

Half-Yearly Examination - 2024

Class - IX

Sub - ENGLISH

SET - B

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks

Section A : Reading – 20 Marks

1. **Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :**

Great people are born to produce an influence on society. One such personality who was so humble and lived his complete life with determination and purpose to achieve certain aims was Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar. He was a great social reformer, writer, educator and worked endlessly to transform the society. He strongly protested against polygamy and child marriage. He favoured widow remarriage and women's education in India. The widow Remarriage Act was passed in 1856 making the marriage of widows legal because of his efforts to solve these problems.

Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar refined the way Bengali language was written and taught. His book "Borno Porichoy" (introduction to the alphabet) is still used as the introductory text to teach Bengali alphabet. Thus, he brought about a revolution in the Bengali Education system. (Vidyasagar is credited with the role of completely changing the old method of teaching which prevailed in Sanskrit College. As a professor in Sanskrit College, he brought modern outlook into the method of teaching. He included English and Bengali as medium of learning, besides Sanskrit. He also introduced courses in European History, Philosophy and Science alongside Vedic scriptures. He encouraged students to study these subjects and make the best of both the worlds.

Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar was a strong advocate of women education. He rightly viewed education as the primary way for women to achieve emancipation from the society's oppression

they had to face at that time. He exercised his power to open schools for girls and even outlined suitable curriculum to educate them. He went from door to door, requesting heads of families to allow their daughters to be enrolled in schools.

Iswar Chandra was a man who defined his own path of action. He never listened to what others say about his work and made decisions based on his own judgement. He was famous for all these qualities. He was also known for his great courage.

Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

1. Iswar Chandra worked as a -
a) Clergy man b) Professor
c) Teacher d) Spokesman
2. Iswar Chandra worked endlessly to
a) to transform the society
b) make the society dynamic
c) make the society static
d) change the society
3. "Borno Porichoy" is still used to teach _____ alphabets.
Fill in the blank with suitable alternative.
a) Sanskrit b) Bengali c) Hindi d) English
4. Widow Remarriage Act was passed in:
a) 1956 b) 1855 c) 1856 d) 1965
5. Who produce an influence on society -
a) clever people b) great people
c) mediocre people d) ordinary people

Answer the following questions:

1×5=5

6. How did Vidyasagar change the method of teaching in Sanskrit college?
7. What did Iswar Chandra do for enrollment of girls in school?
8. What were the other courses that Vidyasagar introduced alongwith Vedic scriptures?
9. How did Vidyasagar define his own path of action.
10. What did Iswar Chandra protest against?

2. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

Being healthy does not necessarily mean only physical fitness.

It also includes mental and emotional well-being. You need to follow some guidelines and maintain a time table of your daily activity in order to stay fit and fine throughout your life.

The first and the most important point to be taken care of in order to remain healthy is to follow healthy eating habits. One must avoid consumption of unhealthy junk foods. (Try to include those stuffs that are rich in all the nutrients that are very essential for the proper growth of our body tissues.) Make sure that these foods are rich in vitamins, minerals, proteins, good carbohydrates as well as fats. It is a misconception that fats, whether good or bad, are always harmful for your body. Not all fats are bad for health, there are some types of fats that are essential for the body as well. To make sure that your heart remains healthy all the time, have a wholesome meal. By doing this you will also have a healthy brain and a good immune system. Burning of calories is also very necessary for good health. For this, you will have to plan your schedule and give some time for exercise everyday. This proves to be very beneficial in maintaining the wear and tear of all your body muscles. Another important point that you should always keep in mind is that you cannot stay healthy by skipping meals. Have your food at proper time intervals and avoid starvation. Instead of eating a large quantity of food at one single time, try to have 6-7 small courses of meals at regular intervals. This will help you maintain proper functioning of your digestive system.

Apart from the solid food, you must also pay attention towards liquids. Include beverages such as coconut water, fruit juices, and especially water. You must drink at least 10-12 glasses of water in the entire day. This maintains a very good rate of metabolism.

Sleep is another important factor with regard to health. Alongwith proper liquid and solid food, you also need a sound and sufficient sleep to keep you fresh all day. If you do not have a sound sleep of 6 to 7 hours at night then you will feel tired and lazy all day and this will also affect your mood.

A. Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

11. To maintain a very good rate of metabolism, we must drink
- 8-10 glasses of fruit juice
 - 8-10 glasses of water
 - 10-12 glasses of water
 - 10-15 glasses of water
12. Instead of eating a large quantity of food at a time, we should have _____ of meals at regular intervals.
- several small courses
 - 3 to 4 small courses
 - 6 to 7 small courses
 - 10 small courses
13. As per the given extract, which option is correct?
- There are some types of fats that are essential for the body.
 - All fats are good
 - All fats are bad
 - All fats are not healthy
14. Which helps us in keeping a good health in multiple ways?
- Medicine
 - Exercise
 - Swimming
 - Junk food
15. What is also important alongwith sufficient liquid intake?
- 6-7 hours sound sleep at night
 - doing exercises 2 hours a day
 - taking sufficient food
 - having a regular journey

Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

- Find out a word, from the given passage that means, "having natural protection against certain diseases or illness".
- What is required for the proper growth of our body tissues?
- What are the advantages of exercise?
- What helps in proper maintaining of digestive system?
- Besides solid food and exercise, what other things are needed to maintain a good rate of metabolism?

