

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2018-19

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs.

Class - X

M.M. : 80

Name of the student _____ Section _____ Date – 18.09.2018 (Tuesday)

General Instructions-

- This paper consists of three sections.
 - ✓ Section – A Reading 20 marks
 - ✓ Section – B Writing & Grammar 30 marks
 - ✓ Section – C Literature 30 marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION – A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully.

[8]

The film industry is facing the challenge of the television screen which, because of the ready availability and nearness to entertainment seekers, is becoming very popular particularly in the West where television programmes are as indispensable to people as newspaper material.

Sustained entertainment for multitudes lasting two or three hours is possible only in the cinema hall. Scenic beauty, background effects and colour techniques, which have made the products of cinema industry so attractive and delightful, may not be reproduced by television programme organizers, and therefore, this important invention in the field of wireless communication, in spite of having become a big rival of the cinema, may not succeed in replacing it.

The motion picture has also stepped into the international sphere as an agent of goodwill and cooperation among nations. Cultural contacts, which tend to reduce tension in the world and bring harmony in international relations, have been established through the medium of films. The more people understand and appreciate the past history, present aims, customs, habit and beliefs of men and women in foreign lands, the more will they realize that the interests can best be served by establishing friendly relations with them and by removing those irritants which breed distrust, lack of cooperation and the desire to punish those whose views and attitudes are such as they do not like. As cultural agents, movies can cement ties of love and brotherhood among nations and teach them to confer on each other the benefits of all rich and glorious achievements of the present enlightened age. In recent years artists of the film world have been visiting foreign lands with a view to presenting before audience in those countries the best products of their cultural

heritage. Film festivals which many European and Asian countries have been organizing from time to time have also proved to be of immense value in reducing social barriers, colour prejudices and other causes of friction between nations.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly.

(1×8=8)

- a) Name the source from which the film industry is facing the challenge.
- b) Why has TV become very popular?
- c) Name three things that cannot be reproduced by television programme organizers.
- d) How do films become agents of goodwill and cooperation among nations?
- e) What brings harmony and reduces international tension?
- f) What do irritants breed among nations?
- g) What can movies teach the nations to confer on each other?
- h) How have the film festivals proved to be of immense value?

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully.

[12]

Self-assessment is a very vital step in career planning but sadly it is often overlooked. If you can understand what kind of a person you are and know your strengths and weaknesses, you can match your suitability for a particular kind of work or profession. It will be good if you can make a careful inventory of your current career values, interest, skills and personalities.

A career counsellor can play an important part in helping you in the process through counselling, exercises and interest / personality inventories. Once you have discovered your own area of interest and skills required for a prospective employment, you can begin your research. This stage involves brainstorming possible options and investigating them thoroughly. You can learn about the descriptions and qualifications for positions, satisfaction level, frustrations, and other important facts to determine your suitability.

Research can be done easily by going through certain online resources to gather preliminary information. Also, talking to as many people as possible involved in related work is very helpful. These people provide you with an insider's perspective about realities of the field and the kind of preparation that is needed.

Another very helpful method is to do internships or even part-time jobs during your vacations to sample a field of interest. Internships provide you with an opportunity to perform some of the job functions, observe others work and evaluate the environment and form your own perspective.

The next step is to make a decision. Once again, decision- making involves an evaluation of the pros and cons for the options you have been researching. It also involves prioritizing and, for some, risk-taking. You must remember that the landscape of the world-of-work is constantly changing. Therefore, do not aim for

any decision based on absolute certainty. Remain adaptable and have the ability to manage several options at the same time. Approach the world-of-work with a positive attitude when faced with uncertainty. This may be your best mantra in such a situation.

2.1 Answer the following questions (any four) in about 25-30 words each. (2×4=8)

- a) What according to the writer are essential steps to be taken before deciding on a career?
- b) How does seeking counsellor's suggestions help people for career planning?
- c) What is the benefit of doing an internship?
- d) What important advice does the writer give to a person who has arrived at a final decision?
- e) How is talking to people working in a job of one's liking helpful?

2.2 Complete the following questions in one word or phrase: (2×1=2)

- a) A word used in the passage which is a synonym of catalogue is _____.
- b) Find the word from the passage with the same meaning as 'a point of view' _____.

