

- d. Do not lean ____ the wall.
- e. This is a story ____ animals.
- f. The train went ____ the tunnel.
- g. What is the time ____ your watch?
- h. The little child fell ____ the pond.
- i. There is something moving ____ the curtain.
- j. I met her ____ the post office.

IX. Do as directed : (10)

- a. Have you read Tagore's poems? (Identify the kind of sentence)
- b. The girls were preparing for the dance. (Underline the subject and circle the predicate)
- c. I last spoke to him yesterday. (Underline the adverb and state its kind)
- d. Going to an amusement park is _____ than going to a movie. (Fill in with the correct degree of the adjective 'entertaining')
- e. The pair of blue shorts ____ missing from the cupboard. (is/are)
- f. Shobha's family will be happy to know that ____ has won the first prize for ____ painting of Mother Teresa. (Fill in with appropriate pronouns)
- g. A ____ of dacoits looted the temple. (group / gang)
- h. Bring out the knife and fork. (Change to plural)
- i. The leaning tower of pisa is located in italy. (Punctuate the sentence)
- j. The daughter of my sister is down with fever. (Change the gender)

Half Yearly Examination - 2018-19

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class : IV

Time : 2 Hrs. + 15 min

Full Marks : 80

- I. Write a composition on any one of the following topics: (15)
 - a. Describe your favourite festival for which you wait desperately for the whole year.
 - b. Imagine that you have won the Spell Bee Competition at the State Level and you were invited to receive the prize from the Chief Minister of the State. Relate your experience.
 - c. If you could visit any country in the world, where would you go? What would you do there?
 - d. Describe an incident when you were left alone at home.
- II. Write a letter on any one of the following topics: (10)
 - a. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting her to allow you to visit the coin museum in your town. State the reason for your request.
 - b. Write a letter to your Class Teacher requesting her to allow you to stay in the class during recess. Give reasons for the same.
- III. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (30)

One day, while the princes of Hastinapur were playing as usual, their ball fell into an old well in a corner of the garden. The boys stood around the well and looked

into it. They could see the ball but had no idea how to get it.

As they stood there trying to decide what to do, they saw walking towards them a small, dark-skinned Brahmin they had never seen before.

The stranger came up to them and asked them about their problem. "We've lost our ball", said the boys. "It fell into the well while we were playing and now we cannot get it out!"

The dark stranger smiled. "Surely that is not difficult for boys so well trained in archery", he said, and his eyes seemed to mock them. "Archery?" They asked laughing. "What has archery got to do with getting a ball out of a well, O Brahmin?"

"Everything", answered the stranger, smiling. "Everything, as you will see now! Get me an arrow." But the princes had no arrows with them. "No matter", said the stranger. "Go, get me from the field, a few good, strong stems of bamboo growing there."

The boys ran off to do as they were told. Then they stood around him, watching with great attention. The stranger chose the longest and strongest of the bamboo stems. Then saying a prayer he shot it forth.

The bamboo stem streaked into the well with the speed of lightning, striking the ball in such a manner that it bounced out of the water, hit the wall of the well, then bounced back off the side and up in the air! The Brahmin caught the ball as it rose, and handed it back to the astonished boys.

They stared at him in wonder. Then Yudhishtira, the oldest of the princes, said, "There's a ring too in the

- vi. Pick out two of each (4)
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| a. proper noun | c. adjective |
| b. preposition | d. adverb |

- IV. Complete the table : (3)

<u>Positive</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
1. _____	_____	tallest
2. _____	happier	_____
3. wise	_____	_____

- V. Complete the proverb : (1)

a. actions speak _____

- VI. Complete the smiles : (1)

a. as busy _____ b. as cunning _____

- VII. Change the tense of the following sentences as mentioned in the bracket : (5)

a. I pray before going to school. (Simple past tense)

b. India played a match against Australia.
(Future continuous tense)

c. I play chess every evening with my father.
(Simple future tense)

d. My teacher coaxes us to write neatly.
(Past continuous tense)

e. Water boiled at 100°C (Simple present tense)

- VIII. Fill in with appropriate prepositions : (5)

a. I am looking ____ my little dog.

b. I received a letter ____ Karan.

c. Sheela is standing ____ the car.

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This time he cut a deep notch into it. That done, he drew his bow and shot the bamboo stem down into the well. Once more the boys saw it speeding down. They saw it strike the earth through the ring, so that the ring was caught in the notch. The stem stuck in the mud and stood upright.

Then the man sent other bamboo stems one by one after it, after carefully cutting notches into each. So well were the bamboo stems aimed that each stem struck the notch of the one before, and stuck fast into it. Thus, stem made a long line of arrows with which he was able to pull out the ring.

"Bravo!" cried the delighted princes. "You're truly a great archer. What is your name, stranger?" But the stranger only shook his head and smiled.

"Go home", he told them. "And tell your grand-Uncle what you've seen." The young princes ran off to tell Bhishma all that had happened.

Bhishma knew at once that this man who had come to their palace was no ordinary archer. He was sure that the stranger was Dronacharya, who was believed to have learnt archery from the Gods in heaven. He hurried down to the garden and was very happy to find that his guess had been correct.

Bhishma knew that there was no one in the world who could equal Drona as an archer.

Bhishma at once asked Drona to teach the royal princes and Drona agreed. From then on, Drona stayed

in the royal palace at Hastinapur as the teacher of the princes.

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 - a. A sport using bows and arrows
 - b. To laugh or make fun of
 - c. To move very quickly
 - d. To be greatly surprised
 - e. To go by quickly
- ii. Answer the following questions : (2x5=10)
 - a. Whose ball fell and where?
 - b. Who helped the princes to get back their ball and how?
 - c. How did Yudhishtira get back his ring and how?
 - d. Who was the young princes' Grand-uncle? What about the great archer was he sure of?
 - e. Who was the stranger? What, according to you, was the great skill shown by him?
- iii. Give the antonyms of the following words: (2)
 - a. smiled b. corner c. laughing d. stranger
- iv. Make sentences with the following words : (6)
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