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SAMPLE QUESTION FOR HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2022-23

CLASS-VI

TIME: 3hrs

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

MAXIMUM MARKS-80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- The question paper contains four sections; Section A(Reading), B(Writing), C(grammar) and D(Literature).
- Read the questions carefully and write the answers correctly.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- Adhere to the word limit.

SECTION-A (READING) 20 MARKS

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. The macaw is the most colourful bird of the world's three hundred and forty parrot species. Its exotically coloured plumage mesmerizes collectors the world over. Native to the Americas, macaws inhabit the tropical rainforests stretching from Central Mexico to Northern Argentina. They especially flourish in the rainforests of South Eastern Peru, bordering the Amazon basin. Each morning, the clay cliffs at Peru's Tambopata River are besieged with a riot of colours. With such an abundant supply of food at their disposal, it is indeed peculiar that the macaws eat the clay! The clay probably fortifies them with salts and minerals, deficient in their largely vegetarian diet. Some of the seeds that the macaws devour contain toxic compounds and the clay, acting as a detoxifying agent, counters any ill effects.

2. Hunting and intense development projects, causing deforestation and pollution have seen the Latin American macaws dwindle in numbers. The remote and impenetrable jungles have protected the Peruvian macaws; they are vulnerable to certain pressures. The macaws have low reproduction rates due to a shortage of ideal nests in the cavities of trees. Of the few macaws born, a few survive into adulthood. This is because macaw parents feed older nestlings first, causing the younger siblings to die from undernourishment. Scientists have solved the housing problem by building artificial nests using durable plastic pipes called PVC. The exterior of the pipes is scrubbed with a steel brush to simulate the texture of the tree trunks. The Peruvian government has curtailed poaching by outlawing the exports of its tropical birds, and by establishing reserves like the Manu National Park. This wildlife haven is a sanctuary to a plethora of animals and plants. In such havens, the macaws will undoubtedly thrive.

Q.1.1. Based on your reading the passage above answers the following questions.

(1x8=8)

- a) Name the species to which the macaws belong to.
- b) List the areas where macaws inhabit.
- c) Identify the peculiarity about Macaw's eating habits.
- d) Write the reason for the low reproduction rate of macaws.
- e) Scientists have solved the housing problem by _____
- f) Macaws are dwindling in number. State the reason.

g) Find the steps taken by the Peruvian government to preserve the macaws.

h) Write the reason of scrubbing the exterior of the PVC pipes.

1.2. Find the words from the passage which means the same as.....

(1x2=2)

a. plentiful **(Para 2)**

b. a place where you are protected from danger **(Para 4)**

Q.2. Read the poem carefully.

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

On the basis of reading the poem above, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

(1x5=5)

(a) The poet wanted to stop by the woods _____.

(i) to take rest

(ii) to reach his destination

(iii) to enjoy the beauty of nature

(iv) to avoid a stormy night

(b) The poet was riding on a _____.

(i) donkey

(ii) mule

(iii) horse

(iv) cycle

(c) It was the _____ evening of the year.

(i) finest

(ii) most beautiful

(iii) coldest

(iv) darkest

(d) The horse thought that it was _____ to stop there.

(i) lovely

(ii) queer

(iii) foolish

(iv) strange

(e) Find the synonym of 'assurance' from the poem.

(i) sweep

(ii) promise

(iii) frozen

(iv) downy

Q.3. Read the given passage carefully:

The Kohinoor meaning ‘Mountain of Light ‘ in Persian is a 105 carat diamond. It was once the largest known diamond in the world. The Kohinoor was traditionally known as the King of Jewels. It was named Kohinoor in the 18 th century by Afghan Ahmed Shah Abdali. The Kohinoor originated in Andhra Pradesh. It was found in the Kollur region of Guntur district. This region was the only known source of diamonds until 1730. Since Kohinoor was found, it has belonged to various kings and nations. Hindus, Persians, Mughals, Rajput, Turks, Afghan ,Sikh and British rulers have fought bitterly over it for many years.

The Kohinoor was seized by the East India Company and it became part of the British Crown Jewels when Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India in 1877. The diamond is currently set in to the crown of Queen Elizabeth and is on display at the Tower of London. It is believed that the Kohinoor carries a curse which affects the men who wears it , but not women. All the men who owned it have either lost their throne or suffered other misfortunes.

On the basis of reading the passage answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option : (1X5=5)

(a) Kohinoor was found in _____.