2.3 Answer the following questions in short: (2×1=2)

- a) Which is the best stage to start career planning?
- b) We can find out about our own personality traits by doing _____.

SECTION B (Writing & Grammar)

Q.3 Write a short story in 200-250 words on any one of the following. Give a suitable title to the story. [8]

I saw an empty nest – sometime later saw two chicks – their mother poked them – the chicks tried a lot but – drop in a heap – one day – the nest was noisier – I saw a miracle – the chicks had flown away.

OR

Neha walked down the street and as she entered the main road

Q.4 There is a river near your house and people have been dumping waste into it. This has polluted the river and there has been increase in health problems in the area. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper requesting him/her to publish this in the newspaper. You can take ideas from MCB Unit 'Health and Medicine'. [10]

OR

You are interested in a short-term course in computer graphics during the holidays. Write a letter in about 100-120 words to the Director, Fortune Graphics Computers, inquiring about their short-term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Anu/Anuj of 29A, Utkarsh Nagar, New Delhi.

Q.5 In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, in any four sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer book. [1×4=4]

	Before	Missing	After
a) Savita, young girl in a	i) _____	_____	_____
b) dark pink dress, sits an	ii) _____	_____	_____
c) elderly woman, soldering pieces glass.	iii) _____	_____	_____
d) As hands move mechanically like	iv) _____	_____	_____
e) the tongs of machine, I wonder if	v) _____	_____	_____

she knows the sanctity of the bangles.

Q.6 Fill in the blanks (any four) in the following passages with the appropriate words. (4x1=4)

Remember everyday is a new chance (a)_____ get everything right. There is something special (b)_____ flexible people. They are relatively easy to please, fun to talk (c)_____ and (d)_____ great co-workers and friends. They are (e)_____ home almost anywhere and more importantly make you feel the same.

Q.7 Rearrange any four of the following words/clusters to make meaningful sentences. (4x1=4)

- a) the temple architecture / form an / the sculptures / and paintings / of / essential part
- b) the architecture / engineering marvel / is both / an artistic masterpiece / and an / in some temples
- c) is / situated in / the Konark temple / corner of Puri / north-east / the
- d) people / lakhs of / across / from / the / country / visit / the / come to / Konark temple
- e) God / the Sun / dedicated / to / this / temple / beautiful / is

SECTION – C (Literature)

Q.8 Read the following extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: [4]

"That doesn't matter now. I'm thinking of destroying it."

- a) Name the speaker of the above lines. What does 'it' refer to ?
- b) Why is the speaker thinking of destroying 'it'?
- c) What opinion do you form about the speaker after he uttered this?
- d) Explain the sentence, "It doesn't matter now."

OR

“The prospect of earning the thousand rupees had stimulated the sporting and commercial instinct of the villagers.”

- a) Who had provided the stimulation?
- b) What was the bait offered by her?
- c) What did they do to help the concerned person?
- d) What is the meaning of the word 'prospect'?

Q.9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (Any four)

[4×2=8]

- a) Why did the narrator say, “I knew they would prefer to feel that they had safely kept their secret”?
- b) The writer has built up an atmosphere of loneliness and grief in the story ‘The Letter’. Comment.
- c) What was Lavinia’s reaction when she saw the Ghost in her husband’s room?
- d) In what way is the poet stronger than powerful rulers? (Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments)
- e) What is the irony in the poem ‘Ozymandias’?

Q.10 Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words.

[8]

- a) “We cannot destroy a person by power, but we can destroy him by crushing his/her morale.” Write a paragraph on this statement with reference to the poem ‘The Frog and the Nightingale’.

OR

- b) Ouija Boards and tantras-mantras are used by people to communicate with the supernatural or the spirits. Do you consider it right that man should invoke these powers to help him come out of difficulties of life or you think that God has made man powerful enough by giving him gray matter that can help overcome all the obstacles? Do you believe in supernatural forces or the power of man?

Q.11 Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words.

[10]

- a) Write a brief character sketch of Mr. Anagnos.

OR

- b) How did the incident of ‘The Frost King’ affect Helen? How did Miss Sullivan help her in getting out of the trauma after the incident of the Frost King?

