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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

CLASS – X
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MM: 80
TIME: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

THE PAPER IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS:

SECTION A: READING	20 MARKS
SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR	30 MARKS
SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT	30 MARKS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- i) All questions are compulsory.
- ii) You may attempt any section at a time
- iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A(READING:20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

1. A fitness freak, aware of the havoc sugar can play on her health religiously avoided pastries and aerated drink. What the 30-year-old did not know was that her daily diet starting from her breakfast cereal to the cookies she munched in the evenings included (hidden sugar).
2. Medical experts say several people are unaware of the amount of such free sugars they consume everyday. Keeping this in mind, WHO has recommended that adults and children reduce their daily sugar intake to less than 10% of their energy intake.
3. And doctor are pushing public health interventions such as mandatory nutrition labeling of food products, restricting marketing to children of food and non-alcoholic drinks high in free sugar and dialogue with food manufacturer to reduce free sugars in processed food.
4. “Much of the sugars consumed today are “hidden” in processed food that are not usually seen as sweets. For example, 1 tea spoon of ketchup contains around 4 g (around 1 tea spoon of free sugar). Excess consumption of these empty calories increases insulin levels, messes with your metabolism, turns into belly fat and boosts odds of tooth decay and heart disease”, says a doctor. So a further reduction to below 5% or roughly 6 tea spoons a day would provide additional health benefits.
5. A consultant nutritionist said added sugars contain a bunch of calories with no essential nutrients.
6. “There are no proteins, essential fats, vitamins or minerals in sugar. When people eat up to 10-20% of calories as sugar, this can become a major problem and contribute to nutrient deficiencies,” she warned.
7. Eating healthy means choosing different types of food throughout the day and to get the nutrients you need, such as vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates and fiber. The diet should be balanced.
8. “It is essential to read food labels before buying the product. It can help you decide what to choose as part of a healthy plan,” she said.

9. The Food and Drug Administration and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India recommended that all food labels show the nutrition and health information to allow consumers to compare different foods and make the right choice.

Complete the following statements with words/phrases from the passage: (8 marks)

- (a) To avoid health issues a avoided pastries and aerated drinks.
(b) is present in all the items we eat from morning to evening every day.
(c) WHO recommends to less than 10% of their energy consumption.
(d) Doctors want food products to be mandatory.
(e) contains hidden sugar which we do not consider as sweets.
(f) Sugar does not contain any that our body needs.
(g) On a daily basis one should eat a diet.
(h) Food label will help consumers before buying them.

Q2) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

(12 marks)

Adoption means establishing a bond between couples (the adopters) and a child the (adoptee) which is legally, socially and morally equivalent to that between parents and their biological children. The adoptive couples assume the same rights and responsibilities in relation to the child as in a biological relationship and so does the adopted child towards their adopted parents. Adoption has been prevalent in India since ancient times. However, until the recent past, it has been mainly to fulfill the needs of the parents, i.e., to have a male child to perform the last rites, or to acquire an heir to inherit the family name and property. Today, when a couple decides to adopt, the above reasons continue to be a major motivating factor. Almost equally potent is the desire to avoid the stigma attached to barrenness. However more couples are now having reservations about adopting a child whose parents are known to them and are instead seeking children whose background they may have little or no information. This is to avoid divided loyalties and possible interference in the care and upbringing of the child they adopt. While India continues to have a high birth rate, there are also thousands of couples who are childless. In their desperation to become parents, they go from pillar to post and frequently spend thousands of rupees in trying out various methods like in vitro fertilization, which still have a very low success rate. Many approach hospitals and private nursing homes and with the active assistance of medical and other staff, obtain unwanted children born therein, often clandestinely. Unfortunately not many people seem to be aware of the existence of destitute children in institutions, languishing for want of a loving home, or that there are competent child welfare organizations which can help them to fulfill their desire for a child at the same time ensuring that their interests and those of the child are fully protected from all angles, including the important aspect of confidentiality.

