

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2017-18

## ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs.

Class - VI

M.M. : 80

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Name of the student \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

### General Instructions –

- The question paper consists of four sections :
  - Section A : Reading (15 marks)
  - Section B : Writing (20 marks)
  - Section C : Grammar (20 marks)
  - Section D : Reader (25 marks)
- All the questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

### Section – A (Reading Skill – 20 marks)

**A.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions : (5)**

#### **Alice Goes Down the Rabbit-Hole**

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice, 'without pictures or conversations?'

So she was considering in her own mind, when suddenly a white rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her. There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!' But when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket or a watch to take out of it and burning out of curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge.

In another moment down went Alice after it.

Either the well was very deep, or she fell very slowly, for she had plenty of time as she went down to look about her and to wonder what was going to happen next. 'Well!' thought Alice to herself, 'after such a fall as this, I shall think nothing of tumbling down stairs! How brave they'll all think me at home!'

*(An extract from Alice's Adventures In Wonderland by Lewis Carroll)*

**Answer the following questions with the correct options -**

**(1×5=5)**

- a) With whom was Alice sitting ?  
i) mother                      ii) rabbit                      iii) sister                      iv) brother
- b) What did the Rabbit take out from his waist coat?  
i) dress                      ii) book                      iii) watch                      iv) carrot
- c) The Rabbit was \_\_\_\_\_ in colour.  
i) black                      ii) grey                      iii) brown                      iv) white
- d) Alice did not like books without pictures or conversations.  
i) true                      ii) false
- e) "Oh dear ! I shall be too late !"  
i) Alice's brother said these words      ii) Alice's mother said these words  
iii) Alice's sister said these words      iv) The Rabbit said these words

**A.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions -**

**(10)**

### **The Great Wall of China**

The Great Wall of China is said to be the only man-made structure on Earth, which is visible even from the Moon. It covers a distance of 1,500 miles. From the Liaotung Peninsula westward to the last fortress in Central Asia, it crosses the northern province of China.

In the eastern section, its height varies from 15 to 30 feet and its width from about 25 feet at the bottom to 15 feet at the top, where there is a pathway wide enough for six horsemen to ride side by side, protected by parapets. When the Wall was first built, it had about 25,000 towers, each 40 feet square and 40 feet high, projecting from it every few hundred yards, with holes from which the defenders could shoot at attackers. There are also many watch-towers on the enemy side, outside the wall on hilltops or passes. These and the towers of the Wall were used for signalling with fire by night.

The great Emperor Shih Huang Ti joined three earlier frontier walls to form a great Wall to act as a boundary between China and the north, and keep out the feared nomads of the Mongolian Steppes. The Wall was designed to strengthen the nation's defences. Later in Ming times, it became a substitute for a strong army and stage.

Its construction was started in about 221 BC and it was practically completed when Shih Huang Ti died in 210 BC. The man who did the most in carrying out the Emperor's plans was General Meng Tien, who in 221 BC led an expedition against the Tartars and drove them back from the Yellow River into the Steppes and set his men to work on building the Wall. They were later joined by thousands of convicts. Year in and year out, in icy winds and snowstorms in winter, and in duststorms in summer, the work went on, and so many men died that the Wall was sometimes called the longest cemetery in the

world. The core of the Wall is made of earth and stone, layered with brick and set on a stone foundation. In hilly places, the design was altered—two parallel ditches were dug out of the rock, 25 feet apart and great blocks of stone were laid in the trenches to a height of several feet. Along each side of these stones, bricks about two feet long were laid at right angles to face the Wall, joined together with white mortar so hard that no nail could be driven into it. Emperor Wu Ti (140-86 BC) resumed work on the Wall and extended it to its greatest length. The Emperors of the Ming Dynasty (AD 1386-1644) carried out more work on the Wall, repairing its whole length and establishing new walls in the west of the Yellow River. The Wall dates from the Ming Dynasty, but many of the foundations are nearly 2,000 years old.

**Answer the following questions.**

- a) Why was the Great Wall of China formed? (1)
- b) Who carried out the Emperor's plans? (1)
- c) What is the core of the wall made of? (1)
- d) Why is the wall called the longest cemetery? (1)
- e) State whether True or False. (2)
  - i) Emperor Shih Huang Ti resumed the construction of the wall.
  - ii) Shih Huang died in 210 BC.
- f) Complete the following sentences. (2)
  - i) The Great Wall of China is visible from \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii) The emperor of Ming Dynasty carried out \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Find words from the text. (2)
  - i) a place where dead people are buried. (para 4)
  - ii) People who travel from one place to another in search of fresh pastures for their cattle. (para 3)

### **Section – B (Writing – 20 marks)**

- B.1** You are the Secretary of the Nature Club of your school. **Draft a notice** in about **50-60 words** for all the students to join the nature walk organised by your school. (5)

(Venue, date & time, dress code, carry light tiffin and water bottles, assemble in the school playground)

**OR**

You are Ravi/Raveena, the monitor of your class. Your school is organising an 'Art Mela' for classes VI-VIII. **Draft a notice** in about **50-60 words** for all the students inviting paintings and craft items for the display.

