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Half Yearly Examination 2024-25

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ENGLISH - Only One Paper

Time : 3:15 Hrs.

Class - IX

M.M. 70

Note : (i) The first 15 minutes are allotted only for reading the question paper. (ii) This question paper is divided into two sections (iii) Section 'A' contains multiple choice questions. Candidates have to choose the correct option and write the answer in the answer script. (iv) Section 'B' contains descriptive answer type questions. (v) All questions are compulsory (vi) Marks are indicated against question.

SECTION - A

(Q.N. 1- 3) Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow, choosing the correct option:-

Fifty year ago people ate ice cream only in summer. Now it is eaten all the year round. It originated in the Orient, centuries before English school boys first tasted it. Marco Polo saw people eating ice cream there and brought back the idea to Italy. From Italy the idea was carried to France. It became very popular in France with the rich, and an effort was even made to keep the recipes a secret from the common people. But, of course, they soon learned about this delicious new food and ice cream became popular with everyone.

Soon it spread all over the world. The first factory to manufacture ice cream was started in Baltimore, Maryland in 1851. But development of ice cream and the ice cream business didn't take place until after 1900 with new development in refrigeration.

The basis of all ice cream is cream, milk or milk solids, sugar and sometimes eggs. Vanilla, chocolate, berries, fruit ingredients and nuts are added as flavours. The usual proportion of ingredients in ice cream are- about 80 to 85 per cent milk products, 15 per cent sugar, half to four and a half per cent flavouring, and three-tenths to one percent stabiliser. A small amount of gelatin is also used in order to retain the smoothness of the ice cream by preventing the formation of ice crystals.

1. Who brought the idea of eating ice cream to Italy :- 1
(i) Marco Polo (ii) French people
(iii) Lord Hastings (iv) Sir Stamford Raffles.
 2. Where was the first factory to manufacture ice cream started and when:- 1
(i) Baltimore, Maryland in 1851 (ii) Baltimore, Maryland in 1861
(iii) Bethesda, Maryland in 1851 (iv) Bethesda, Maryland in 1861
 3. The essential ingredient added as flavour in ice cream is :- 1
(i) vanilla (ii) chocolate (iii) berries (iv) All of these.
- (Q. No. 4-8) Choose the correct options to answer the following :-
4. The people were going to the festival of spring :- 1
(i) on foot (ii) by bullock carts
(iii) on donkeys (iv) both i and ii

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5. At this point Iswaran would leave the story :- 1
 (i) completed (ii) in midway (iii) unfinished (iv) none of these.
6. Now that the shops were open, they went to buy some :- 1
 (i) groceries (ii) oranges (iii) food items (iv) clothes.
7. Whom did the Happy Prince send the ruby to :-
 (i) seamstress-a poor woman (ii) a poor man
 (iii) a beggar (iv) a match girl.
8. The next day swallow sat on the Prince's :-
 (i) head (ii) bedroom (iii) shoulder (iv) hand.
- (Q.No. 9-10) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :-

To the little girl he was a figure to be feared and avoided. Every morning before going to work he came into her room and gave her a casual kiss, to which she responded with "Goodbye, Father". And oh, there was a glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of the carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road!

In the evening when he came home she stood near the staircase and heard his loud voice in the hall. "Bring my tea into the drawing-room.... Hasn't the paper come yet? Mother, go and see if my paper's out there.... and bring me my slippers.

9. Name the lesson from which the above extract has been taken :- 1
 (a) A little Girl (b) The Little girl (c) A girl (d) Packing.
10. Kezia felt relieved when her father left home because :- 1
 (a) she didn't like her father (b) she feared and was afraid of him
 (c) she didn't want to hear his loud voice
 (d) she didn't want to live with her father.
- (Q.No. 11-13) Based on your understanding of the prose lessons choose the correct option to answer the following questions :-
11. Evelyn became deaf :- 1
 (a) by birth (b) by the attack of pneumonia
 (c) in a road accident (d) gradually.
12. Einstein received the Nobel Prize in :- 1
 (a) 1921 (b) 1915 (c) 1919 (d) 1945
13. The thief had stolen most of the things from doctor's room except the vest because :- 1
 (a) he didn't see it (b) it was dirty
 (c) he wanted to leave something (d) he didn't require it.

(Q.No. 14-15) Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow :-

The wind blows out weak fires
 His makes strong fires roar and flourish
 His friendship is good.
 We praise him every day.