- (i) Bangalore (ii) Kollur
(iii) Persia (iv) London

(b) Kohinoor was named in the _____

- (i) 16 th century (ii) 18 th century
(iii) 20 th century (iv) 17 th century

(c) Mention the year in which Queen Victoria was proclaimed the Empress of India.

- (i) 1877 (ii) 1878
(iii) 1730 (iv) 1879

(d) The precious diamond is presently set into the crown of _____.

- (i) Moghals (ii) Rajputs
(iii) East India Company (iv) Queen Elizabeth

(e) Find the word which means the same as ‘announced’.

- (i) named (ii) belonged
(iii) proclaimed (iv) discovered

SECTION-B (WRITING) 20 MARKS

Q.4. You are Shobana/Sarat, the Secretary of Science Club of Crescent Public School, Chandigarh. Write a notice for the students of Std VI-VIII inviting the students to participate in an Inter House Quiz Competition. **(50 words) (4)**

OR

You are Anurag / Anuradha. Your father is upset because your younger brother Abhinav is not taking his studies seriously. Since you are studying in boarding school, you decide to send an e-mail to your brother advising him to know the importance of time. Write an email in not more than 50 words for the same.

Q.5. It is said that school time is the best time of one's life. It is a wonderful mix of experiences- some really good and some funny . Taking ideas from My English Reader Unit 3 'Thrill in School Life' and using the hints given below write an article on the topic 'Importance of School Life in not more than **150 words** (8)

Hints:-

- Important part of one's life
- provides opportunity for study and discipline
- students learn how to adjust themselves in the society
- right place for the fulfillment of youthful desires
- schools build the character of a child

Q.6. Write a story with a title and moral using the following hints in about 150 words. (8)

Hints:

A monkey -on the mango tree laden with fruits- near river Ganga-spent days-eating mangoes-out on the bank: a crocodile -lived in the river - got mangoes everyday-became friends -crocodile's greedy wife- desired the monkey's heart- invited monkey for dinner- reached midstream- told the truth -quickly climbed up the tree.

OR

An old farmer had four sons -the sons were lazy - the farmer got worried about them - on his death-bed, summons his sons -tells them a treasure lies buried in the long-neglected fields - the old man dies - the sons go to the fields looking for the treasure - dig hard - rains fall - they sow the seeds - reap a good harvest - discover the real treasure.

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR) 15 MARKS

Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example: (1X3=3)

Ex. part/Kilimanjaro National Park / of / is / the / Mount Kilimanjaro Mount Kilimanjaro is part of the Kilimanjaro National Park.

- a) dormant volcano / a / in / Mount Kilimanjaro / Tanzania / is
- b) highest / Africa / it is / mountain / in / the
- c) has been / many / it / the subject of / studies / scientific

Q.8. Complete the passage by filling in the blanks with most appropriate option. (1x3=3)

Sickness (a) _____ (should/must/may) be defined as the unhealthy condition of body. Fevers (b) _____ (should/can/would) be classified into many kinds. In case of common fever no medicine should be given. It (c) (could/will/might) be better if the patient can live on milk or light food.

Q.9. There is a word missing in every line in the passage given below. Write the missing word in your answer sheet along with the word before and after the missing word. One has been done as an example. (1x3=3)

	Incorrect	Correct
Budgies is commonly known as love birds.	Ex is	are
Budgies stays near water when it is hot.	(a) _____	_____
But when there is lot of rain they		
spreaded out to far off places. A wild	(b) _____	_____
budgie fly hundreds of kilometres to find water.	(c) _____	_____

Q.10. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example.(1x3=3)

	Before	Word	After
Buddha taught people many	e.g. people	in	many
different ways.He taught children telling	(a) _____	_____	_____
stories.He gave detailed explanation the path	(b) _____	_____	_____
to the wise.To others taught without speaking	(c) _____	_____	_____
any words at all.			

Q.11.Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of verbs given in the help box: (1x3=3)

be throw pick meet fall

Many years ago when Martin Luther King was addressing a public meeting, someone(a)_____ a shoe at him. There (b)_____ a deep silence. The King (c)_____ up the shoe and told the gathering that some kind gentleman, knowing that he could not afford shoes had thrown one for him.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE) 25 MARKS

Q.12.Read the following extract carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. (1x4=4)

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began
A poor life this, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare

(a)The poet of the above stanza is_____.

