

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2018-19

ENGLISH

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Class – VIII

M.M. : 80

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Name of the student _____ Section _____

General Instructions-

- This paper is divided into four sections: A, B, C and D.
- All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and adhere to them.
- All questions of a particular section should be answered systematically.
- Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION – A (Reading – 15 marks)

A.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below –

Water

Man does not live by food alone. Water is vital to human health and fitness. Although it is not a nutrient per se as are carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins and minerals. It, in fact, is a key nutrient in as much as no life is possible without it. Whereas we can do for weeks without food, we cannot live without water longer than a couple of days. Water approximates 60 per cent of the body weight of human adults. The total amount of water in a man weighing 70 kilograms is approximately a little over 40 liters. It is an excellent solvent – more substances are soluble in water than in any other liquid known so far. This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluids which sustain life supporting chemical reactions. It dissolves varied products of digestion and transports them to the rest of the body. Likewise, it dissolves diverse metabolic wastes and helps drain them out of the body. Besides, it performs a variety of functions some well known and well understood while others not so well appreciated yet vital. The no less important role of water is to distribute/dissipate the body heat efficiently, thereby regulating the body's temperature. Water accomplishes this role ideally because it has thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat from one part to the other. Above all, water has a high-specific heat, implying that it takes a lot of heat to raise the temperature of water and likewise much heat must be lost to lower its temperature. Drinking a lot of water is an inexpensive way to stay healthy. Even excess of water is harmless. Water therapy drinking a liter or so the first thing in the morning is kidney-friendly. The water regulation in the body is affected by hypothalamus in two ways i.e.,(i) by creating the sensation of thirst which makes us drink water and (ii) by controlling the excretion of water and urine. If water regulation fails, medical emergency ensues.

Choose the correct answer –

(5×1=5)

- a) Man cannot live for more than a couple of days
(i) without food (ii) without water
(iii) without oxygen (iv) without fruits
- b) Water is an excellent solvent because
(i) It regulates excretion of urine (ii) It dissolves metabolic wastes
(iii) It drains wastes out of body (iv) More substances are soluble in it than in any other liquid.
- c) The high thermal conductivity of water helps to
(i) Dissolve food (ii) Dissolve metabolic wastes
(iii) Regulate body temperature (iv) Sustain life supporting chemical reactions
- d) The total amount of water in a man weighing 70 kg is
(i) Approximately 70 liters (ii) Approximately 60 liters
(iii) Approximately 40 liters (iv) Approximately 50 liters
- e) High specific-heat of water means
(i) It has high thermal conductivity
(ii) It takes less heat to raise its temperature
(iii) It takes more heat to raise its temperature
(iv) It distributes the body heat efficiently

A.2 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Dharam Dev Pishorimal Anand (26 September 1923 - 3December2011), better known as Dev Anand, was an Indian film actor, writer, director and producer known for his work in Hindi cinema. Part of the Anand family, he co-founded Navketan Films in 1949 with his elder brother Chetan Anand.

The Government of India honoured him with the Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2002 for his contribution to Indian cinema. His career spanned more than 65 years with acting in 114 Hindi films of which 104 have him play the main solo lead hero and he did 2 English films. Dev Anand's autobiography "Romancing with life" appears to be a very honest portrayal of the man called Dev Anand. This article is composed on the basis of revelations recorded in his life story. Being a very shy boy Dev's father put him up in a girl's school in Gurdaspur. It is obvious that Dev had a very captivating face.

As a child Dev was fond of playing with marbles on the street outside his house. He was an excellent marksman from any distance. He was always sure of hitting every marble that he aimed for. Due to his marksmanship, he had won several marbles and stored those in a big jar, which was his proud possession. His father hated him for playing all day with marbles. Dev was afraid of his father. One day

his father admonished him for playing with the marbles all the time. He said that this was not the way to attain stature in life. But he loved his mother very much.

While Dev was still in Gurdaspur, his mother developed Tuberculosis, a fatal disease during those days. The rare medicines necessary for her treatment were unavailable in Gurdaspur. Dev and friend Bhagoo used to go to Amritsar, more than thirty miles away from Gurdaspur, by bus to bring medicines for the treatment of his mother. Dev was fond of a special "Lassi" made from full fat milk, which used to have "Pedas" crushed into it.

One sultry summer day Dev was sweating outside the Golden Temple in Amritsar. A Sikh gentleman was selling "Almond Sherbat". Dev put his hand forward to grab the tumbler of "Sherbat". The Sikh "Sherbatwala" saw the unique blessings of sun on Dev's forehead. He quickly said that some day he would be a big shot in life. Dev narrated this to his mother, who hugged him and told his father to give him the finest education and other facilities so that her son gets what he aspires for. His mother soon became too weak to walk even and was moved to a sanitarium, where she died.

Dev was enrolled in Government College Lahore for his graduation, which he did with honours in English. But soon he discovered that his father had fallen on bad days. Dev wanted to go to England for higher education, so that he could get an elite government job on return to India, but his father admitted that he could not afford this. His father gave him the option to do his master's degree from Lahore Government College and then serve as a clerk in a bank, which Dev declined.

Answer these questions -

(4×2=8)

- a) What is the name of Dev Anand's biography?
- b) What did he love playing in his childhood?
- c) The special lassi which Dev was particularly fond of was made of _____
- d) With whom did he travel to Amritsar?

