become/becomes/becoming)

(e) ------ she works hard, she will fail. (If/Unless/If not)

(f) _____ you taken my pen? (have/has/did)

Q.8 Do as directed. (any five) **1×5=5**

(a) The train was delayed. The weather was bad. (Combine the sentences using 'because')

(b) Seema has a umbrella which is blue. (Correct the sentence)

(c) Harish played football with his friends. (Change into Present Perfect Tense)

(d) Simran knows the answer to the questions. (Change the sentence into negative)

(e) young man/the/dressed/was/./poorly (Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence)

(f) The boys are flying kites. (Change into passive voice)

SECTION-D (Textbooks)

Q.9 Answer the following questions. **1×4= 4**

(i) What did the teacher in the real book do?

(a) taught through computer(b) gave lessons online
(c) taught and gave questions in person(d) mailed the lessons

(ii) What is the moral of the poem 'wind'?

(a) play with the wind (b) never be defeated by any obstacle
(c) be firm and strong (d) both (a) and (b)

(iii) What is a bliss for the poet in the poem "Rain on the Roof"?

(a) bathing in the rain (b) getting a lot of money
(c) going to an office in rain(d) lying on the bed in a joyful mood

(iv) What does this lesson 'A Truly Beautiful Mind' speak about?

(a) beauty of the mind (b) beauty of the world
(c) the life of the greatest scientist Einstein (d) structure of the brain

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below-

For reasons I have never been able to understand, a sudden demand for tamarind seeds erupted in the market. I used to collect the seeds and sell them to a provision shop on Mosque Street. A day's collection would fetch me the princely sum of one anna. My brother-in-law Jallaluddin would tell me stories about the War which I would later attempt to trace in the headlines in Dinamani. Our area, being isolated, was completely unaffected by the War. But soon India was forced to join the Allied Forces and something like a state of emergency was declared.

1×3=3

Questions:

I. From which lesson the above passage has been taken?

(a)The Little Girl (b) My Childhood (c) The Fun They Had

II. Abdul Kalam earned money by selling-

(a)newspaper (b) tamarind seeds (c) sweets

III. Dinamani was a-

(a) book (b) newspaper (c) magazine

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below- **1×3=3**

Now in memory comes my mother
As she used in years agone,
To regard the darling dreamers

Ere she left them till the dawn:
O! I feel her fond look on me
As I list to this refrain
Which is played upon the shingles
By the patter of the rain.

Questions:

I. Which sound is the poet listening to?

(a) sound of wind (b) sound of insects (c) sound of rain

II. The sound reminds the poet of-

(a) his father (b) his mother (c) his brother

III. Which word in the extract means "the ability to remember things"

Q.11 Answer the following questions (any 6)- 2×6=12

(i) How did Evelyn hear music?

(ii) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

(iii) Why did the snake leave the doctor's arm?

(iv) Where did Bismillah khan get his big break?

(v) What did the playmates call Einstein and why?

(vi) What did the snake seem admiring in the mirror?

(vii) What happened when Kalam was in the fifth standard?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any 2) 2×2=4

(i) Which of the two roads did the poet choose and why?

(ii) Why does the author ask the wind to come swiftly?

(iii) Why does the poet want to go to Innisfree?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words- (any2) 2×2=4

(i) What was the first reaction of the child when he realized that he had lost his parents?

(ii) In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra?

(iii) What were the two strange things that the guru and his disciple found in the Kingdom of fools?

Q.14 Answer the following question in about 75 words- 3

Which traits of Evelyn's personality enabled her to overcome the challenge of deafness?

Or

Why did Kalam's father say, "Does the seagull not fly across the sun, alone and without a nest?

Q.15 Write the central idea of the poem 'Rain on the Roof.' 3

Or

Write the central idea of the poem 'A legend of the Northland.'

Q.16 Do you think the title 'Iswaran the Storyteller' is appropriate? 3

Or

Why did the courtiers call the prince 'the Happy Prince'? Was he really happy? What did he see all around him?