

Half Yearly Examination 2021-22

Class- 12th
Subject- Gen English

Marks- 80

Time- 3.00 Hours

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions-

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Floods are not new to India and this sub continent. In recent years the problem has received much greater attention because it has led to much greater damage than in the past. Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time to minimise the damage. In case of India, flooding is very much a function of the seasonal nature of our rainfall. The monsoons are spread over a short period of time during the year and often bring so much volume of rain that it can not be absorbed by the earth. Flooding is not confined only to the main rivers of the country, often smaller tributaries and streams can cause heavy damage as well. One major factor that could lead to a higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change. One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration, but far more intensive. Climate change is the result of human actions through the increase of concentration of green house gases in the atmosphere, of which carbon dioxide is the most prominent.

Questions-

- 1] Which word in the passage means- to happen.
[a] continent [b] occurrence [c] climate [d] flood.
- 2] Which of these is a green house gas-
[a] Oxygen [b] chlorine [c] Nitrogen [d] carbon
- 3] In case of India, what is the main cause of flooding ?
- 4] What have some scientists anticipate ?
- 5] Why does the earth fail to absorb rain water ?

Q.2

Read the following passage and answer the questions based on it- 5
Garbage is a great environmental hazard. It comes from various sources like paper tiffin packings, plastic bags, ice-cream wrappers, bottle caps, fallen leaves from trees and many more. Garbage makes the premises ugly, unkempt and breeds diseases. A lot of trash that is thrown away contains material that can be recycled and reused such as paper, metals, glass and plastic which can be sent to the nearest recycling centre or disposed off to the junk dealer. It also contains organic matter such as leaves which can enrich soil fertility. A compost pit can be made at a convenient location where the refuse can be placed with layers of soil and an occasional sprinkling of water. This would help decomposition to make valuable fertilizer. This would also prevent pollution that is usually caused by burning such organic waste.

- [1] The Main sources of Garbage in present conditions
[i] House hold things [ii] Plots and other materials
[iii] Water and liquid [iv] Plastic bags.
- [2] Leaves can enrich.....fertility.
[i] water [ii] soil [iii] air [iv] human body.

- [3] Which is a great environmental hazard-
[a] Water Pollution [b] Air pollution [c] Garbage [d] all of these
- [4] Give the meaning of the nearest.
[i] closest [ii] closely [iii] far [iv] far away.
- [5] What are the sources of garbages?

Q.3 Read the following passage and make notes and give a title. 4

At the end of the second world war, Japan was defeated, her economy was in ruins. Until 1952, she was occupied by Allied troops, mostly American for the first three years, the Americans aimed at making sure that Japan could never start a war, she was forbidden from having armed forces and was given a democratic constitution. Americans did not at this stage seem concerned about restoring the Japanese economy.

Then, they felt a strong need for an ally in south-east Asia and began to encourage Japanese economic recovery. From 1950, industry developed rapidly and by 1953 production had reached a high level. American occupying forces were almost withdrawn in April 1952.

Japan's rapid recovery was possible because Americans gave them vital help. Japanese goods were allowed into American market on favourable terms and the USA supplied food and equipment. An economically healthy Japan meant a buffer against communism in south east Asia.

The Korean war brought orders for military equipment and supplies and American firms began to co-operate with the Japanese on the development of new industries. The alliance with the USA protected Japan and she was able to invest money in industry instead of defence.

Section-B [Writing]

Q.4 Write a classified advertisement for 'Lost and Found' column of a local newspaper stating the loss of your books and important documents while travelling in a local bus. 4

OR- Prepare a poster on Say no to plastic bags.

Q.5 You are Mohini Patel of class XII of Govt. Higher secondary School, Satna. Write a letter to the collector of your district requesting a ban on the use of loud speakers during annual examination. 4

OR- You are Anikesh Shukla living at N-32 Basant Kunj, Vidisha. Write a letter to your friend, Anmol inviting him to spend some days of summer vacation with you at your village.

