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HALF YEARLY SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (2017-18)

CLASS – VI

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Time: 3Hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

This paper is divided into 4 sections:

Section A (Reading) :20marks

Section B (Writing) :20marks

Section C (Grammar):15marks

Section D (Literature):25marks

General Instructions:

- **Answer all the questions.**
- **Read each question carefully and follow the given instructions.**
- **All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.**
- **Attempt all the questions in one section before going on to the next section.**

SECTION- A(Reading)-(20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

It was morning. I had just started writing the seventeenth chapter of my novel when Mini entered the room and started her usual chatter. “Baba, Ramdayal was calling the crow a kauwa. He is so stupid, isn’t he?” Before I could explain to her the difference between vocabulary of two different languages, she was onto her next topic, ‘You know Baba, Bhola says that it rains because an elephant throws water in the sky with its trunk. He speaks a lot of rubbish, doesn’t he? He just keeps on and on all day!’

Then without waiting for an answer, she shot off her next question, “Baba, how is ma related to you? To myself, I mumbled, “Sister-in-law,” but aloud I said, ”Mini go and play with Bhola. I’ve

some work to finish .” Mini sat at my feet near the table, folded his knees and started playing. I turned to the seventeenth chapter of the book I was writing.

My study faced the main road. Mini suddenly left her game and rushed to the window, shouting, “Kabuliwala, oh Kabuliwala!”

A tall Afgan was passing by. He wore a dirty loose robe and a turban. He carried a box of grapes in his hand and had a large bag slung across his shoulders. I was not sure what my daughter thought of him but she went on calling at the top of her voice. I was afraid he would walk in with his bag and stop me from doing my work. The moment the Kabuliwala heard her call and turned towards our house smiling, Mini vanished. She believed that Kabuliwala had little children imprisoned inside his bag.

Q1. What was the narrator doing when Mini entered his room? (1)

Q2. How was Mini related to the narrator? (1)

Q3. Why did Mini rush to the window? (1)

Q4. What did Mini believe about Kabuliwala? (1)

Q5. Find synonyms of the given words from the passage: (4)

- i) Captured
- ii) Ran quickly towards
- iii) Whispering to oneself
- iv) Disappeared

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The tiny village of Ulapur was the postmaster’s first posting. There was an indigo plantation nearby. The manager of the plantation, an Englishman, had, after a great deal of effort, managed to get a post office started there. Our postmaster was from Kollkata. He felt like a fish out of water in this far-flung village. His office consisted of a tumbledown shack beside an algae-covered pond with tangled overgrowth on all sides. The plantation workers were busy all day.

Our postmaster, being city bred, did not find it easy to mix with the village folk. He had found a lot of time on his hands as there wasn’t much work. He tried to spend some of it writing poetrypoems which said how happy he would be if he could spend the rest of his days gazing at the trembling leaves and the passing

clouds. The postmaster did not earn much and had to do most of his work himself. A little girl, an orphan called Ratan, helped him with his chores. Since she had no one to call her own, she stayed with him most of the time and shared his meals.

Ratan could remember just a few things from the past. The rest was hazy. Her father had loved her more than her mother did. She recalled that she had a little brother too. One day, long, long ago, the two of them had pretended to be fishing in a ditch using a broken stick as a fishing rod. It was just a game, of course, but she remembered it more clearly than other things of greater significance.

Sometimes, it grew quite late as the postmaster and Ratan sat talking. On such days, she would quietly light the fire and make some chapatis. That served as dinner for both, along with morning's leftovers.

Q1. What lay near the postmaster's first posting area? (1)

Q2. Why was it difficult for the post master to mix with the village folk? (1)

Q3. Why did Ratan stay with the postmaster? (1)

Q4. Who all were there in Ratan's family? (1)

Q5. What did they use for fishing? (1)

Q6. What did they eat on those days when they talked for long? (1)

Q7. Find out words from the passage which mean the same as following: (4)

i) Fallen/collapsed

ii) Shaking

iii) Remains

iv) Staring

Q.8. Find out words from the passage which mean opposite of the following: (2)

i) fresh

ii) clear view

SECTION – B (WRITING)-(20 MARKS)

Q3. Write a paragraph on the topic (Word limit: 100-120 words) (5)

‘I like spring because...’

