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PA-II / HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS (2023-24)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please check that this question paper contains 6 printed pages.
- Check that this question paper contains 15 questions.
- This paper consists of three sections:
 - Section A- Reading (20 marks)
 - Section B- Writing and Grammar (30 marks)
 - Section C- Literature (30 marks)
- Write down the Serial Number of the question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.

CLASS – VI
SUB – ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION - A (READING) (20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

(1×10=10)

1. Deep below the shiny surface of the ocean, there's a world full of wonder that we can't even imagine. Most of our planet is covered by the ocean, yet we haven't explored much of it because it is deep, tough and it's really hard to do so. More than two-thirds of the Earth is covered by the ocean. The animals have to be very clever and have great adaptation skills to survive in the ocean. Some of the animals that live really deep down are the angler fish, which has a light to help it see, and the colossal squid, which is really big and strong.
2. The ocean isn't just a home for these animals. It also controls the weather on Earth. There are big streams of water in the ocean that move heat around, which makes the weather change. Coral reefs are like the rain forests of the ocean as they house many different kinds of creatures, and they stop the shores from being washed away.
3. Scientists are trying to learn more about the ocean. They use special machines to go deep and find out what's there. By learning more about oceans, we can understand how the Earth works. But the ocean has problems. It is getting polluted, people are catching too many fish, and the Earth is getting warmer. All of this is not good for the ocean and the creatures living in it. We all need to work together to help the oceans. We can do this by not littering, being careful about how many fish we catch, and trying to take care of the Earth. If we do these things, we can make sure the ocean stays amazing and beautiful for a long time.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.

- a) State the qualities needed by animals to survive in the ocean.
- b) Pick a line that proves that the ocean covers more of the earth's surface than land.
- c) Give a reason why we haven't explored much of the ocean.
- d) Mention two animals that live deep in the ocean.
- e) State how the ocean affects the weather on Earth.
- f) Point out the importance of coral reefs.
- g) Write about any one problem that the ocean is facing.

- h) List two ways in which the ocean can be protected.
- i) Find out a word that means the opposite of 'shallow'. (Para 1)
- j) Mention the word that means same as 'make untidy'. (Para 3)

Q2. Read the poem carefully.

If you've tried and have not won,
Never stop for crying;
All that's good and great is done
Just by patient trying.
Though young birds, in flying, fall,
Still their wings grow stronger,
And the next time they can keep
Up a little longer.
Though the sturdy oak has known
Many a wind that bowed her,
The oak has risen again and grown
Loftier and prouder.
If by easy work you're beat,
Who the more will prize you?
Gaining victory from defeat,
That's the test that tries you.

Based on your understanding of the poem above, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: **(1×5=5)**

- a) The quality that the poet is trying to teach us through this poem is_____.
 - i) value of honesty
 - ii) value of patient efforts
 - iii) value of truthfulness
 - iv) value of loyalty
- b) The little birds' wings grow _____ with every fall.
 - i) weaker
 - ii) daintier
 - iii) stronger
 - iv) uglier
- c) The _____has become prouder after every challenge.
 - i) rose bush
 - ii) banyan tree
 - iii) lotus
 - iv) oak tree
- d) We should try to gain victory from _____
 - i) defeat
 - ii) success
 - iii) greed
 - iv) friendship
- e) The sturdy oak is bowed by the _____many times.
 - i) wind
 - ii) rain
 - iii) storm
 - iv) thunder

Q3. Read the following passage carefully.

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction- the floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. It is the only one such post office in the world. It is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the Western edge of the Dal Lake.

The seal used on everything posted from floating post office is unique- along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011 but then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as ‘Floating Post Office’. For the locals floating post office is more than an object of fascination. 12 crore is deposited per month in the floating post office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The great fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat business had to suffer a great loss. Rescue team had to anchor it using special machines in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the lake after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year you need a fan in this post-office.

Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option. (1×5=5)

- a. The location of the ‘Floating Post Office’ is ____
 - i) Nehru Park
 - ii) the Dal Lake in Srinagar
 - iii) Chilika Lake in Srinagar
 - iv) Tampara Lake in Srinagar
- b. Who renamed the ‘Floating Post Office’?
 - i) The chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it.
 - ii) The junior postmaster John Samuel renamed it.
 - iii) The chief postmaster G.K Samuel renamed it.
 - iv) The chief master John Samuel renamed it.
- c. The biggest boon related to the floating post office is that ____
 - i) you always need a cooler here.
 - ii) at no time of the year you need a fan in this post- office.
 - iii) you always need a fan in this post- office.
 - iv) at no time of the year do you need a stamp in this post- office.
- d. Find the synonym of ‘decreased’ from the passage.
 - i) harsh
 - ii) different
 - iii) intricately
 - iv) receded
- e. In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R).
Mark the correct choice.

Assertion(A): The ‘Floating Post Office’ is a unique one.

Reason(R): It is the only post office in the world that is on a lake.

- i) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
- ii) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
- iii) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- iv) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (30 MARKS)

Q4. You are Ritu /Rohit Mathur, the Head Girl/Boy of Model School, Kanpur. Your school is going to conduct Hobby Classes for students of Std-VI and VII . Draft a notice in about 50 words giving the details of the hobby classes. Put the notice in a box.

OR

(4 Marks)

You are Amal/Anima of STD -VI. Write an email to a friend describing how you celebrated Independence Day in your school. (50 words)

Q5. Write a story in about 120 – 150 words with the help of the clues given. Provide a suitable title and moral for your story: (8 Marks)

Old peasant _____ all his sons lazy _____ peasant dying _____ called all his sons _____ told them of secret treasure _____ hidden in the fields _____ to find it they must dig for it _____ then died _____ sons dug every bit of the land _____ no treasure found _____ sowed corn _____ a very fine crop _____ sons learnt the lesson.

OR

School life is the most unforgettable part of our life. It is a time of learning while making friends and having fun. Taking ideas from the Reader Book, Unit-3 ‘Thrill in school life’ and using the hints given below write an article to be published in your school magazine on the topic ‘Joys of school Life’ in 120-150 words.

- **A time to make friends and learn co-operation and healthy competition**
- **A time to celebrate festivals and functions.**
- **School life gives us the best memories.**
- **A time to learn proper social behaviour.**

Q6. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaning sentences. (1×3=3)

E.g - there/once/a/ was/merchant/Adilpur/in

Ans. Once there was a merchant in Adilpur.

- a) the/ inhabitants/ of/ were/ him/ proud.
- b) his/ branches/ the/of/ business/spread/ were/everywhere
- c) honest/his/was/ he/helped/neighbours/and

Q7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct modal. (1×4=4)

The world is a nice place to live in but we (a)_____ (will/ should/can) know how to live on this earth. The early man (b)_____ (can/must/could) not do much because he was ill equipped and he could not understand the secrets of nature. The modern man (c)_____ (will/shall/can) do much with the help of science. We (d)____ (may/will/should) protect nature and live in harmony with it.

Q8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. One has been done for you as an example. (1×4=4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Eg: Success are desired by all	are	is
a) To be successful at life,	a) _____	_____
b) one would be hard-working	b) _____	_____
c) and has a sound value system.	c) _____	_____
d) Those who uses time well are wise.	d) _____	_____

Q9. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the brackets. (1×4=4)

Rahul : “Where did you go in the summers holidays?”

Seema : “I visited Sujapur this year.”

Rahul : “During my last summer vacation, I visited (a) _____ (a, an, the) park in Sujapur. (b)_____ (A, An, The) park was huge in size.”

Seema : “What else did you see in the park?”

Rahul : “There were (c) _____ (more, most, many) swings and slides in it. My brother enjoyed immensely on the swings. He tried (d) _____ (many, each, all) one of them.”

Seema : “What we liked best about the park was that, it was a very clean and peaceful place.”

Q10. Do as directed.