Section B : Writing and Grammar – 20 Marks

- Write a story (Within 100 - 120 words) on the basis of the the hints given below. Give a suitable title to your story. **5**
[Tortoise and hare - good friends - tortoise known for his slow

speed - hare has fast speed - hare makes fun of tortoise- there is a challenge - race starts -hare overconfident-takes a nap - tortoise wins]

or

You visited a book fair. Write a diary entry (within 100 - 120 words) describing your experience

22. Write a paragraph on 'Global Warming' with the help of the hints given below: 5

[Global warming - rise in average temperature - factors responsible for global warming - melting of glaciers - steps taken to reduce global warming] (Word limit 100-120 words)

or

Write a paragraph on "The Festivals of Tripura" with the help of the hints given below.

[Hints: Diverse population - different festivals promotin of cultural harmony and peace- conclusion]

Choose the appropriate word from the given option and fill in the blanks below : 1×4 = 4

23. It _____ (is /has been/ is being) raining since 3 p.m.
24. She bought chocolates for _____ (every /each /another) of us.
25. The girl was eager _____ (to/in/for) show her creative work.
26. I learnt about it _____ (of / from / to) my sister.

The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each numbered line. Write both the incorrect and correct words against each of the numbered lines. The first one has been done as an example: 1×3 = 3

- | | Incorrect | Correct |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 27. Sachin Tendulkar is a best cricketer in India. He has play for | a _____ | the _____ |
| 28. more than 20 years on the country | _____ | _____ |
| 29. He is know for his skill in batting | _____ | _____ |

Read the following sentences and then narrate what was said by filling in the blanks. 1×3 = 3

The man said, "Honesty is the best policy".

30. The man said that _____.
He said to her sister, " I want to give you a surprise"

31. He told her sister that _____.
He said to me, "Would you lend me some money?"
32. He asked me _____.

Section C: Literature (40 Marks)

- 33. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

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"The wind blows out weak fires
He makes strong fires roar and flourish.
His friendship is good
We praise him everyday."

- a) Whom do we praise everyday?
- b) Pick out two words from the extract which are opposite to each other
- c) Who is the poet of the poem?
- d) Where from has this extract been taken?
- e) What does the wind do to the weak fires?

or

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;"

- a) Find out a word from the given extract that means 'extended in different directions from a common point'.
 - b) Why did the poet feel sorry?
 - c) Where from has this extract been taken?
 - d) Where did the two roads diverge in?
 - e) Why did the poet stand long?
- 34. Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow :**

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"Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May, 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!"

It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper."

- a) What did Margie's grandfather say?
- b) Where did Margie write about this book?
 - i) on a book
 - ii) in her diary
 - iii) on a piece of paper
 - iv) on a slate
- c) Who found a real book?
 - i) Margie
 - ii) Tommy
 - iii) Both Tommy and Margie
 - iv) The author
- d) What does 'it' refer to in the first line?
 - i) a book
 - ii) a chocolate
 - iii) an ice cream
 - iv) a jacket
- e) Where from has this extract been taken?

or

“The sound of the Shehnai began to be considered auspicious. And for this reason it is still played in temples and is an indispensable component of any North Indian Wedding. In the past, the Shehnai was part of the naubat or traditional ensemble of nine instruments found at royal courts. Till recently it was used only in temples and weddings. The credit for bringing this instrument onto the classical stage goes to Ustad Bismillah Khan.” <https://www.tripuraboard.com>

- a) Find a word from the extract which means 'promising good fortune'.
- b) Who deserves the credit for bringing the shehnai onto the classical stage?
- c) Where has the extract been taken from?
- d) Why is shehnai still played in temples?
- e) What was the traditional ensemble of nine instruments found in royal courts called?

Answer any four of the following questions within 40-50 words: **3×4 = 12**

- 35. What is the theme of the poem "The Road not taken"?
- 36. What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?
- 37. What should we do to make friends with the wind?
- 38. How did Evelyn inspire the deaf children?
- 39. What does Tommy tell Margie about school?

Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words each: **3×2=6**

40. Why did the grandfather buy Toto?
41. Where did the child's parents stop and why?
42. Why did the child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words each: **6×1= 6**

43. Describe Toto's journey to Saharanpur.

or

How was the child separated from his parents?

Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words each: **6×1= 6**

44. Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think that the old kind of schools must have been fun? (2+4)

or

Write down the substance of the poem 'Wind'.

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