

**Half Yearly Examination - 2018-19**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

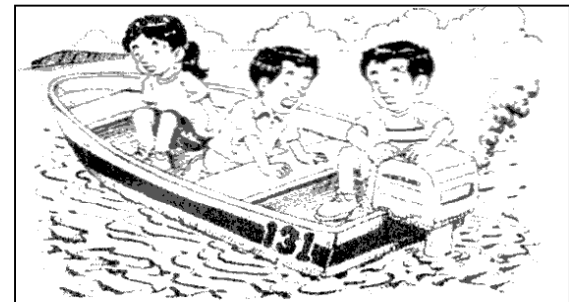
**Class : VII**

**Time : 2 Hrs. + 15 min**

**Full Marks : 80**

Q1. Write a composition of (250-300) words on any one of the following : (20)

- a. You have travelled with a school party to another town for a picnic. After seeing the sights before lunch, you slip into a shop to eat ice cream; when you come back, your group has disappeared. Describe your attempt to find the group, how you spent the rest of the time, how you got home, and what the others had done in the meantime.
- b. Explain how your mother has influenced your life. Refer to relevant incidents to show how the actions of your mother and her example have affected your life.
- c. Write a short story that ends with “..... I could hardly believe that this could happen to me.”
- d. Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, but there must be some connection between the picture and the composition.



Q2. Select one of the following : (10)

- a. You wish to become an actor, while your parents want you to become a doctor. Write a letter to your mother, giving reasons why you should be allowed to pursue your ambition.
- b. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern on price rise causing inconvenience to the common man.

Q3. a. Write a notice for the school notice board, (5)

informing the students about the 'Literature Fest' to be organised in your school. Request the students of VII to X who are interested in participating in the various events, to submit their names to you. Give all the necessary details

- b. Write an e-mail to the famous literary person, requesting him to be the Guest of Honour at the 'Literature Fest' to be organised in your school. Use the details given in Q3.(a) (5)

Q4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The word motel is derived from two words-motor and hotel. It had its origin in the early days of motoring; traveller weary after a day's journey sought some shelter for the night in a farmer's stable and was willing to pay a small fee for the accommodation. Today the roads of America are lined with motels, and millions use them every night.

There are many kinds of motels. Some of them are imitations of "English villages" with thatched roofs. Some are attractive log cabins of American origin. Some are set up in the style of Spanish estates, some look

one's eye's and one's ears is the width of four fingers. Your Majesty," said Birbal \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_ (grin).

b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : (4)

- i. Inflation brought \_\_\_\_\_ our standard of living.
  - ii. The burglars broke \_\_\_\_\_ our shop.
  - iii. There was a dispute \_\_\_\_\_ the father and the son.
  - iv. The child is hard \_\_\_\_\_ hearing.
  - v. Malaria has broken \_\_\_\_\_ in the town.
  - vi. The hunger strike was called \_\_\_\_\_ last night.
  - vii. The old man was run \_\_\_\_\_ by a truck.
  - viii. We shall discuss this matter \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea.
- c. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. (8)
- i. As soon as the clock struck one, the mouse ran up the clock. (Begin : No sooner....)
  - ii. She is too clever to fall in your trap. (Use 'so.... that')
  - iii. Who can believe her story?  
(Change into Assertive sentences)
  - iv. No other planet is as big as Jupiter.  
(Use 'biggest')
  - v. The tree is so tall that this child cannot climb it.  
(Rewrite using the adverb 'too')
  - vi. in fact i am quite unhappy with her result  
(Punctuate the sentence)
  - vii. I got the message. Immediately, I went to his house.  
(Re-write as one sentence, using 'as soon as.....')
  - viii. Crossing the road carelessly is dangerous.  
(Begin : It is .....)

like Eskimo igloos. Motels can be simple shacks with bare floors and rudimentary furnishings, or luxurious place offering accommodation of the standard of a five star hotel. In the far West, where they have reached their highest development, many are located around palm-clad swimming pools and have their own restaurants. Some have facilities for doing the traveller's laundry while he sleeps, and servicing his car during the night. Most have attractive gardens with tables and chairs under trees, where the motorist spends a pleasant hour before going to bed.

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- a. Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage : (3)
  - i. weary    ii. located    iii. advantage
- b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words : (2x5=10)
  - i. How did the motel originate?
  - ii. How can you conclude that motels are popular today?
  - iii. As far as the appearance is concerned, state the four types of motels which are popular.
  - iv. How do some motels differ from others?
  - v. How is it possible to have the freedom of movement in a motel?

- c. Make sentences with : (4)
  - i. journey    ii. luxurious
- d. Identify the following parts of speech from the passage : (½x6=3)
 

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nouns \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

prepositions \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs : (4)
 

Present	Past	Past Participle
i. _____	_____	driven
ii. _____	taught	_____
iii. _____	_____	bought
iv. blow	_____	_____
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well-one that I lost some days ago. Could you get it out for me as you got the ball?" "Nothing easier!" laughed the stranger. He picked up the bow and chose another bamboo stem.

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.

- i. Find the words from the passage which mean the following : (5)
  - 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)
  - a. problem    b. caught    c. strongest
- v. Give the synonyms of the following words : (3)
  - a. stranger    b. delighted    c. ordinary