(1x3=3)

- a) He left his room in a hurry. (Replace the underlined phrase with an adverb)
- b) March has _____ days than April. (Fill in the blank with appropriate determiner)
- c) He is going abroad, _____? (Fill in the blank with appropriate question tag)

SECTION – C (LITERATURE) (30 MARKS)

Q11. Read the extract and choose the correct option to answer the questions:

(1×4 = 4)

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

- a) Name of the poem _____.
 - i) Leisure ii) Today and Tomorrow iii) Our Tree iv) Bharat Desh
- b) Mention the figure of speech used in the second line _____.
 - i) alliteration ii) simile iii) personification iv) metaphor
- c) "Beauty" refers to _____.
 - i) Beauty of Nature ii) Beauty of buildings
 - iii) Beauty of money iv) Beauty of materialistic things.
- d) Pick out a word from the extract that means the same as "a quick look" _____.
 - i) feet ii) turn iii) beauty iv) glance

OR

Read the extract and choose the correct option to answer the questions:

We may all command the present
If we act and never wait,
But repentance is the phantom
Of a past that comes too late!

- a) Name the poem.
 - i) Today and Tomorrow ii) Leisure iii) Tomorrow and Today iv) Free Time
- b) Mention the figure of speech used in the third line _____.
 - i) simile ii) metaphor iii) alliteration iv) assonance
- c) The extract advises us to
 - i) work late ii) Wait for what tomorrow will bring
 - iii) Never complete our work iv) complete all work on time
- d) Pick out a word that means the same as "ghost".
 - i) Repentance ii) phantom
 - iii) command iv) present

Q12. Read the prose extract given below and choose the correct answer.

(1×4=4)

'What will she do without me?' he thought, 'if only I had listened to her advice.'

- (a) Who said to whom ?
 - (i) mother elephant to white elephant (ii) white elephant to the forester
 - (iii) mother elephant to forester (iv) white elephant to himself
- (b) Here, the advice is _____.
 - (i) to bring more wild fruits (ii) to help people in distress
 - (iii) not to help human beings (iv) to follow the king's instruction
- (c) The above extract expresses the speaker's _____.
 - (i) gratefulness (ii) helpfulness (iii) repentance (iv) happiness

- (d) The speaker was betrayed by _____ .
(i) the king (ii) the forester
(iii) by the band of trainers (iv) by the forester and the trainer

OR

Read the following extract carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

Today I know that physical training is as important as mental training. The reason for my dislike for gymnastics was my keen desire to serve as nurse to my father. (1x4=4)

- (a) The above extract is from the chapter _____ .
(i) The White Elephant (ii) My Experiments with Truth
(iii) The Helpful Young Man (iv) How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be
- (b) Identify 'I' in the above extract.
(i) Harish chandra (ii) Shravan kumar (iii) M.K.Gandhi (iv) The Headmaster
- (c) Find the word similar to 'eager' from the above extract.
(i) training (ii) keen (iii) dislike (iv) serve
- (d) The narrator disliked gymnastics because
(i) he wanted to study (ii) he did not want to go to school
(iii) he wanted to serve his father (iv) he wanted to play

Q13. Answer the following questions within 30-40 words : (any six) (2×6=12)

- According to the poet, 'Our Life is Poor'. Justify the statement with reference to the poem 'Leisure'.
- Mention the impact that the officer had on Little Daddy's mind. (How Daddy Decided What He Wanted To Be)
- State why Gandhiji felt ashamed of himself during his visit to South Africa. (My Experiments with Truth)
- The poem 'Today and Tomorrow' highlights the importance of time. Explain the message which the poet wants to convey through the poem.
- Draw a character sketch of the king. (The White Elephant)
- List the various professions that Daddy wanted to take up. (How Daddy Decided What He Wanted To Be)
- Describe how the present can be made a 'worthy gift' (Today and Tomorrow)

Q14. "Physical training is as important as mental training." Justify the statement with reference to the chapter "My experiments with truth". (70- 80 words) (4 Marks)

Q15. Answer the following question. (6 Marks)

Imagine that you are the white elephant. You feel guilty for not obeying your mother's instructions. Write a diary entry of your feelings of guilt and anxiety after being trapped by the King's trainers. (80-100 words)

OR

You are deeply inspired by the values that Mahatma Gandhi writes about in "My Experiments with Truth". Write a letter to a friend informing him/her of the values you have learned from the lesson. (80-100 words)
