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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

SUBJECT: ENGLISH
CLASS: VIII

Time-2HRS 30 MIN
Marks-80

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attempt all the questions.

Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

All the answers must be correctly number as in question paper.

SECTION A- READING (20 MARKS)

Q 1. Read the following passage and answers the questions given below:

What is Judo?

1. Judo has originated from Japanese word Jn jitsu. This is a martial art resembling wrestling in which the enemy is defeated without using anyweapon. In this art the opponent is over powered by bodily movements, balance and power of arms.

2. The sport started around 700. It was introduced in the year 1964 Olympics held at Tokyo. In this sport, those techniques are used by which opponents force is used to one's own advantage. In fact, it is an art for self-protection. As per rules one cannot attack on an opponent.

3. In Olympic games only six players from a country can participate. There are five categories of this sport based on respective weight group.

On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following statements:

i. The Japanese word Ju jitsu is the origin of _____.(1)

ii. In Judo the enemy is defeated only by _____.(1)

iii. The origin of Judo is estimated around _____.(1)

iv. The art is mainly used for _____.(1)

v. _____ players can participate in Olympic games from a country.(1)

vi. _____ of the players decides the categories. **(1)**

vii Find words from the passage which mean the same as: **(2 Marks)**

i. Look alike or be similar to i) _____ ii) defeated _____.

Q2.Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows- **(12 MARKS)**

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.

These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. The whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation.' In the future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think.' There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines." Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

- a) What is the greatest advancement in modern technology?
- b) What complicated works are computers capable of doing?
- c) Write one use of computer.
- d) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world?
- e) How would computers as translating machines help people?
- f) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in future?
- g) How can computers help people going on holiday?
- h) Find the words from the passage that **mean the same** as- (2)

Small, Simple

- i) Find the **opposites** of the words from the passage: (2)
 - a) prevent
 - b) incapable

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

(30 marks)

Q 3 . You are Swati/Saurabh, living in Pune. For years together you have taken fast food without knowing that it would damage your health, make you overweight and suffer from heart disease. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Editor, The Times Of India, New Delhi, expressing your ideas on the health hazards caused by eating junk food.

(7 marks)

Q 4. Write a Composition on:

'A Visit to the Hills' also mention the physical struggle and emotional experience that you underwent during your climb. **(6 marks)**

Hints: your careful and laborious training—the difficulties you faced – co-operation you received from your teammates – your thankfulness to God etc.

Q 5) Write a story on the given outline in about 150-200 words. **(7 marks)**

A farmer has a hen___ it lays a golden egg every day___ the man collects golden eggs everyday ___is very happy___ hopes to find more golden eggs _____gets impatient and greedy___ kills the hen---loses golden eggs and his precious hen____ Moral.

Q6) Re-arrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: **(1x3=3 marks)**

- a)The coconut/ is /tree/of India/considered/as auspicious/in /most part**
- b) it is called/in /South India/Green Gold.**
- c) trunk/ tall/ tree/it is a/a straight, thick and circular/with**

Q7) Turn the following into **Reported Speech**. **(1x3=3 marks)**

a)First farmer said to the officer, "Why are your men taking away the entire crop?"

The first farmer asked the officer why -----.

b) Penny said to Jody, "Will you be back before dinner?"

Penny asked Jody if -----.

c) Penny said, " Do you really want it son?"

Penny asked his son if ----- .

Q 8). There is an error in each line. Write the correct and incorrect word in your answer sheet. **(1X4 marks)**

	Incorrect	Correct
Once upon the time, a tortoise	a) -----	-----
and a hare had a argument	b)-----	-----
about who was fast. He decided	c)-----	-----
to settle the argument by a race.	d)-----	-----

SECTION C (LITERATURE -30 MARKS)

Q9) Read the stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow. **(3 marks)**

Said the Kangaroo, "I am ready!
All in the moonlight pale,
But to balance me well, dear Duck, sit steady!
And quiet at the end of my tale!"
So away they went with a hop and a bound.

And they hop the whole world three times round:
And who so happy-O who,
As the duck and the kangaroo?

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) 'I'm ready'. Who said this to whom?
- c) What time do they decide to go on a ride?

Q.10. Read the the extract and answer the questions that follows: (3 marks)

'I left on Everest a picture of Guru Nanak. Rawat left a relic of Goddess Durga. Edmund Hillary had buried a cross under a cairn (a heap of rock and stones) in the snow. These are not symbols of conquest but of reverence. The experience of having climbed to the summit changes you completely.

- a) Name the lesson.
- b) What did the writer leave on Everest?
- c) Why did the writer leave the relic on Everest?

Q.11.) Answer the following questions : (2X6=12 marks)

- a) How did the doe save Penny's life?
- b) Why did Penny Baxter allow Jody to go find the Fawn and raise it?
- c) Why did the cricket go to the ant? Did the ant help?
- d) Who was Chunnial? What did he want from Bepin Babu?
- e) What did the dogs in Galle do?
- f) Give reason why cities are where rivers run?

Q12) Answer any four questions: (2X4=8)

- a) The king had a peculiar habit. What was it? Why is it called peculiar?
- b) What was Mrs. Gupta's advice to Hafeez Contractor?
What made her advise him so?
- c) Why did the poor children have nowhere to play?
- d) Why didn't Velu want to work as ragpicker?
- e) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?

Q13. a) Give four reasons for the discontent of that led to the 1857 war of independence?

(4 marks)

OR

- b) Imagine yourself to be Bepin Babu. You are sorry for not helping a friend in need. Express your feelings in the form of Diary Entry.

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