Q.6 Write a paragraph [an article] on any one of the following topics in about 200 words. 4

[a] Importance of trees [b] health and Hygiene

[c] value of games and sports [d] Importance of English

Section-C [Grammar]

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer from the given options [any 5] 5

1] Mr. David is.....European. [a, an, the]

2] I have.....friends. [much, many]

3] He.....live in this village. [could, used to, may]

4] Mohan was very tired so he.....to bed. [go, went, gone, going]

- 5] Will you please give me..... money. [do, will, is, has]
- 6] The match..... started. Our team is playing well. [do, will, is, has]

- Q.8
- 1] They supported me. [change into negative]
 - 2] Hari is playing hockey. [change voice]
 - 3] Ram will play cricket. [change voice]
 - 4] I know the answer. [change voice]
 - 5] If he does not take a taxi, he will miss the train. [Rewrite using Unless]
 - 6] [a] Ram is my brother.
[b] he won the first prize. [combine using a relative clause]

Section-D [Literature]

Q.9(A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below 3

I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten rupee note, Saheb says. His eyes lighting up. When you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don't stop of finding more. It seems that for children, garbage has a meaning different from what it means to their parents. for the children it is wrapped in wonder and for the parents it is a means of survival.

Questions-

- [i] According to the author what was garbage for the parents ?
[a] means of entertainment [b] Means of joy.
[c] Means of sorrow [d] Means of survival.
- [ii] What was garbage for the children ?
[a] Means of entertainment. [b] Waste material
[c] Means of playing [d] A wonder.
- [iii] Who was Saheb ?
[a] A shopkeeper [b] A servant [c] a Beggar [d] a ragpicker.

Q.9(B) Read the following extract and answer the question given below it. 3

No one can imagine how sad and monotonous life can appear to such a vagabond, who plods along the road, left to his own meditations. But one day this man had fallen into a line of thought, which really seemed to him entertaining. He had naturally been thinking of his rattraps when suddenly he was struck by the idea that the whole world about him the whole world with its lands and seas, its cities and villages was nothing but a rattrap.

Questions

- [1] What does the word "Vagabond" means-
[a] very intelligent [b] diligent [c] lazy [d] wanderer
- [2] Which type of life does a vagabond live ?
[a] Monotonous [b] luxurious [c] rich [d] poor
- [3] When does the rattrap close in on some one.
[a] when they become rich. [b] When they become vagabond.
[c] When they are left to their own meditation.

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it. 3

It would be exotic moment, without rush, without engines, we would all be together, in a sudden strangeness."

Questions-

[b] What kind of moment it would be if we had a rush of engines?

[c] What will happen if there isn't any rush of engines?

Q.10 [B] Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it.
Human civilization have been around for a paltry 12,000 years barely a few seconds on a geological clock. In that short amount of time, we have managed to create quite a ruckus, etching our dominance over Nature with our villages, towns, cities, megacities. The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources and the unmitigated burning of fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature.

Question- [1] How old is the human civilization?

[a] 9000yrs. [b] 12000 years [c] 1 million years [d] 16000 years.

[2] What created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world.

[a] increase in human population. [b] our battling with other species
[c] burning of fossil fuel.

[3] What makes us battle with other species?

[a] increase in global temperature. [b] increase in human civilization.
[c] Our dominance over nature. [d] burning of fossil fuels.

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words [any five]

1] What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day?

2] Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry?

3] Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear?

4] From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap?

5] Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed?

6] What explanations does the author offer for the children not wearing footwear?

7] What had been put up on the bulletin board.

Q.12 Answer the following question in about 30 words [any three]

1] What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels.

2] What does the poet want for the children of the slums?

3] What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?

4] What makes human beings love life inspite of troubles and sufferings?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words [any two]

1] Who was the tiger king? How did he get that name?

2] What was the purpose of the visit to Antartica?

3] What do you think was Jo's problem?

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 75 words [any two]

1] How did Mrs. Hamel pay a tribute to the French language?

2] Why did you think Gandhi considered the Champarn Episode" to be the turning point of his life.

3] how did the instructor build a swimmer" out of Douglas?

Q.15 What is the central idea of the poem- Thing of Beauty.

OR- Write the central idea of the poem- Keeping Quiet."

Q.16 What is the moral issue of the story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy raises? 3

OR- What will Dr. Sadao and his wife do with the man?