

HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS-2020

CLASS-IX

SUBJECT-ENG I

Time: 2hrs

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NOTE: You are not allowed to write during the first fifteen minutes. The time given at the head of this paper is the time for writing the answers. Attempt all the questions.

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

Write a composition (300-350 words) on any ONE of the following:

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(a) Television addiction is killing the joy of family/social life. Express your views on it with a few striking examples around you.

(b) "No other subject taught in school is as important as moral science."

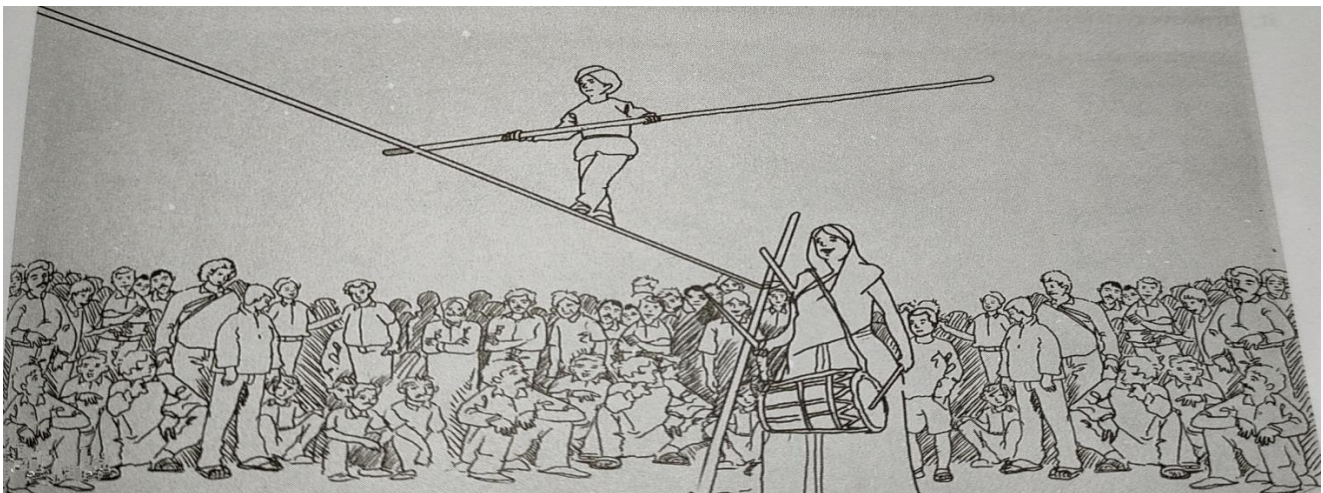
Express your view either for or against this statement.

(c) Imagine a situation in which a character from your favourite book comes alive.

Write an imaginary account of a day spent with this character.

(d) Recall a remarkable event of social importance in your city or locality. Give a little of its background, the event as it occurred, and its impact on the lives of people.

(e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture, or you may take suggestions from it, however there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

Select ONE of the following:

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- (a) Your heart moves when you find a number of children begging on the city roads and public places. Write a letter to the editor of a famous newspaper expressing your views on the beggar problem. Give your suggestions too.
- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing your thrilling experience when you boarded an airplane for the first time in your life. Give details of your wonderful air-flight and also mention what made it an unforgettable experience for you.

Question 3

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- a) Your school has planned a trekking trip to Garhwal region for one week. Write a notice for school noticeboard for inviting students for the trip. Give all necessary details.
- b) You have booked a mini bus for Nainital trip scheduled to leave tomorrow. Due to bad weather, your group is not willing to go on the trip. Write an e-mail to the bus operator to cancel the booking.

Question 4

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

Perhaps it is the strong positive thought-process of the man; which reaches out to people and creates a magnetic whirlpool, as it were, attracting positive conditions-which, in turn, yield positive results.

It's not as mystical as it sounds. Your thoughts do shape the world you perceive around you. To a depressed man, the silent presence of a plant will only add to his sense of isolation; but for a positive thinker the same plant would hold a promise in its lush greenery, making him happy to belong to a world full of beautiful creations. And so it is-fill your mind with energetic, happy, enthusiastic and creative thoughts and watch yourself turn into a new person. Make-belief works. If you tell yourself that you are a dynamo of energy, a powerhouse of creativity and act enthusiastic, your brain will miraculously absorb the new thought process and you will begin to live it. It's no longer a delusion but a return to what nature meant us to be.

