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## Half Yearly Examination – (2019-20)

**Class: - VII**  
**Subject: - English**

**F.M.: - 80**  
**Duration: - 3 hr**

### General Instructions:-

- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the questions carefully and write the answers in the answer sheets provided.
- Do not answer the questions randomly. Attempt all the questions of one section before moving on to another section.
- Do not write anything on the question paper.

### SECTION-A (READING)

#### I. Read the following passage carefully.

In England Gandhi Ji at first did not give his time entirely to his studies. Instead he tried to enjoy fashionable English gentleman in every way like so many young men of his age, he was attracted by what was new and foreign.

He wasted a lot of money on buying a smart English clothes. He started taking lessons in ballroom dancing, in playing the violin etc. what a change from a shy boy on the ship who would not talk to the other passenger, after three months he suddenly realized how silly it was to waste good brother's money on such things. After this he devoted all his time to serious studies. From the very childhood, when Gandhi found out he was doing a wrong thing, he at once stop doing it.

*Based on your reading and understanding of the passage given above, choose the right answer from the options* **(5 M)**

1. What purpose had driven Gandhi ji to England

- (a) Wine                      (b) Game                      (c) Poltics                      (d) Studies

2. Gandhi ji was a completely changed man for a period of

- (a) Two months              (b) Three months              (c) Four months              (d) Six months

3. Who did Gandhi ji try to copy ?

- (a) Young men              (b) Young women              (c) Friends                      (d) Parents

4. In England he started many kinds of new things which one is not true?

- (a) Playing the Violin      (b) Buying smart English cloths      (c) Taking Lessons in ballroom dancing      (d) Playing cards.

5. In Gandhi ji attracted towards what?

- (a) English gentlemen      (b) Young women              (c) ballroom dancing              (d) new and foreign

**6. Write the antonyms of the following word -**

**(5 M)**

- (a) Attract -
- (b) Waste -
- (c) Shy -
- (d) Entirely -
- (e) Silly -

**II. Read the following passage carefully.**

**(5 M)**

No one knows exactly where or when cricket began, but it is most likely that it began as a children's game in England, and was played only by Children for many centuries. It is believed that the game was invented by Children who belong to the farming families of south-east England. They would play in grass cleaning or areas grazed by sheep. A matted lump of sheep's wool or even a stone or lump of wood would be used as ball, a stick or some others farm tool would serve as the bat, and the gate or tree stump would be used for the wicket. The earliest written reference to the game was in 1598, where it was called "Creeckett". In the 17 century, it slowly became a village game and adults began to take part in it. Today cricket is one of the most popular sports of the world and is played and watched by millions.

*Based on your reading and understanding of the passage given above, write the answer in one word.*

- 7. Where is cricket believed to have started ?
- 8. Who were the earlier players of cricket ?
- 9. In which year was the earliest written reference to cricket made ?
- 10. What was the game called at that time ?
- 11. When did cricket became a game played by adult.

12. Fill in the blank's with "n" or "ed" to make new words

**(5 M)**

- (a) Take            (b) work            (c) add            (d) spoke            (e) shake

**SECTION-B (WRITING)**

**13.** You are Rakesh / Reena, a student of class VII. You want to take part in an adventure trip to Manali organized by your school. Write a letter to your father, who is posted somewhere else, requesting him to give you the permission for this trip.

**(6 M)**

**14.** You are Anand / Anita Gupta, the Literary Captain of your school. Draft a notice to be put up on the school notice board inviting participation for the inter-school English Debate Competition to be organized in your school. The topic of the debate is 'Mahatma Gandhi in eyes of world scholars'.

**(4 M)**

**SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)**

**15.** Fill in each blank with suitable article.

**(5 M)**

I have an uncle who lives in \_\_\_\_\_ home for \_\_\_\_\_ elderly. He is \_\_\_\_\_ honest man. He used to be \_\_\_\_\_ policeman. He once saved \_\_\_\_\_ one- year old boy from \_\_\_\_\_ fire.  
Ms Parrot, \_\_\_\_\_ most famous lady detective of \_\_\_\_\_ twenty first century, was born in \_\_\_\_\_ United kingdom in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1960s.

**16.** Rearrange the following words to meaningful sentences:

**(5 M)**

- a) name/ write/ your/ at/ top of/ the paper/ the
- b) help/ need/ your/ i/ am/ sorry/ you/ trouble/ to/ but/ i
- c) playing/ now/ stop/ and/ homework/ start/ your doings
- d) Madan/asked/crying/she/had/Sheena/been/why
- e) stanger/the/asked/where/lived/me/I

**17.** Chose the *correct verb* from the bracket to complete the sentences.

**(5 M)**

- a) Either her brother or her parents (has/ have) Farah's Mumbai address.
- b) Half the answers (was / were) correct

- c) Somewhere in the office (is / are) the original copy of my report.
- d) The Employee who (offers/ offer) the best suggestions will receive a week's paid trip to Hawaii.
- e) Each of the sweaters she had bought on sale (has, have) minor flaws

18. Rewrite each sentence replacing the word in *italics* with an appropriate adjective.

(5 M)

- a) It was a situation of *great danger*.
- b) The soil in our garden is *full of stones*.
- c) Where did you go for *once in a year* trip.
- d) The old farmer was *unable to read or write*.
- e) He is *fit to be chosen* for the post.

### SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Madhobi, the young spring flower  
 Is in a rush to leave  
 As soon as it arrives  
 In a sudden wave of splendour.  
 "No, no!" - cry out the leaves,  
 Whispering protest.  
 The stars in the heavens explain,  
 "Won't you hurry along?"  
 We need you so!"  
 But the leaves encircle the blossom  
 and plead - "Do not leave us!"

19. Answer the following Question based on the above poem.

(5 M)

- a) Why the author said Madhobi is in a rush to leave?
- b) Who pleads Madhobi not to leave?
- c) Who wants to have it somewhere else?
- d) Write Synonyms of splendour, whispering
- e) Write the meaning of plead, blossom.

20. Write the summary of "The Meeting Pool" in 30 to 40 words.

(5M)

21. Answer any five of the following question (20 M) 4x5

- a) How long did the masterpiece take? Do you know why?
- b) The author mentions six signs of Bartoli's genuine astonishment when he saw the portrait. what are they?
- c) What prevented Jacques from guessing that Pierre was blind ?
- d) In what sense did Pierre and Joseph grow old together ?
- e) How did Tom succeed in making Maggie come to the table? what did he do and say?
- f) How did Mocha Dick get its name? What made it widely known ?
- g) Will you support the movement to protect the whale ? and Why?
- h) How did Rusty describe Somi as a boy?what was he like when Somi saw him recently?