

**Half Yearly Examination - 2018-19**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Class : VIII**

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

**Full Marks : 80**

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Write a composition on any one of the following: (20)

- a. The cell phone is an important part of everyday life now. Do you think it is possible to survive without using it? Validate your opinion with real life experiences.
- b. We all remember our childhood in bits and parts. What is the one memory of your childhood that you can never forget? What had happened and how did you feel about it then and what are your feelings regarding it today?
- c. Imagine that the roles of people in your house have changed. Your parents have become the children and you have become the parent. How would you go about your day? What do you think your parents would do? How would you react?
- d. What is your favourite part of the day? Talk about how much you look forward to it and your feelings when it finally arrives and your feelings when it ends.
- e. Write an original short story which begins – “I was very angry with my best friend and had decided never to talk to her or him ...“

Question 2

Select any one of the following: (10)

- a. Write a letter to the principal of your school requesting her to increase the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time from ten minutes to thirty minutes stating reasons why you want to increase DEAR time.

- b. Your friend has been avoiding your company since the past two weeks. Write a letter to him or her asking for the reason of such behaviour, the effect it is having on you and how much you would like things to go back to normal.

Question 3 (10)

- a. On behalf of the Librarian of your school, draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board, informing the students of classes IX and X to return all the library books before October 10th, 2018 and in case of failure to do so, they will not be allowed to appear in the Final Exams.
- b. Write an email to the Class Teachers of classes IX and X, requesting them to inform their students about returning their library books. Use the details given in Q.3 (a).

Question 4

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

In India, the use of robots in surgeries is still at an early stage, but it has already been hailed as the future of surgical procedures.

In a robotic surgery, robotic arms and instruments are inserted into the human body through a 5-10 mm hole. The surgeon takes his position in front of a computer and gives instructions. These instructions are transmitted to the robotic arms, which actually carry out the surgical steps on the body. So, in a way, the surgery is a joint operation by the surgeon and the robot.

Robotic surgery has several advantages over normal mechanical surgery. The range of movement robotic arms can manage is not possible to achieve with human wrists and fingers. Since the surgeon is all the time

- c. Join the sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and' 'but' or 'so'. (4)

- i. He is very honest. He does not keep other people's money.
- ii. He passed the examination. He won a scholarship.
- iii. The soldier saved the girl. Otherwise she would have drowned.
- iv. He died suddenly. This was a great shock to the family.
- d. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given. (8)
- i. Cell phones are more reliable than landline phones. (Begin: Landline phones.....)
- ii. He is very tired. He cannot even stand. (Use : so....that....)
- iii. He sang like a trained singer. (Use : as if)
- iv. "It may rain this evening," said the mother. (Begin : The mother said that....)
- v. Although he was selected for the post, he did not join the office. (Begin : Despite.....)
- vi. He received a telegram and immediately came to see me. (Begin : No sooner....)
- vii. He didn't know where John was and I didn't either. (Use : Neither....nor)
- viii. I got all the information I needed from Jess. (Begin : Jess....)

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India offers reliable robotic surgery which is 60 to 80 per cent cheaper as compared to prevailing rates in the US. So India is gradually becoming a preferred destination on the medical tourism map. The number of international patients visiting India for robotic surgery is slowly but steadily on the rise. However, the number of Indian surgeons who have made their mark in robotic surgery is not very large because our educational institutions lack facilities to impart the specialised knowledge or the specialised practical training required for it.

- a. Give the meaning of each of the following words or phrases as used in the passage. (3)
  - i. surgery
  - ii. inserted
  - iii. impart
- b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:
  - i. How is the surgery a joint operation by the surgeon and the robot? (2)
  - ii. Why is India becoming a preferred destination on the medical tourism map? (2)
  - iii. Why haven't Indian surgeons made a mark in robotic surgery? (2)
  - iv. What are the two advantages of the surgery taking place through a 5-10 mm hole? (2)

- v. What is steadily increasing in India as far as robotic surgery is concerned? (1)
- c. In not more than 50 words, write about the various advantages that robotic surgery has over mechanical surgery. (8)

#### Question 5

- a. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. (4)

Strange lands have strange customs. For example, in the Solomon Island in the South Pacific some villagers practise a unique form of logging. If a tree is too large to be \_\_\_1\_\_\_ (fell) with an axe, the natives cut it down by \_\_\_2\_\_\_ (yell) at it. Woodsmen with special powers \_\_\_3\_\_\_ (creep) up on a tree at dawn and start \_\_\_4\_\_\_ (scream) at it loudly. This is \_\_\_5\_\_\_ (continue) for a month. It \_\_\_6\_\_\_ (believe) that after 30 days the tree \_\_\_7\_\_\_ (die) and falls over. According to the villagers, this method \_\_\_8\_\_\_ (work) since the beginning.

- b. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word (4)
  - i. My old shoes are falling \_\_\_\_\_, so I'll have to get some new ones.
  - ii. I have to hand \_\_\_\_\_ my assignment by Friday.
  - iii. Please turn the television \_\_\_\_\_ while the guests are here.
  - iv. Sunita held \_\_\_\_\_ her tears at her grandfathers funeral.
  - v. Manoj can be trusted \_\_\_\_\_ complete the work \_\_\_\_\_ time.
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