

Half Yearly Examination-2023

Sub : English

Full Marks : 90

Class : X

Time : 3 Hrs.

Pass Marks : 27

*(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)*Section - A

1. Choose correct options for the following : 1x14=14
- i) "Who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else....". What does the underlined word mean?
- (a) smoothly (b) ~~closely~~ ✓
(c) friendly (d) roughly
- ii) The field looked white as if covered with _____
- (a) coins (b) stones
(c) ~~salt~~ ✓ (d) pearls
- iii) "We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation." Who said this?
- (a) Mr De Klerk (b) ~~Nelson Mandela~~ ✓
(c) Thabo Mbeki (d) Oliver Tambo
- iv) Tenth May dawned _____.
(a) ~~bright~~ ✓ (b) clear
(c) freedom (d) ~~bright and clear~~ ✓
- v) The other name of Coorg is _____.
(a) Karnataka (b) Mangalore
(c) ~~Kodagu~~ ✓ (d) Mysore
- vi) The first chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa was a _____.
(a) Kurd (b) Arab
(c) ~~Coorgi~~ ✓ (d) Greek
- vii) Lencho was not surprised on seeing the money in the envelope because he had unwavering faith in _____.
(a) the postmaster (b) the mail
(c) ~~God~~ ✓ (d) All of the above
- viii) According to Lencho, the earth needed _____.
(a) drought (b) ~~a strong wind~~ ✓
(c) hailstones (d) ~~a downpour~~ ✓

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ix) The smoke trail of Impala jets symbolized _____
 (a) the victory celebration ✓ (b) the new south Africa flag
 (c) unity is strength (d) democracy

x) Which flame can be hidden but never extinguished?
 (a) Man's love (b) Man's anger
 (c) Man's freedom ~~(d) Man's goodness~~

xi) In Coorg, the season of joy commences from _____
 (a) September to June (b) September to March ✓
 (c) September to April (d) September to May

xii) Evergreen rainforests cover _____ of Coorg district.
 (a) twenty percent (b) forty percent
 (c) fifty percent (d) thirty percent ✓

xiii) "It's really getting bad now". Who said this?
 (a) The postmaster (b) The postman
~~(c) Lencho~~

xiv) What is the irony in the lesson "A Letter to God"?
 (a) Lencho was sad after the hailstorm.
~~(b) Lencho wrote a letter to God.~~

(c) The postmaster laughed at Lencho but still helped him.
~~(d) Lencho blamed the post office employees who infact helped him~~

2. Choose the correct answer of the following : 1x8=8

i) Which of the following describes "a tiger in a jungle" ?

(a) Locked in a concrete cell.

(b) Ignoring visitors. ✓

(c) His strength behind bars.

~~(d) Baring his white fangs and claws.~~

ii) Amanda thinks that she'll never let down her _____.

(a) white hair

(b) bright hair

(c) long hair

~~(d) golden hair~~ ✓

iii) The last voice heard by the tiger at night was the sound of the

~~(a) patrolling cars~~

(b) music

(c) moving vehicles

(d) other animals

iv) "There is a languid emerald sea". What does the underlined word mean?

(a) calm

(b) tensed

☒ (c) relaxed

(d) clear

v) Fowler's first thrill of the day was _____.

(a) meeting Ausable

☒ (b) sight of a man with an automatic pistol

(c) seeing the important papers

(d) both (a) and (b)

vi) Horace Danby was allergic to _____

(a) dust

(b) dogs

(c) fragrance of perfume

☒ (d) smell of flowers

vii) Ausable was a _____.

(a) lockmaker

(b) thief

☒ (c) secret agent

(d) writer

viii) "How _____ people are when they own valuable things, Horace thought".

(a) selfish

☒ (b) foolish

(c) lucky

(d) fortunate

3. Write very short answers to the following questions : 1x7=7

i) Which does Mandela think is natural, to love or to hate?

ii) Who inhabit in the land of rolling hills?

iii) Where should the tiger be lurking?

iv) Who is the poet of the poem "Amanda"?

v) What does the girl 'Amanda' yearn for?

vi) Who did not fit any description of a secret agent?

vii) What was the piece of evidence against Horace Danby?

