

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR
Half Yearly Examination (2019 – 2020)

Class: IX

MM: 80

Subject: English

Time: 3 Hrs.

Name: _____ Class / Section: _____ Roll No.: _____

Fifteen Minutes Extra will be for reading the Question Paper.

General Instructions:

- I. The question paper is divided into three sections :
SECTION A: Reading 20 MARKS
SECTION B: Writing and Grammar 30 MARKS
SECTION C: Literature 30 MARKS
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. You may attempt any section at a time.
- IV. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A – (Reading) 20 marks

1. Read the passage given below:

People all over the world wash their hands with water. Using soap adds to the time spent in washing, breaks down the grease and dirt that carry most germs by facilitating the rubbing and friction that dislodge them and leaves hand smelling pleasant. Good hand washing techniques include washing your hands with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer. It has been reported that washing with soap is one of the most effective ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases. It is also the cheapest way. In addition hand washing with soap can limit the transmission of respiratory disease, a killer of children under five. More hand washing with soap would make a significant contribution to meeting the millennium development goal of reducing death among children under the age of five by two thirds by 2015.

Hand washing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases and pneumonia, which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths. Every year, more than 3.5 million children do not live to celebrate their fifth birthday because of diarrhoea and pneumonia. Yet, despite its lifesaving potential about hand washing with soap is seldom practiced and is not always easy to promote. On the other hand, lack of education about hand washing with soap not only increases the risk of diseases among children/people but also increases the number of deaths which is occurring because of less knowledge about hand washing. Pneumonia, a cute respiratory infection is the leading causes of child death.

Evidence suggests that better hygiene practices like washing hands with soap after defecation and after eating could cut the infection by about 25 percent. It seems pretty simple a step to make such a big change in the lives of the people. The best time to get accustomed to this habit is during childhood.

1.1 On the basis of your reading, complete the following statements:

1×8=8

- a. To break down grease and dirt form the hands, one should.....
- b. The advantage of washing hands with soap is

- c. The cheapest way to prevent diarrhoeal disease is.....
- d. For better hygiene practices, we should wash hands
- e. The leading causes of child death is
- f. How can the risk of diseases and deaths among children be reduced?
- g. Which is the best time to inculcate this habit?
- h. The word means the same as 'cause to pass on from one place, person or thing to another' is
(para 1)

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

1. It happens to us all, however hard we may try to delay the process. We grow old. Cosmetic surgery may remove wrinkles, skin which has suggested may be tightened by means of a facelift and a hair dresser may dye grey hair a more youthful colour, but we cannot remain young forever. Advances in medicine have made it possible for more people to stay alive longer.
2. Age brings intelligence, experience, wisdom and beauty. So why are we so scared of it? The trouble is that many of us find it impossible to relate to these worrying facts, unable to face the reality that everyday we inch ever closer to our own dotage. Our older generations experienced the majority of the most tumultuous century in human history and yet at best we infantilise, at worst outright ignore them.
3. However, what is important is the quality of life. Some people are lucky to be taken care of at home whereas others may have to move to residential homes. The worst part of ageing is that often the mind becomes less alert. As people grow older they experience short-term memory. Later, some may suffer from dementia, often in the form of Alzheimer's disease.
4. By no means are all people in this category. Many senior citizens are in the possession of all their faculties and see retirement as a time of freedom. Not only that if they have a generous retirement pension, they are likely to be quite well-off with money to be spent on a holiday and other luxuries. Because of this, both businesses and government have a new respect for what is known as grey power. By no means, however, does everyone treat the elderly with great respect.
5. There are some cultures which are noted for the great respect with which they treat old people, but many people regard the old as having a very low status in society and treat them accordingly.

2. 1. Based upon your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions : (2 X 4 =8)

- a. What does the writer imply by saying 'some people are lucky' ?
- b. Why do we have such an aversion to ageing ?
- c. What is meant by 'Grey Power'?
- d. Why is retirement considered a time of freedom?