OR

‘Don’t litter’

Q4. Imagine that you maintain a diary: (7)

You are selected to play lead role in annual day. Write a diary entry expressing your joy and surprise.

OR

Today you visited your ancestral village and watched the farmers harvesting a crop of wheat. Make a diary entry describing your experience.

Q5. Write a letter to your father requesting him for permission to go with your friend on an educational tour. (8)

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting for change of section.

SECTION –C(GRAMMAR)-15MARKS

Q6. Pick out the verb and state whether it is Transitive or Intransitive: (0.5X6=3)

- a) She spoke loudly.
- b) He ran away quickly.
- c) She flies her kite.
- d) The ship sank.
- e) She received a prize.
- f) I met a little cottage girl.

Q7.A. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. (0.5X8=4)

- a) He----- a lot of travel books. (read)
- b) As a child, I ----- yoga classes regularly. (attend)
- c) She -----tall since I saw her last.(grow)
- d) By the end of the week, I -----to the gym four times.(go)
- e) Rajiv ----- to school. (go)
- f) I -----the lost pen. (find)
- g) Gita-----her bike by next week.(repair)
- h) The Earth----- around the sun.(revolve)

Q8. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns as given in the bracket.

(0.5X8=4)

- a) Adam and his mother love-----.(reflexive)
- b) My sister lives in Australia. -----will be coming to meet us next week. (Personal)
- c) That huge bungalow across the road is----- . (Possessive)
- d) Please bring-----notebooks kept on the table.(Demonstrative)
- e) He bought -----a shirt.(Reflexive)
- f) -----are going for holiday next month. (Subject pronoun)
- g) ----- can contribute to the relief fund. (Indefinite pronouns)
- h) -----is it? (Interrogative pronoun)

Q9. A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Adjectives:

(0.5X4=2)

- a) The day was ----- and I could hear birds singing.
- b) -----car will you drive today?
- c) That is the -----building in the town.
- d) Will-----of you help me with my project?

B. Supply appropriate Comparatives and Superlatives form to each of the following:

(0.5X4=2)

- b) far
- c) wonder

SECTION-D(LITERATURE)-25MARKS

Q10.Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions: (1X4=4)

‘Little gells as cut their own hair should be whipped and fed on bread and water...’

- a) Who is the speaker of the given line?
- b) What is meant by ‘gells’?
- c) Explain the listener’s state of mind at this point.
- d) Describe the speaker’s character.

OR

‘Beside yon straggling fence that skirts the way

With blossom’d furze unprofitably gay,

There, in his noisy mansion, skill’d to rule,

The village master taught his little school.’

- a) Name the poem and poet of the above mentioned line.
- b) Explain the phrase, ‘in his noisy mansion’
- c) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given extract?
- d) How was the schoolmaster regarded by the poet?

Q11. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(2X4=8)

- a) Why was the old lady disappointed after checking the letter box, in the prose, “The Lonely Heart”?
- b) ‘Then let not what I cannot have
My cheer of mind destroy’
Explain.
- c) When does the poet give the six serving men rest, in the poem, ‘I Keep Six Honest Serving Men’?
- d) Was the schoolmaster a severe and stern person? Give reasons for your answer.

Q12. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words:

(4X2=8)

- a) Justify the title of the prose, ‘The Lonely Heart’?
- ii) Write the summary of the poem, ‘I Keep Six Honest Serving Men’.
- iii) Write a short note on the character of Aunt Pullet from the prose, ‘The Haircut’?

Q13. Answer any one of the following questions in 50- 60 words:

(5X1)

Describe the relationship between Sekhar and Didi in the story, ‘The Lonely Heart’.

OR

Explain these lines.

‘With heavy sighs I often hear
You mourn my hapless woe’