Details about such organizations are available with the State Department of directorate of Social Welfare, and couples seriously considering adoption would do better to approach only such organizations rather than depending on the dubious and unreliable assistance of unauthorized persons in hospitals and nursing homes. In a metropolitan city like Mumbai, there has been an encouraging rise in the number of legal Indian adoption taking place from less than 25 adoptions a year from 1970 to 279 in 1990.

Q2.1. Based on the reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- a) What is Adoption? Explain.
b) What was the reason for adoption until the recent past?
c) Which important aspect makes the child welfare organizations reliable?
d) Where are the details about competent child welfare organizations available?

Q2.2. Find words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following: (1x2=2)

- i) done secretly
- ii) blot/a mark of disgrace

Q2.3. Find words from the passage which are antonyms of the following: (1x2=2)

- i) lethargic
- ii) reliable

SECTION B -WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q.3) Complete the following story in about 200-250 words. (10 Marks)

" It was Monday----the he hated most. He woke up grudging the day ahead ,if only today was a Sunday. Suddenly it started raining again. Now confused....

Q.4) You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper about the nuisance created by stray animals. Sign your name as Kirti /Krishnan. (8 Marks)

Q.5) Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with one word.

Even (a)_____ online buying on platforms like Flipkart, Amazon, Snapdeal get attractive, there are increasing risks(b)_____ shortcomings which few buyers are aware (c)_____ and fewer still don't care about what (d)-----buy. (4 Marks)

Q.6) In the passage given below, there is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (4 Marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
Firozabad is famous for their	a) _____	_____
glass bangle. Every other family in	b) _____	_____
Firozabad is engaged with making	c) _____	_____
bangles. There is the centre in India's	d) _____	_____
glass-blowing industry when families	e) _____	_____
have spend generations working	f) _____	_____
around the furnaces. Even children worked	g) _____	_____
near the glass furnaces of high temperature.	h) _____	_____

Q.7) Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. (4 Marks)

- a) went/Roshan/last/to/school/week/long/after/a/break.
- b) had/been/He/from/suffering/Jaundice.
- c) He/was/to/asked/monitor/strictly/diet/his/the/by/doctor.
- d) Now/hale/hearty/he/and/is.

SECTION C -LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT (30 MARKS)

Q.8) A Read the stanza of the poem and answer the questions that follow. (4 Marks)

*Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.*

- (a) What is the colossal wreck mentioned in the passage?
- (b) What does the term "Wreck" tell us?
- (c) Where was the statue located?
- (d) What literary device does the poet use in the last line?

OR

Q.8) B "I'll tell you what I've got to do. On Monday next I've got to do three things. I've got to go to the lawyer and alter my will, and I've got to go to the insurance office and pay my premium; and I've got to go to St. Phillip's Church and get married."
(4 Marks)

- a) Who is speaking to whom?
- b) What three things he is going to do on Monday?
- c) Why will he go to St. Phillip's church?
- d) Write the name of the Dramatist?

Q.9. Answer any **four** of the following questions in 30 -40 words **(8 Marks)**

- a) Describe the Ancient mariner?
- b) Why was the author surprised to see Nicola and Jacopo working as shoe shine boys?
- c) Why did Mrs. Packletide wish to kill a tiger?
- d) How do you know Ali was a familiar figure at the post office?
- e) What is your impression of Ozymandias as a king?

Q.10 a) What is the social message of the play, 'The Dear Departed'? **(8 Marks)**

OR

b) 'Ozymendias' and 'Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments' are on Time. Compare the Two sonnets in terms of the way in which time is treated by the poets. Write your answer in about 150 words.

Q.11. Answer any one of the following questions based on the long reading text in a paragraph of about 150-200 words.

(10 Marks)

- a) Write a brief character sketch of **Mr. Keith**. What role did he play in the life of Keller

OR

- b) Helen's teacher was everything for her' Elucidate.

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