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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2018-19)
CLASS – VII (Set – 1)

Maximum Marks: 80

ENGLISH

Time: 2:30 hrs

General instructions

The paper is divided into three sections – A, B and C.

Section - A Reading 20 Marks.

Section - B Writing and Grammar 25 Marks

Section - C Literature 35 Marks

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. ALL THE QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSARY
2. ATTEMPT ANY ONE COMPLETE SECTION AT A TIME
3. ALL THE QUESTION ATTEMPTED OF ANY SECTION SHOULD BE IN CORRECT ORDER.
4. STUDENT MUST STRICTLY FOLLOW THE WORD LIMIT
5. CHECK THAT THE PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE SECTIONS INCLUDING Q.1 to Q.14

SECTION A READING 20 MARKS

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given: (8M)

Versailles is the site of the Palace of Versailles, one of the most storied buildings in the history of France. It was originally built as a hunting chateau by King Louis VIII in 1624. In 1669, King Louis XIV began searching for a grand site where he could conduct the affairs of France and control the government. He settled on the hunting palace and expanded it into the world's largest palace. In addition, the King hoped to build a governmental center apart from Paris. The palace took 36,000 workers and fifty years to build. The palace is spread out over 280 acres and can house 20,000 people. The palace features over 700 rooms and 67 staircases. There are dozens of unique rooms, features, gardens, and halls. One of the most renowned rooms of the Palace of Versailles is the Hall of Mirrors. Recently restored, the Hall of Mirrors is the centerpiece of the dazzling building. Originally added to the palace in 1684, the Hall of Mirrors was built to be a dazzling display of the power and wealth of the French Monarchy. The hall, which measures 73 meters in length, features 357 gold-coated stucco mirrors, ornate paintings, crystal chandeliers, marble fixtures, a parquet floor, and ceilings with colorful murals painted by artist Charles Le Brun. The Hall of Mirrors has also played a prominent role in history. Both the Proclamation of the German Empire in 1871 after the Franco-Prussian War, and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles that formally ended World War One were signed there.

On the basis of the passage, answer the following questions.

- i. When was the palace of Versailles originally built? 1
- ii. The palace took _____ workers and fifty years to build. 1
- iii. The palace of Versailles can hold _____ people. 1
- iv. What is Versailles famous for? 2
- v. Write two historic events related with Versailles. 2

- vi. Find the word from the passage which means same as 'decorative' 1

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given: (12 M)

An Autobiography of Jawaharlal Nehru

1. In May 1905, when I was fifteen, we set sail for England. Father, Mother and I all went together. On a May Day towards the end of the month, we reached London. While I was in the train from Dover to London, I read about the great sea victory at Tushima. I was in high spirits because the very next day happened to be Derby Day and we went to see the race. I remember meeting M.A. Ansari soon after our arrival at London. He was then a smart and clever young man with a record of brilliant academic achievement behind him. He was a surgeon at that time in a hospital in London.
2. I was a little fortunate in finding a vacancy at Harrow, for I was slightly above the usual age for entry, being 15. My family returned to India after some months.
3. Never before had I been left among strangers all by myself and I felt lonely and homesick, but not for long. I managed to fit myself to some extent in the life at school and work and play kept me busy. I was never an exact fit. Always I had a feeling that I was not one of them, and the others must have felt the same way about me. I was left a little to myself. But on the whole I took my full share in the games, without in any way shining at them. I believe, it was recognized that I was no shirker.
4. To begin with, I was put in a lower grade because of my poor knowledge of Latin, but I was pushed higher up soon. In many subjects probably, and especially in general knowledge I was ahead of those of my age.

Now answer the following questions:

i) Fill in the blanks with appropriate answers.

(8 Marks)

- a) Nehru went from Dover to London by _____.
- b) Nehru was in high spirits on reaching London because _____.
- c) Nehru considered himself fortunate in finding a vacancy at Harrow because _____.
- d) After his admission to Harrow, his family _____.
- e) At Harrow he felt _____ and _____.
- f) Nehru spent his time in school at _____ and _____.

ii) Fill in the blanks with one word only. $4 \times 1/2 = (2 \text{ Marks})$

In May 1905, Jawaharlal Nehru and his parents went from Dover to (a) _____. There they met (b) _____, a surgeon in a London hospital. Jawaharlal Nehru got his admission in Harrow. He felt lonely but work kept him (c) _____. He learnt Latin and was (d) _____ of his peers in General Knowledge.

iii) Find words from the paragraphs given in the brackets that mean the following: (2 Marks)

- a) One who does operations: (Para 1).
- b) A person whom you do not know (Para 3).

