

Half Yearly Examination 2025-26

Class - VIII

Subject - English Language

Time : 2:00 hrs.

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* All the questions are compulsory. The question paper has been divided into two parts Section A and B. Both parts are compulsory.

* First 15 minutes will be given only for reading the question paper.

* Do not right anything on the question paper except your roll number and name.

Section A

Q1. Multiple Choice question :

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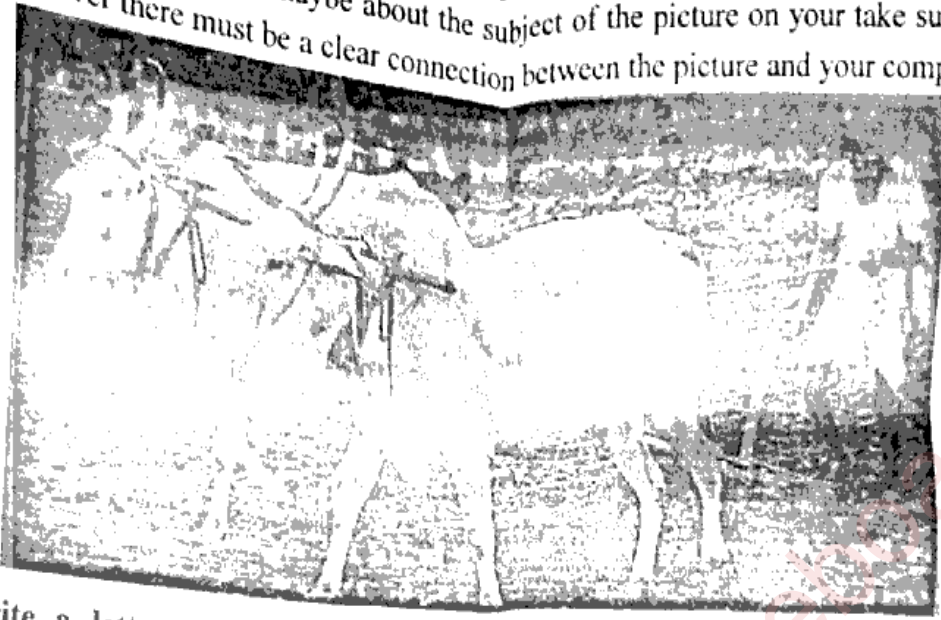
1. My friend is very organised. He has made _____ plans for the next two years.
(a) her (b) his (c) our (d) their
2. _____ students in school take part in all the competitions.
(a) one (b) some (c) any (d) the
3. She is playing _____ piano.
(a) the (b) some (c) a (d) an
4. We could not understand the lesson properly, (identify the underlined Word)-
(a) subject (b) Direct Object (c) Indirect Object (d) Verb
5. Neither he nor she _____ going for the walk today.
(a) are (b) is (c) was (d) were
6. Raksha Bandhan _____ usually celebrated in the month of August.
(a) had (b) was (c) are (d) is
7. I _____ about writing a book since last year.
(a) am thinking (b) think (c) thought (d) have been thinking
8. The children had visited this park when they came here last year. (Identify the correct tense)
(a) Simple past (b) past perfect (c) past continuous (d) past perfect continuous
9. She _____ if she neglects her health.
(a) is suffering (b) will suffer (c) suffers (d) was suffered
10. She is superior _____ me.
(a) than (b) to (c) then (d) from
11. We went to Shimla _____ bus.
(a) from (b) with (c) by (d) to
12. The worker appeared exhausted.
(a) Transitive (b) Intransitive (c) Gerund (d) Infinitive
13. He clicked the photos. (Choose the correct passive voice sentence)
(a) The photos were clicked by him (b) The photos are clicked by him
(c) The photos will be clicked (d) The photos was clicked by him
14. I love to _____ for walk in the morning
(a) going (b) had gone (c) go (d) went

