

Half Yearly Examination-2023-2024

Class : Six (6)

Subject : English

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Group-A (10 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions :

One hot day a man went out to sell caps. He had a big basket of caps on his back. He walked for a long time and got tired. He sat down under a big banyan tree to take rest for a while. As he was very tired, he soon fell asleep. But there lived a group of monkeys in that tree. They all came down from the tree. The monkeys saw the caps in the basket. They also saw a cap on the head of the man. They then took out all the caps from the basket and put them on their heads. Then they went up the tree and sat on the branches.

2×5=10

- Where were the monkeys?
- What had the man on his back?
- Where did the man sit and why?
- Why did the man fall asleep?
- What did the monkeys do?

Group-B (35 Marks)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
- Kalpana's first space mission in the space shuttle, Columbia, was 15 days, 16 hours and 34 minutes long. During this time she went around the earth 252 times, travelling 10.45 million kilometres! The

crew included a Japanese and a Ukrainian astronaut. The crew performed experiments such as pollinating plants to observe food growth in space, and tests for making stronger metals and faster computer chips - all for a price tag of about 56 million dollars.

On the Saturday night when the news about the Columbia disaster broke, there was shock and disbelief. The town of Karnal spent a sleepless night as thousands of households stayed glued to their television sets in the hope that Kalpana and the crew had somehow survived.

A. Answer the following questions: 1×4=4

- i) What was the name of Kalpana's first mission space shuttle?
- ii) How many times did Kalpana go round the earth?
- iii) How long was Kalpana's first mission in space?
- iv) What was the total price tag of Kalpana's first mission in space?

B. Answer the following questions: 2×3=6

- i) What experiments did the crew perform in the space?
- ii) How many crew members were there in the space shuttle?
To which country did they belong?
- iii) What caused the town of Karnal to spend a sleepless night?

3. Answer the following questions in short : 1×5=5

- a) Who was the little man? [Prose- Who Did Patrick's Homework?]
- b) Name the writer of the story 'Who Did Patrick's Homework?'
- c) Who praised Patrick when he did his homework? [Prose- Who Did Patrick's Homework?]

- d) Where was Kalpana Chawla born? [Prose- An Indian-American Woman in Space: Kalpana Chawla]
- e) Where did Kalpana Chawla graduate from? [Prose- An Indian-American Woman in Space: Kalpana Chawla]
4. Answer the following questions in 15-20 words: $2 \times 2 = 4$
- a) Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish? [Prose- Who Did Patrick's Homework?]
- b) Why is Kalpana Chawla called an Indian-American? [Prose- An Indian-American Woman in Space: Kalpana Chawla]
5. Answer any one of the following questions in 20-30 words : $3 \times 1 = 3$
- a) What was Patrick's wish? [Prose- Who did Patrick's Homework?]
- b) Describe Kalpana Chawla's first Mission in space. [Prose: An Indian-American Woman in Space: Kalpana Chawla]
6. Answer the following questions in short: $1 \times 3 = 3$
- a) Where does a loving family live? [Poem- A House, A Home]
- b) What flaps on a string in the top of a tree? [Poem- The Kite]
- c) Name the poet of the poem 'Beauty'
7. Answer the following question in 15-20 words: $2 \times 1 = 2$
- When does the kite take rest? [Poem- The Kite]
8. Answer any one of the following questions in 20-30 words : $3 \times 1 = 3$
- a) Differentiate between a house and a home on the basis of the poem. [Poem- A House, A Home]
- b) What is beauty? [Poem- Beauty]

9. A. Choose the correct verb in agreement with the subject: $1 \times 3 = 3$
- The Sun _____ in the east. (rise/rises)
 - He _____ sick. (was/were)
 - Where _____ you going? (are/is)
- B. Find out the noun from the following sentences : $1 \times 2 = 2$
- Iron is very useful.
 - What is a house?

Group-C (35 Marks)

10. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I HAD heard a great deal about Miss Beam's school, but not till last week did the chance come to visit it.

When I arrived there was no one in sight but a girl of about twelve. Her eyes were covered with a bandage and she was being led carefully between the flower-beds by a little boy, who was about four years younger. She stopped, and it looked like she asked him who had come. He seemed to be describing me to her. Then they passed on. <https://www.tripuraboard.com>

Miss Beam was all that I had expected - middle-aged, full of authority, yet kindly and understanding. Her hair was beginning to turn grey, and she had the kind of plump figure that is likely to be comforting to a homesick child. I asked her some questions about her teaching methods, which I had heard were simple.

"No more than is needed to help them to learn how to do things - simple spelling, adding, subtracting, multiplying and writing. The rest

is done by reading to them and by interesting talks, during which they have to sit still and keep their hands quiet. There are practically no other lessons."

A. Answer the following questions: 1×2=2

- i) About what did the narrator hear a great deal?
- ii) Whose hair was beginning to turn grey?

B. Answer the following question: 2×1=2

- i) What did the narrator see when he reached the school of Miss Beam?

11. Answer the following questions in short: 1×2=2

- a) What was the real aim of Miss Beam's School? [Prose- A Different Kind of School]
- b) What was the kinsman of the dog? [Prose- How the Dog Found Himself a New Master?]

12. Answer the following questions in short: 1×2=2

- a) Whom did the poet quarrel with? [Poem- The Quarrel]
- b) What does the poet imagine about the place where teachers live? [Poem- Where Do All the Teachers Go?]

13. Answer any one of the following questions in 40-50 words: 5×1=5

- a) What steps did Tansen take to save himself? Did his plan work? How? [Supplementary-Tansen] (2+1+2=5)
- b) How did the two baby birds get separated? [Supplementary-The Shepherd's Treasure] 5

14. Answer the following questions as directed:

1×4=4

- a) Either my shoes or your coat _____ always on the floor. (is/are)
- b) Each of the girls _____ her own dress. (has/have)
- c) If anybody _____ for me, do let me know. (calls/call)
- d) Mathematics _____ a tough subject. (is/are)

15. You are Raj/Rima, Headboy or Headgirl of ABC School, organizing a drawing competition. Write a notice for your school notice board and invite names of interested students. (Word limit : 50 words)

Or

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You are Sarmistha. Your brother is not at home. You received a call from his friend regarding the cancellation of dance class. As you have to go out, you will leave a message for your brother. Draft a message about the same in not more than 50 words.

16. Write a Paragraph on any one of the topics (within 70-80 words): 8

- a) Agartala Book Fair
- b) Kharchi Puja

17. Write a story with the following clues :

5×1=5

Two friends _____ pass through a jungle _____ they saw a bear _____ one climbs up a tree _____ the other lies down _____ the bear smells him _____ goes away _____ the first friend asks what the bear said _____ beware of a false friend.

Or

Ramu, a village boy _____ daily takes out sheep and goats for grazing. gets tired to work _____ shouts wolf as a joke _____ villagers rush to help _____ find no wolf _____ boy laughs at them _____ plays the same joke again _____ villagers annoyed _____ one day a wolf comes actually _____ boy shouts _____ villagers take no notice _____ result.

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