It's difficult to think positive if you feel physically sluggish. Regular exercise sets in motion the wheels of the positive process. As circulation revs up, muscles tauten, one feels more in control of oneself and as a result, optimism surges. The message, 'It's-a-great-life in turn starts a healthy mind-and-body cycle.

Mind-altering drugs, that levitate one from depression, may be effective, but they are also toxic. Jean-Paul Sartre might have written his last book after drugging himself with amphetamines because they gave him that extra 'high' of inspiration, but genius is an innate quality and we need to look into ourselves to raise that 'extraness' without affecting our health adversely.

Positive thoughts have a wonderful companion-peace. It's amazing how productive a peaceful mind tuned into positive thinking can be. Solutions crop up. New creative ideas

flow in. It happens because when one is in perfect harmony with the self, all those tremendous potential gifts within oneself get activated. As Saifee says, "When I'm spiritually at peace, I can see things around me clearly."

Positive thinking can be tuned into by simple methods: by occasionally spending time close to, Nature. The sighing of the sea, the hush in the air/the rustle of the wind through the leaves balance your bio-rhythm and restore your mental processes back to their natural wavelength. Back home, you can let the same image flash through your mind's eye. Sometimes, the mind slips back to its worries, its tears and its pessimism, but that is no cause to worry, since the positive ideas have already taken root and will ultimately grow into a strong tree.

- a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted. 3
- (i) isolation (line 5)
 - (ii) delusion (line 11)
 - (iii) tremendous (line 22)
- b) 2
- (i) How do positive thoughts lead to peace and creativity? 2
 - (ii) How do our thoughts shape the world around us? 1
 - (iii) Explain: "Make-belief works". 2
 - (iv) When do solutions crop up? 2
 - (v) When does a person fall into the clutches of pessimism? 8
- c) In not more than 50 words describe how positive thoughts affect our personality and lead us on the path of success. 8

Question 5

In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. 4

Example: (0) giving

Mid afternoon while.....0..... (give) my report to Mrs. Biggs, I1..... (hear) a loud thumping.....2.....(come) from the direction of her storeroom. What3.....(be) all that noise downstairs?" I asked. "Probably a rat. I don't hear anything." she replied. I ran downstairs and.....4.....(open) the storeroom door. There was Mr. Biggs5.....(look) very dusty and very disgruntled; he wanted to know why Mrs. Biggs.....6..... (shut)him up for hours. He had gone into the storeroom in search of a walking stick and Mrs. Biggs.....7(see) the door open, had.... 8(bolt)

it.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

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- (i) He is the most intelligent President..... America.
- (ii) I have never met so famous a person..... Amitabh.
- (iii) He was let off..... fine.
- (iv) The Principal called..... a written explanation.
- (v) Where did you come..... this word?
- (vi) How did this topic come.....?
- (vii) The chairman assured the committee that he would look..... the matter.
- (viii) He was annoyed..... being disturbed.

(c) Join the following sentences without using *and*, *but* or *so*.

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- (i) I have time. I shall go to the Book fair today.
- (ii) Rajani has won a prize. Disha has won a prize.
- (iii) I was very annoyed. I controlled myself.
- (iv) I cannot give you any money. I have none.

(d) Rewrite the following sentences after making necessary changes as directed or fill in the blanks with a suitable word to make it a meaningful sentence. 8

- 1. Richa said to her friend, "My sister is listening to the radio while I am writing letters (Begin with: Richa told..)
- 2. Delhi is one of the most populous cities in India. (Use: 'more')
- 3. The magistrate said to the lawyer, "You should submit your evidence now." (Begin with: The magistrate told.)
- 4. Kalpana said to her friend, "Will you go to Radhika tomorrow?" (Change the narration)
- 5. The contractor said, "It has been raining since morning". (Change into reported speech)
- 6. As soon as we entered the hall ,the show began. (Begin: No sooner.....)
- 7. Kalidasa was one of the greatest poets of India. (Use: 'great')
- 8. Pen is mightier than the sword. (Use: 'mighty')