14. The poet compares the wind to :- 1
 (a) god (b) rain (c) joys (d) farmers
15. Everything that is weak gets finished off in the face of the :- 1
 (a) beasts (b) strong wind (c) weak fires (d) strong rain

(Q.No.16-20) Based on your understanding of the lessons in the book 'Moments' choose the correct option to answer the following questions:-

16. Learn this poemhearts :- 1
(a) from (b) with (c) at (d) by
17. The earthround the sun :- 1
(a) revolves (b) revolve (c) revolving (d) has revolved
18. The hermit lives ininn :- 1
(a) an (b) no need of article (c) the (d) a
19. tomorrow/play/shall/we/football :- 1
(a) we tomorrow shall play football (b) we shall pay football tomorrow
(c) we shall tomorrow play football (d) we shall paly tomorrow football.
20. Which word is correctly spelled :- 1
(a) inspector (b) sychology (c) performance (d) potential

SECTION - B

21. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below :-

Once upon a time there lived a king who had a jester in his court. The king was very fond of him as he was an amusing fellow. So, the king allowed him a great deal of liberty. He did not mind much of his impertinent sayings. So, the jester became a perfect nuisance. It became his habit not to spare anybody. The court officials became tired of him but could not do anything because of the king's favour. None of them dared complain against him.

At last, however, the jester went too far. He offended the king who being angry condemned him to death. The jester fell on his knees and pleaded for life. But there was no effect. When he expressed much repentance, the king granted him one concession. He said, "You shall die but you may choose the mode of your dying."

The clever jester at once was full of joy. He took the advantage of the king's mercy and said, "Your Majesty, I choose to die of old age." The king accepted his request, though he knew that the cunning fellow had misused the concession. Thus, the jester saved his life.

- (a) Why was the king very fond of the jester? 2
- (b) What was the habit of the jester? 2
- (c) Why did the king condemn the jester to death? 2
- (d) Write the opposite word of 'amusing'. 1
22. Answer any one of the following :- 4
 - (a) Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to grant you full fee concession saying that you had full freeship last year too. You have always been a good student.
 - (b) Some students of your school are going on a tour. You also want to join them. Write a letter to your mother seeking her permission to join this tour.
23. Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words :- 6
 - (a) Write an article on 'Alarming Growth of Population,' for your school magazing. You are Raj/Rajita. Take the help of the clues given below.
 - (i) Impact on the economy and environment
 - (ii) Migration to Urban areas

- (iii) Depletion of natural resources
 (iv) High birth rate, low death rate, desire for male child.
 (b) You attended an exhibition on fashion designing and technology at community hall, Lucknow. You were impressed by the exhibition. Write a brief report of the exhibition. Your report should be written in 80-100 words.
24. (a) Rewrite the following by changing into indirect speech :- 2
 I said to Ramesh, "Where is the doctor?"
 (b) Change the following into passive voice :- 2
 She has not informed me.
 (c) Punctuate the following :- 2
 netaji bose was of course a wise intelligent and brave leader
 (d) Translate the following into English :- 4
 एक शिकारी था। वह जंगली जानवरों का शिकार करने का शौकीन था। उसके पास कई बन्दूकें थीं। वह अधिकतर अपनी राइफल का ही प्रयोग करना पसन्द करता था। वह पक्का निशानेबाज था। जंगल में शिकार करने के लिए वह कई दिन और रात व्यतीत करता था।
25. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :-
 (a) What had once happened to Tommy's teacher?
 or
 When was her deafness first noticed? When was it confirmed?
 (b) In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?
 or
 What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office? Why?
26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words :- 4
 (a) How does Evelyn hear music?
 (b) Is there a similarity between the doctor and the snake? If so, what is it?
27. When the poet mentions that no men are strange and countries foreign, what is it that we think of? (in about 40 words)
 or
 Write four lines from any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)
28. Write central idea of any one of the following :- 3
 (a) The Road Not Taken (b) Wind
 (c) The Lake Isle of Innisfree
29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words :- 3
 (a) Was the child scared of his father?
 (b) How does he narrate the story of the tusker? Does it appear to be plausible?
30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words :- 4
 (a) How did Toto take a bath? Where had he learnt to do this? How did Toto almost boil himself alive?
 (b) How does the guru manage to save his disciple's life?