

HALF YEARLY EXAM: 2023

English Grammar

Class 8th

M.M. 50

X. Read the following passage and answer :

Did you know that bears sleep all winter? When he has eaten all he wants, he snuggles down right inside a nice cozy hole with his warm fur and thick layer of fat , there is no danger of him becoming cold . The ermine , or a weasel that lives in Northern Regions, which is a small animal with long body and tail and short legs, and feeds on rats, mice and birds , does not hibernate. But it is very smart . In summer , its fur is brown but in winter , it has the most beautiful coat of white fur except for the black tip of its tail. (This helps it to hide itself from its enemies against the white back ground of snow .)

- 1) What is an Ermine ?
- 2) What does a bear do all winter ?
- 3) Why is there no fear of a bear feeling cold ?
- 4) How does the white fur help ermine ?
- 5) What term is used to describe a winter sleep ?

II. Write an essay on "Home life is better than Hostel life .

III. Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper on issue of beggar menace.

IV. a) Write the comparative and superlative of : hot , bright , noisy

b) Write two words of the following prefix: mis , re

c) Write one word substitution:

1) Person skilled in many languages.

2) One who runs away from justice on the law.

V. What are adjectives kinds of adjectives? two examples each.

VI. a) Fill in the blanks with correct adjective form of words given :

- 1) Our neighbour has a job (transfer)
- 2) The man committed a act (coward)
- 3) The mosquito is a insect (harm)

b) Rewrite the sentence placing the adverb given in correct place:

1) He is not intelligent to understand this chapter . (enough)

2) It has been cold. (extremely)

3) She is kind to everyone .(almost)

c) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instruction given:

1) She told my father that my mother was ill.

(begin : She said to

2) People speak English all over the world .

(Begin : English.....

3) Tell him to leave the room at once.

(Begin : Let

4) Who has cheated you? End :..... Cheated?

5) The question is difficult? (use easy)

- 6) Every dark cloud has a silver lining (use without)
- 7) He is the tallest man in the village .(Begin : No man
- 8) The fog was too thick to drive . (remove too).....

-VII. a) Transform the following Interrogative into Assertive .

1. Are there any short cuts to success?
2. Is there any man who does not make mistakes?

b) Change the following sentence from exclamatory to assertive:

- 1) How sweet the rose smells!
- 2) What a silly mistake you have made!

c) Change from assertive to exclamatory

- 1) The statue of liberty looks so beautiful on a moonlit night .
- 2) It is indeed a pity that India is still reeling under poverty .

d) Change the Degree of comparison of the following sentences to the degree given in the bracket.

- 1) Sachin is one of the best batsman of the world (comparative)
- 2) Shimla is cooler than Dehradun . (Positive)

e) Identify the onomatopoeic words in the following sentences.:

- 1) The sack fell into the river with a splash.
- 2) My brother can burp the alphabet.
- 3) The swamp frogs croaked in unison.

f) Underline the oxymoron in the following sentences :

- 1) Paid volunteers are working for the NGO.
- 2) The scientist was asked to give his unbiased opinion
- 3) This is a genuine imitation Rolex watch.

VIII. a) Change the following into passive:

- 1) Someone has opened the safe.
- 2) Mr. Singh will serve the guests himself.

b) Change the following into active:

- 1) Rice is grown by some farmers.
- 2) Nectar is collected by bees.

c) Write the antonyms : literate , abundance

d) Write the synonyms: authentic , confidence

e) Complete the similies :

- 1) As dark as
- 2) As Firm as

f) Make sentences with the Proverbs:

- 1) A bad workman blames his tools .
- 2) Let by gones be by gones.