4. Fill in the blanks with correct determiners :

1x4=4

i) My brother is _____ SDO.

(a) a

☒ (b) an

(c) the

ii) _____ of the competitors will get a certificate -

(a) every

☒ (b) each

(c) some

(d) any

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- iii) He has to feed his family with _____ money he earns.
 (a) little (b) a little ☒ (c) the little
- iv) My friend gave me _____ books he had.
 (a) few (b) a few ☒ (c) the few

5. Choose the correct alternatives from the choices given in the brackets: 1x4=4

- i) He is a man of _____. (principal/principle)
 ii) The woman narrated the incident _____. (briefly/shortly)
 iii) The _____ in my shop is not good today. (sell/sale)
 iv) The old man knew that his death was _____. (eminent/imminent)

6. Rewrite the following sentences putting the verbs in the brackets in their correct tense form : 1x4=4

- i) The baby (cry) because it is hungry.
 ii) You (fail) unless you work hard.
 iii) It is time we (leave) the place.
 iv) I (know) him since boyhood.

7. Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into a single sentence : <https://www.assamboard.com> 1x4=4

- i) Where does he live? Do you know it?
 ii) Walk fast. You will miss the train.
 iii) The bird was very small. It could not fly.
 iv) The boy is not brave. The boy is not strong.

SECTION B

8. Give short answers to the following : 2x13=26

- i) What did Lencho write in his second letter to God ?
 ii) Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like "new coins" ?
 iii) What ideals does Mandela set out for the future of South Africa ?
 iv) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent ?
 v) Does Mandela think the oppressor is free ? Why / Why not ?
 vi) Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money ?

- vii) Mention the animals that are likely to be seen in Coorg.
- viii) What does the writer say about the Coorg Regiment?
- ix) How does Mandela describe the systems of government in his country in the first decade of the twentieth century?
- x) Why did the postmaster sign the letter "God"?
- xi) What would the tiger have been doing if it were in its natural habitat?
- xii) What would Amanda do if she were a mermaid?
- xiii) Why does the tiger ignore the visitors?

Answer any two from the following :

4x2 = 8

- i) Briefly describe how Ausable defeated Max's scheme to take away the report.
- ii) Who is Fowler and what is his first authentic thrill of the day?
- iii) How did Horace Danby become an assistant librarian in the prison?
- iv) "Horace Danby was good and respectable _____ but not completely honest." Why do you think this description is apt for Horace? Why can't he be categorised as a typical thief?

Q. Develop a story with the following hints. Give a suitable title. 5x1=5

Twelve fools start on a journey _____ cross a river _____ count themselves _____ each one not counting himself _____ counts eleven _____ a passerby agrees to produce the lost man _____ gives each fool a blow _____ counts twelve.

1. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her about your preparation for the ensuing H.S.L.C Examination. 3x1=3

Or

Suppose you are the General Secretary of the Students' Union of your school. Write an application to the Principal/Headmaster requesting him/her to grant a half-holiday on the occasion of Kati Bihu Festival.

2. Translate into the language as per your MIL/(IL) subject : 1x3=3

- i) Do you know how to Swim?
- ii) It may rain tonight.
- iii) I did not go to school yesterday.

Or

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Write a substance for the following :

A good book always teaches us something, infact many things, directly or indirectly, if the mind is willing to learn, Books are the best company; they also give man the best society. They help us in establishing contact with many great men of the past and present days. Through books we come to know what they said and did. Through books we even see them as if they were really alive. As we read, we share great thoughts with great minds; we hope and grieve with them. The scenes in which they appeared are discribed for us and as we turn the pages we come to know what nobleness is. Books work as agents and help us in being better than we are. Therefore, books should be treated as friends and guides.

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