(i) W.H Davies (ii) T.S.Eliot (iii)J.E.Carpenter (iv)Ruskin Bond

(b) In the above stanza ‘her’ refers to _____.

(i) princess (ii) poet (iii) nature (iv) mother

(c)The poetic device used in the last line of the stanza is _____.

(i) alliteration (ii) simile (iii)metaphor (iv)repetition

(d) Find a word from the stanza which means same as ‘look fixedly at something’.

(i) wait (ii)care (iii)stare (iv) enrich

OR

**“ We may all command the present,
If we act and never wait,
But repentance is the phantom,
Of a past that comes too late!”**

(i) How can we command the present?

(a) if we wait (b) if we act and don't wait (c) if we blame others (d) if we pray
God all the time

(ii) What is repentance compared with here?

(a) the freedom (b) command (c) the phantom (d) a girl

(iii) What makes us repent?

(a) if we become active (b) if we postpone our work
(c) if we are intelligent (d) None of these

(iv) The poet of the poem is _____ .

(a) Ruskin Bond (b) Alexander Raskin (c) J. E. Carpenter (d) W. H. Davies

Q.13. Read the following extract and choose the most appropriate option.(1x4=4)

‘Long ago, a great herd of elephants lived in a forest near the Himalaya Mountains. The finest elephant in the tribe was a rare White elephant. Unfortunately, the mother of this elephant was old and blind. Although her son gathered sweet wild fruits for her every day, he was often angry to find that the other elephants had stolen his mother’s food.’

(a)The white elephant was the _____ elephant in the tribe.

(i)great (ii)finest
(iii) old (iv)blind

(b) The herd of elephants lived near the _____.

(i) Himalayan Mountain (ii) mountain
(iii) hill (iv) valley

(c)_____ was old and blind.

(i)White elephant’s mother (ii) white elephant
(iii) forester (iv) other elephants

(d)The white elephant gathered _____ for his mother.

(i) sweet wild fruits (ii) fruits
(iii) flowers (iv) wild flowers

OR

‘I never took part in any exercise before they were made compulsory.I then had a false notion that gymnastics had nothing to do with education . Today I know that physical training is as important as mental training. The reason for my dislike for gymnastics was my keen desire to serve as nurse to my father. As soon as the school closed,I would hurry home and begin serving him.’

(a) In the extract ‘I’ refers to _____.

(i) Gandhiji (ii) Gandhiji’s father
(iii)Gandhiji’s brother (iv) Gandhiji’s friend

(b) The narrator disliked gymnastics because

- (i) He wanted to study
- (ii) He did not want to go to school
- (iii) He wanted to serve his father as a nurse
- (iv) his headmaster convicted him of lying

(c) **Gandhiji participated in any exercise only if it was _____.**

- (i) made compulsory
- (ii) made optional
- (iii) clear
- (iv) not made compulsory

(d) **Mahatma Gandhi realised that _____ training is equally important as mental training.**

- (i) Physical
- (ii) safety
- (iii) soft skill
- (iv) promotional

Q.14. Answer the following questions very briefly within 30-40 words. (Any SIX) (2x6=12)

- a. Mention the purest type of repentance according to Gandhiji (**My Experiments with Truth**)
- b. Little Daddy to be a shepherd. Mention the reason. (**How Daddy Decided What He Wanted To Be**)
- c. According to the poet, from where does the smile begin . (**Leisure**)
- d. The forester called the royal audience. State the reason. (**The White Elephant**)
- e. Mention the reason because of which Gandhiji stole gold from his brothers armlet. (**My Experiments with Truth**)
- f. 'Your future is created by what you do today.' Justify the statement with reference to the poem "Today and Tomorrow".
- g. Write the way in which the king helped the white elephant. (**The White Elephant**)

Q.15. Answer the following questions in 100 words. (1x5=5)

You are Mahatma Gandhi .Write a letter to your friend expressing your concern over unwanted theft. (**My Experiments With Truth**)

OR

You are the white elephant. You were betrayed by the forester. Write a diary entry describing your experience. (**The White Elephant**)

SECTION E-GOOD READER BONUS (4 MARKS)

Q.16. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. (1x4=4)

- (a) Why did Jim run away ?
- (b) How does Jim finally gain freedom?
- (c) Why was Crusoe frightened whenever he looked at every bush and tree?
- (d) What did Crusoe pray for?