State whether the following statements are true or false-

(2×1/2=1)

- e) The government of India honoured him with Padma Vibhushan.
- f) He was a very bold boy in his childhood.

g) From the passage, find the synonyms of the following -

(2×1/2=1)

- i) Story of your life (para-2)
- ii) warned (para -3)

SECTION - B (Writing – 20 marks)

- B.1** You are Mohan/Mohita, Literary Secretary of your school. Inform the students of classes VI-XII about a debate which is going to be held in your school. **Draft a notice within 50 words** to be put up on the school notice board, with all necessary details. Put the notice in a box. **(5)**

OR

(3/6)

You have lost your favourite watch gifted by when you were in the auditorium. You are very upset. As Ahana/Aman, **write a diary entry in not more than 150 words.**
Clues - Why your favourite, colour and other details, sentiments attached to it.

- B.2** You are Rohan/Rohini of DPS, Sagar. You have to proceed for the marriage function of your cousin living in Delhi. **Write an application** for the same to your Principal in **not more than 120 words.** (7)

OR

You have joined swimming classes in the evening .You wish to share your feelings with your best friend. **Write a letter** to him/her on the same.

Clues - Timings, reason of joining, your coach, advantages of swimming etc.

- B.3** **Write an article** on growing threats to Mother Earth due to global warming.(**word limit-150 words**). (8)

Clues - What is global warming, reasons, effects, suggestions to curb it.

OR

Describe an incident, in about **150 words**, when you were able to overcome a fear because you were determined to prove your worth. Say what the fear was and how you managed to overcome it. You may use the following clues :

- * determination
- * never give up attitude
- * felt happy to overcome your fear
- * finally did it

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 your answer sheet along with the incorrect words.** ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

Owls spends most of their time in the (a) _____
dark. They can detect there prey just (b) _____
by hear them move in the complete (c) _____
darkness. They have two ears. One on neither (d) _____
side of a head. They also have (e) _____
a dish like structure at the face. (f) _____

- C.2** **Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences -** (3)

- a) life / everyone / his / loves
- b) taken / it / not / should / seriously / be / too
- c) all about / love / it / laughter / about / is / and

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

- i) **Rewrite these affirmative sentences as negative sentences without changing their meaning –** ($1 \times 2 = 2$)
 - a) Shreya is taller than Mita
 - b) Lara rejected the invitation for the ball.

ii) **Fill in the blanks with the correct words -** (1/2×4=2)

- a) They ____ know where her book is. (don't/doesn't)
- b) Both the friends ____ going abroad to study. (is/are)
- c) Nobody _____ (has/have) seen the future.
- d) The pair of jeans _____ (was/were) expensive.

iii) **Underline the Phrases in these sentences and write their types -** (1×2=2)

- a) To tease others is wrong.
- b) I saw a girl in beautiful dress.

iv) **Pick out the subordinate clauses in these sentences and write their types -** (1×2=2)

- a) Don't move before I come.
- b) I know the boy who comes here daily.

v) **Underline the finite verbs and circle the non-finites -** (1×2=2)

- a) Nita likes reading novels.
- b) David helps his mother to cook food.

vi) **Circle the non-finite verbs and identify their kinds -** (1×2=2)

- a) Francisco's first love is dancing.
- b) My brother likes to throw party.

C.4 Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (1/2×4=2)

- a) Diana was _____ for the exam. (study)
- b) The teacher asked the students _____ their copies. (submit)
- c) The customer _____ the shopkeeper to give him a packet of biscuit. (tell)
- d) Neha _____ down important points (note) of the meeting for the last two hours.

SECTION – D (Reader – 25 marks)

D.1 Read the extract and answer the questions that follow – (1×3=3)

'This made me angry. It still makes me angry. I challenged it then, and I am challenging it today.'

- a) What made the speaker angry?
- b) What had the speaker challenged then?
- c) Whom does the speaker see marching towards them and calling on them?

OR

He saw a vast green sea beneath him, with little ridges moving over it – and he turned his beak sideways and crowed amusedly.

- a) Why did the seagull crow with amusement?
- b) Where were the seagull's parents and siblings now?
- c) Why was the seagull unable to rise above the sea?

D.2 Read the extracts given below and answer the following –(Any 1) (1×3=3)

And when the ground was white and snow
And I could run and slide
My brother John was forced to go,
And he lies by her side

- a) Write the name of the poem.
- b) Where was John forced to go?
- c) Where does he lie now?

OR

I hear in the chamber above me
The patter of little feet,
The sound of a door that is opened
And voices soft and sweet.

- a) Who is the writer of the above lines?(poet's name)
- b) Whose voices have been mentioned here?
- c) Why is the door opened?

D.3 Answer the following questions in brief. (Any 5) (2×5=10)

- a) With whom did Hamid live? What had happened to his parents?
- b) Why was the woman waiting at the crossing?
- c) Who was Kiran Mazumdar Shaw's role model? How did he inspire her?
- d) To whom does Kailash Satyarthi give credit for his movement?
- e) How were the scorpions released on the garden wall again?
- f) Where does the speaker see the children today?

D.4 Give a character sketch of Hamid. (Word limit-60 words) (3)

OR

How does Kailash Satyarthi explain the importance of dreams in children's lives?

D.5 a) Give the abstract noun form for - (1/2×2=1)

- i) child
- ii) wise

b) Give one word for the following from the given options – (1/2×2=1)

(surreptitious, serenade, servitude, surveillance)

- i) Something done by stealth -
- ii) Close observation of a suspected spy or criminal -

D.6 The little seagull was frightened to fly because he thought he could never do it. If you were in such a position where you lacked confidence, what would you do? (within 60-80 words) (4)

OR

Durell brings home the scorpion family. Do you think it was right on his part to disturb the wild inhabitants? Discuss. (within 60-80 words)