(Venue, date, topics, last date to deposit materials)

- B.2** You happen to see a boy of your age helping an old lady cross the street, while carrying a heavy bag of hers. He calls for a taxi, helps her into it and then (7)

walks away with a smile. **Write a diary entry** describing the incident and how you felt when you witnessed the act of kindness. **(Word limit 80-100 words)**

**OR**

**Write a paragraph** within **80-100 words** on the relationship you enjoy with an elderly person in your family.

- B.3** Suppose you are the Giant. **Write a letter** in about **120 words** to your friend, the Cornish Ogre explaining why Spring had not yet come into your garden and how it finally came. **(8)**

**OR**

**Write a letter in 120 words** to the Editor of 'The Times of India' expressing your concern at the disappearance of trees and requesting him to highlight the matter.

(\* trees cut down, \* selfish need of man, \* leading to natural disorder, \* losing beauty of the earth, \* punish the miscreants)

**Section – C (Grammar – 20 marks)**

- C.1** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the correct answer in the blank provided. **(1/2×6=3)**

When I had stepped into class VI, a) \_\_\_\_\_  
I have decided to try my best to win the trophy b) \_\_\_\_\_  
for the 'Best student of the year'. I had doing well c) \_\_\_\_\_  
in class V but I want to be the best in the new class. d) \_\_\_\_\_  
I had choose to represent my school in debates. e) \_\_\_\_\_  
I have participated in many events on sports day f) \_\_\_\_\_  
and won some prizes as well.

- C.2** **Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences -** **(1×3=3)**

a) and was descended mist on view the village what the when a it !  
b) lived in once a little girl her with a village in family Japan.  
c) suddenly darkened and sea the.

- C.3** **Do as directed.**

- a) Identify the kind of sentences.** **(1×2=2)**

i) Please pass the salt.  
ii) Oh ! I dropped the vase.

- b) Rewrite the sentences as directed.** **(1×2=2)**

i) Priya is learning to play the guitar.  
(Change to interrogative sentence)  
ii) How cold it is today ! (Change to declarative sentence)

- c) **Identify the kinds of nouns in the following sentences.** (½×4=2)
- Chanakya was famous for his wisdom.
  - A committee of five was appointed.
  - Have you eaten a cheeseburger ?
- d) **Fill in the blanks with collective nouns.** (1×2=2)
- a \_\_\_\_\_ of experts. (group / panel / bunch)
  - a \_\_\_\_\_ of hyenas. (cluster / clan / class)
- e) **Identify the tenses in the following sentences.** (½×4=2)
- We had kulfi last night.
  - We will go hiking this summer vacation.
  - The boys have finished cleaning their room.
  - We had expected to win the match.
- f) **Identify the simple sentence, compound sentence and complex sentence.** (½×4=2)
- Many soldiers fought in the war and they received medals.
  - The giant dog chased away the thief.
  - We were all surprised when she baked the cake without any help.
  - The players walked into the field and started the match.
- g) **Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.** (1×2=2)
- Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) how difficult it is to drive on slippery roads.
  - The lady, with the cats, \_\_\_\_\_ (reside) in this neighbourhood.

### **Section – D (Reader - 25 marks)**

- D.1 Answer with reference to the context.** (1×3=3)

“The track had to be widened;

the tree had to come down

Seeing us shocked their sheepish eyes

never left the ground.”

- What is the speaker trying to convey through these lines?
- What did the axe take four hours to do?
- How do you think the speaker and his family would have felt when they watched what the axe did?

**D.2 Answer with reference to the context. (1×3=3)**

“I should think, sir”, said John, “he had better be without a rider, unless he can be ridden properly”.

- a) Who would better be without a rider ? Why?
- b) Who is being addressed here ?
- c) How does the person respond to what John tells him?

**D.3 Do as directed. (1×3=3)**

**a) Fill in the blank with a phrasal verb.**

My uncle has bought a new car which \_\_\_\_\_ diesel, not petrol.  
(runs on / runs with)

**b) Choose the correct meaning of the idiom.**

The dark horse won the elections.

- i) a less-known person who emerges into prominent.
- ii) a horse with dark colour.

**c) Write a word which can be used in place of the given group of words.**

a set of ideas, beliefs and behaviour of a particular organisation or group of people. \_\_\_\_\_

**D.4 Answer the following questions briefly (Any 4) (2×4=8)**

- a) How did the tree pay back the speaker for all love and care lavished on it?
- b) What is Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?
- c) Why would the tea cups be circling around the poet in space?
- d) How did the pony punish the boy?
- e) In which season did the cherry tree grow fast? What other changes were seen in this season?

**D.5 Answer the following question within 40-50 words. (Any 1) (1×3=3)**

- a) The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was set in motion on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Why do you think this day was chosen?
- b) Which road did John and the horse take on their way back? What do you think was the reason for their choosing this route?

**D.6 Answer the following question within 60-80 words. (Any 1) (5)**

- a) The novel Black Beauty helped the people understand that we should treat animals with kindness and sympathy. What do you think we should do to animals that are old and sickly?
- b) In the story ‘The Selfish Giant’, the children loved to play in the Giant’s garden. Write a brief character sketch of the Giant.