2. 2. Answer the following questions:

(4×1 = 4)

- a. Which word in para 4 means 'liberal'?
- b. Which word in para 4 means the same as 'wealthy'?
- c. Find a word in para 4 which means similar to 'income'.
- d. Find the word opposite to 'peaceful'. (para 2)

SECTION 'B' : WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 marks)

3. Saurabh/Surabhi is quite concerned about how people pamper their pets by giving them undesirable excessive food items and by providing a very protective environment. She decides to write an article on the topic, 'Keeping pets healthy and disciplined' in 100 – 120 words. You may use the following points :

Adequate food — No over-eating — Regular medical checkup — No sweets — Lots of water — Lots of exercise — Hygienic habits

8 marks

OR

You are Parth/Prerna. You have observed that there is a craze for keeping pet dogs. People take them out on roads for defecation causing nuisance on roads and streets. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the local authorities and also of the people in general to take appropriate action to make the city a better place to live in.

4. Complete the story in 100 – 150 words, which begins as the following: 10 marks

It had rained heavily and the road was water-logged. The school was over and the students were coming out of the school gate when

OR

A small boy sitting in a park found a purse money, bank cards, etc. tempted to keep money could not decide felt guilty found the owner handed over praised and got a reward.

Q5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follow (any four) :

(1 x 4 = 4 marks)

Sabarimala is situated (a) _____ Western Ghats and is named after Sabari, the tribal woman (b) _____ in the Ramayana, (c) _____ attained salvation after (d) _____ meeting (e) _____ Ram.

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| (a) (i) on | (ii) at | (iii) in | (iv) over |
| (b) (i) mention | (ii) mentioned | (iii) mentioning | (iv) mentions |
| (c) (i) who | (ii) whose | (iii) whom | (iv) which |
| (d) (i) his | (ii) her | (iii) their | (iv) your |
| (e) (i) to | (ii) with | (iii) about | (iv) for |

Q6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. (any four)

(1 x 4 = 4 marks)

	Error	Correction
Raju was a foolish boy. She	e.g. She	He
like to seek others	(a) _____	_____
attention. He is always seeking it.	(b) _____	_____
He was the woodcutter and would go	(c) _____	_____
into the jungle too cut trees.	(d) _____	_____
One day his axe fall into the river.	(e) _____	_____

Q7. Rearrange any four of the following to form meaningful sentences:

(1 x 4 = 4 marks)

- (a) girl / Radhika / hardworking / is / a
- (b) go / wants / she / to / abroad / study / and / there
- (c) is / doctor / her / become / to / a / dream
- (d) treat / the / to / people / poor / of / her village / wants / she
- (e) to achieve / hard / she works / her goal / very

SECTION C (Literature and supplementary Reader) 30 marks

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (1 x 4 = 4 marks)

Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when the eight-year old Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. They called her name and she didn't move.

- a. What was wrong with Evelyn?
- b. Who noticed something wrong with Evelyn?
- c. How was the wrong noticed?
- d. Explain this line : 'They called her name and she didn't move.'

OR

So the swallow plucked out the Prince's eye, and flew away to the young man's garret. It was easy enough to get in, as there was a hole in the roof. Through this he darted, and came into the room. The young man had his head buried in his hands, so he did not hear the flutter of the bird's wings, and when he looked up he found the beautiful sapphire lying on the withered violets.

- a. Why did the swallow pluck the Prince's eye?
- b. Why could the young man not hear the flutter of the bird's wings?
- c. What did the young man find after waking up?
- d. What is meant by the word 'withered'?

Q9. Answer any five in 30 to 40 words: (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

- a. Who decided to improve on the quality of the 'Pungi' ? Did he succeed in his endeavour?
- b. What pleasure does one gain from the rain falling on the roof?
- c. How did Tommy describe the old kind of schools and teachers?
- d. When does the disciple remember the words of his Guru?
- e. Why does the lost child lost interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?
- f. What do the two roads represent in the poem "The Road Not Taken"?
- g. What difference did Kezia find between Mr. McDonald and her own father?

Q10. Answer the following in about 100-150 words each: [8 marks]

'A fearful situation makes us lose our senses'. Express your views with reference to 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction.

OR

What is the theme of the poem 'A legend of the North Land'?

Q11. Answer the following in about 100-150 words each: [8 marks]

Is Iswaran a fascinating story teller? Discuss elaborately in the light of the lesson "Iswaran the story teller."

OR

"Grand father was a great lover of animals". Describe in the light of the lesson 'Adventures of Toto'.