15. I have tested sea food _____ times.
 (a) much (b) many (c) some (d) more
- Q2. Fill in the blanks with some or any :** 2
1. _____ of my friends will be coming over for lunch today.
 2. She explained that she did not have _____ money to buy a new dress.
- Q3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :** 2
1. My uncle is _____ manager of this company.
 2. It is not _____ easy task to convince him.
- Q4. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs :** 2
- (1) The teacher as well as the students _____ (be) going for the charity drive.
 (2) The actor and poet _____ (have) been felicitated in his native town.
- Q5. Change these sentences to the passive voice :** 2
1. She baked a cake.
 2. Please attend the meeting tomorrow.
- Q6. Change as directed :** 5
1. She visited Goa last year. (Change the sentence into the past continuous tense)
 2. India _____ (celebrate) it's Independence Day on 15th August. (Fill in the blank with the simple present tense.
 3. If she doesn't work hard, she _____ (fail). (Fill in the blanks with the simple future tense)
 4. What does S.O.S stand _____ ? (Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition)
 5. He _____ (win) the inter-state debate competition last year. (Use the correct form of the given verb).
- Q7. Write antonyms of the following :-** 3
- (a) Ancient (b) Confess (c) Distress
- Q8. Write the synonyms of the following :** 3
- (a) Precious (b) Sorrow (c) Vacant
- Q9. Write the meaning of the given phrasal words :** 3
- (a) Bring out (b) Call off (c) Get through
- Q10. Make sentences of the given idiomatic expressions :** 2
- (a) A red letter day (b) A fool's paradise
- Q11. Make sentences of given homophones (Any one).** 2
- (a) Wait – weight (b) quiet – quite

Section – B

- Q12. Write a composition (200 to 250) on any one of the following :** 12
- (i) What is your favourite time of the year ? Describe what do you like to do during this time and why do you enjoy it so much.
 (ii) Narrate your experience of waiting on the pavement for the school bus on a rainy morning.

- (iii) Study the picture given below write a story or description or an account of what it suggests to you your composition maybe about the subject of the picture on your take suggestions from it however there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



- Q13. Write a letter to your younger sister advising her to read newspaper regularly impressing upon her the need for doing so.

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Or

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on winning a trophy at the National Inter School Badminton tournament.

- Q14. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

You know that modern inventions in science have helped make the great cities of the world. They have done a great deal to make our lives more comfortable, more healthy and also to give us time to do more things for pleasure. But you have also probably heard that modern development, like industrial areas and crowded highways, have brought smog a major nuisance and hazard into our lives. Smog is a nuisance because it sifts down and settles on everything-people, laundry, streets, parks, buildings, reservoirs, and airports-a gritty, greasy substance. This means more cleaning, sweeping, scouring. Washing, vacuuming and repainting for everyone.

Smog is a serious health hazard. It is irritating to the eyes, nose, throat and lungs. It can even be poisonous enough to cause death. Many cities, suffer from periodic attacks of this mixed smoke and fogsmog. It's not the fog that is irritating, of course, it is the smoke. What is in the smoke that makes it such a nuisance ? You know that smoke comes from fires. You have seen it swirling up from burning leaves or from barbecues or out of chimneys. The smoke consists of tiny particles of solid material, mostly carbon, carried up into the air by hot gases. Is there a way of cleaning the air of these particles ? The best way is not to let them get into the air in the first place. Scientists, especially chemists, have been trying to solve this problem for many years.

They tried fine screens in chimneys. But these only kept out the flying ash and large unburnt particles of fuel. Most smoke particles are too small to be stopped by fine screens. But scientists knew that tiny particles can be attracted by something that has an electric charge on

it. The particles will stick to the charged surface. An American chemist named F.G. Cottrell decided to try to attract smoke particles with an electric charge before the particles flew into air. Cottrell put a pair of iron plates inside a smoking chimney and connected them to a high-voltage electric charge of 50,000 volts. He turned on the current. His method worked. Not only did his precipitator stop the smoke, but also it proved useful in trapping valuable deposits of carbon and various metals that have been going up in smoke.

Not all impurities in the air come from smoking chimneys. Automobiles contribute a major share. Scientists have found that exhaust gases contain partly burned fuels that pollute the air with carbon particles, carbon monoxide and other chemicals. Can we stop these from getting into the air? One way would be to make fuels burn completely. The more completely fuel is burned the less it pollutes the air. Scientists are working to find ways of producing complete burning in engine fuels. Their goals are to produce an inexpensive, a light-weight, safe device that either produces better burning inside the engines, or one that causes the exhaust gases to burn completely before they are emitted into the air.

- (a) How is smog a major health hazard? 2
 - (b) Briefly state what causes smoke? 2
 - (c) What is the fine screen method? Why is it a failure? 2
 - (d) How did Cottrell prevent smoke particles from flying into the air? 2
 - (e) In not more than 50 words, summarise the harm done by smog. 4
- Q15. Your school is organising a debate competition. Write a notice to be put in your school notice board informing the students to participate in the competition. 5