SECTION B

WRITING & GRAMMAR

(25M)

Q3. You are the Head Girl/Boy of your school. Inform the students about the painting competition to be held in school on 28th October 2018. Draft a **notice** in about 50 words giving all the necessary details. (4 M)

OR

You receive a telephone call from your mother's office when she is not at home. You have the following conversation with the speaker. But you have to go for your tuition class. So you leave a message for your

mother. Write the **message** within 50 words using the information given below. Do not add any new information. (4M)

Ambuj: Hello!

Mr Rastogi: Hello! May I speak with Ms Dixit please? I am Naresh Rastogi from the office.

Ambuj: Mom's not at home right now.

Mr Rastogi: In that case can you give her a message? It is urgent. Please tell her that the meeting fixed for tomorrow has been rescheduled. Ask her to check her mail as soon as possible for the details. Please don't forget to inform her.

Ambuj: Don't worry. I will tell her as soon as she returns.

Q4. Your father has been transferred to Chennai. Write an **application** to the Principal of your school asking him to issue you a Transfer Certificate. (5M)

OR

Write a **paragraph** in about 80 words on **The Importance of Homework**. (5M)

Q5. Read the outline of the story given below. Write the **story** in 100 words. Give the title as **The sly old tiger**. Write the moral of the story. (6M)

A tiger grew old and weak – could not hunt--got a gold bangle in the woods – sat beside the road with it – showed it to passers by – said he knew where many such bangles lay hidden – no one believed – ran away in fear – at last a greedy man came – tempted by the bangles – agreed to go with the tiger – took him to a pond- man entered the pond – caught and killed by the tiger.

Q6. Complete the sentences using the phrases given below. (4x1 = 4 M)

Look up,	Look into,	Look after,	Look out,	Look in.
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a. The police are _____ the matter thoroughly.

b. After a very long spell of heat, the weather is _____ at last.

c. I will _____ the children for you, when you are away.

d. _____ when you are crossing the road.

Q7. Write 2 rhyming words for each of the following. (4x1=4 M)

a) Apply _____

b) Book _____

Q8. Rearrange the following words/ phrases to make meaningful sentences. (2x1=2M)

a) was / father / given / my/ gift / a / free / company / the / by

b) dress / on / this / beautiful / looks / you

SECTION C LITERATURE (35M)

Q9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow (3x1 = 3 M)

Trees make mothers say,
"What a lovely picture to point!"
Trees make fathers say,
"What a lot of leaves to rake this fall!"

- What do mothers appreciate about the trees?
- Why do the fathers worry?
- What does **fall** mean?

Q10. Read the paragraph and answer the question that follows. (4x1=4 M)

The old man, being a rice farmer, went daily with hoe or spade into the fields, working hard from morning until O Tonto Sama had gone down behind the hills. Every day the dog followed him to work, never once harming the heron that walked in the footstep of the old man to pick up the worms. For the old fellow was patient and kind to everything that had life, and often turned up a sod on purpose to give food to the birds.

- Where did the farmer go daily?
- What was the name of the dog?
- What came to pick up the worms?
- How was the old farmer?

Q11. Answer the questions that follow. (Any FIVE) (5x2=10 M)

- How did the spirit of the dog help the farmer first?
- What was the author's opinion about Mr. Gessler as a boot maker?
- Who was the bearded man? Why had he come to the forest?
- Why did the king want no more talk about the hilsa fish?
- What did the king ask Gopal to do to prove that he was clever?
- What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?

Q12. Answer the questions given below. (Any FOUR) (4x2=8 M)

- Why did Kari push his friend into the stream?
- A camel can do without water for days together. What is the reason given in the text?
- Why do the worker ants carry the grubs about?
- Why did Soapy want to go to Blackwell's Island?
- Name two things that an elephant can do with its nose.

Q13. What was the hermit's answer to the three questions? Write each answer separately. (5M)

OR

Do you think Mr. Gessler was a failure as a boot maker or as a competitive businessman? (5M)

Q14. How different was Soapy's early life from the present? (5M)

OR

Describe a desert in our own way. (5M)