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English
Half-Yearly Exam 2018-19
Class-VIII

Time-2:30 min

M.M- 80

1. This question paper is divided into 3 section

Section-A-Reading - 20marks

Section B- Writing & Grammar- 25 marks

Section C- Literature- 35 marks

2 Attempt all the Questions

3 All questions are compulsory

Section A- Reading

8 marks

Read the extract carefully and answer the questions briefly

1) Ngugi Wa Thiongo is a Kenyan novelist, at a time when Kenya was under the British rule from 1895 to 1963. He attended an independent mission school where the teachers were native kenyans. In 1954, however, as their answer to the local protest movement, the British look control of the school and instruction in English mandatory. In 1964, he published his well acclaimed novel, " Weep not child'. He started writing in his native language kikuyu and then translated his own works into English. He also started writing his name as James Ngugi to suggest the difference between the native language and the English language. In 1977, he was arrested because of the controversial nature of his writings that were antigovernment. Protest from International literary groups, however, led to his release after a year. He continued to write and raise his voice in response to the British colonial rule even after he left Africa for New York.

Questions

Q1 Why English eduaction was made mandatory in the missionary school? 2 marks

Q2 Ngugi was arrested because 2 marks

Q3 How did Ngugi explain the difference between the native and English? 2 marks

Q4 What led to Ngugi release from the jail? 2 marks

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2) This is the way that autumn came to the trees, It stripped them down to the skin left their ebony bodies naked. It shook out the yellow leaves which were their hearts, scattered them over the ground whoever wasted, trampled them out slope, Not a single moan of protest was heard.

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Birds that herald dreams, Became strangers to their voice, when their song was throttled,
They dropped into the dust. Even before the hunter string his bow,

Oh! God of May, have mercy, Bless these withered bodies with the passion of your
resurrection.

Make their dead veins flow with blood Give some trees the gift of green again.

Let one bird sing.

Questions 6*2 = 12

- Q1 What kind affect did autumn have on trees? 2 marks,
- Q2 Why did the birds lose their songs? 2 marks
- Q3 Explain the meaning of the line. Give some tree the gift of green again. 2 marks
- Q4 Whom does the narrator beg for money? 2 marks
- Q5 Choose a word from the poem that means 'being stranged' 2 marks
- Q6 Give an antonym of the word 'Wither' 2 marks

Section B Writing & Grammar

Q3 Imagine yourself to Arun/Aruna of class VIII. Draft a suitable notice for the school notice board for contributing generously for the flood victims of Kerela. You can add 4*1= 4

- Medicine
- Clothes
- Dry foods
- Water
- Money

Q4 Write an application to the Principal of your school and request him to fix 4 wall fans as your class is over crowded and heat is on its peak. 5*1=5

Q5 Given below is an outline of a story in which a disciple is expecting the visit of God. Develop a complete story on the basis of the input given. Write a suitable title and state the moral of the story. 6*1 =6

God's promise to a disciple to visit her _____ disciple cleans her house and waits for God _____ poor old lady Knocks the door _____ disciple doesn't

help her _____ tells her not to waste her time _____ next, beggar
comes her door step _____ she doesn't entertain him either _____
finally a child knocks her door _____ she sends him away too _____
dreams of God that night _____ God tells him that he had come thrice at her door
step, but she didn't bother _____ Laday disappoints _____ moral.

Q6 Do as directed 2*5=10

- i) Make a meaningful sentence with burnout
- ii) The earth trembled, but not many people felt the _____ (tremble) use the word as noun
- iii) I _____ cut my hair every month (had to/have to)
- iv) Break out (use the idiom in a correct meaningful sentence)
- v) Write noun form of the following words
 - Endure
 - Signify
 - Persist
 - Maintain

Section-C (Literature)

Q7 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions briefly

1*3=3

But tell me, dear cricket

Did you lay nothing by

When the weather was warm?

Quoth the cricket, Not I?

- a) Who sang day and night?
- b) Who saved nothing for the winter?
- c) What does the ant tell the cricket to do?

Q8 Read the extract given below and answer the following questions

4*1=4

"Man takes delight in overcoming obstacles. The obstacles in climbing a mountain are physical. A climb to a summit means, endurance, persistence and will power. The demonstration of these physical qualities is no doubt exhilarating as it was for me also".

- a) What are the three necessary qualities to reach the summit.

- b) The obstacles in climbing a mountain are _____
- c) Give the synonym of obstacles
- d) Why does man take delight in overcoming obstacles?

Q9 Answer the following 5*2= 10

- a) Why does Jody want to bring the fawn home?
- b) According to Maj HPS Ahluwalia, Why do people climb mountain ?
- c) Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October 1958 ?
- d) Name the people who participated in the First war of Independence Day?
- e) Who all lived in the Yala National Park?

Q10 Answer the following 4*2= 8(any four)

- a) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?
- b) How long had Velu been away from his home, when we meet him first?
- c) Why is the Giant called selfish?
- d) Hafeez Contractor wanted to join the police force. Why didn't he?

**Q11 Does the story (The Princess September) recommend the idea of birds being made pets?
5*1=5**

Q12 Why did old Mrs Connie Macpherson misunderstand the identity of her visitor? 5*1=5