

Half Yearly Examination 2018-2019
English Language

Class : IX

Time : 2 hrs.+15 Mins.

Full Marks : 80

Question 1

Write a composition (300 - 350 words) on any one of the following: [20]

- a) An NRI alumnus has donated a large sum of money to your school. What, in your opinion, is the best way of spending this money ?
- b) Some of our richest experiences take place when we travel. Narrate a memorable experience you had when you were travelling.
- c) Money is a good servant but a bad master. Give your views for or against the statement.
- d) Write a short — story based on the following : In the Middle of difficulty, lies opportunity.
- e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you.



{Turn Over}

Question 2

Write a letter on one of the following. [10]

- a) You have recently won a national level debating competition held in a different city in which students from fifteen states participated. Write a letter to your brother expressing your happiness at winning the competition.
- b) Write a letter to the police commissioner (Traffic) of your area regarding the inadequate parking facilities in your colony, which cause a lot of inconvenience to the residents. Give suggestions to solve the problem.

Question 3

- a) Draft a notice asking students to submit their names for a 'Day's Adventure Camp' being organised by your school. Give all necessary details. [5]
- b) Write an e-mail to the Director of 'Camp Rockfield' confirming the booking for 150 students for a 'day's adventure camp. [5]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Justice Benaja was sitting in his office. Then a bull-cart bearing Ransie and his wife Ariela I stopped at his door. "We," said the woman, "want a divorce." "We can't get along together. It's lonesome enough to live in the mountains when a man and a woman cannot stand one another."

"The regular price of a divorce in this court," said the Justice, "is five dollars." Ransie paid the amount and the Judge stuffed the bill into his pocket. He then wrote the *decree* upon

a piece of paper. The Justice was about to hand over the documents to Ransie, when Ariela interrupted him.

"If Ransie can afford a divorce, let him pay me alimony of five dollars." said Ariela.

"Ransie, you are ordered by the court to pay the plaintiff the sum of five dollars before the decree of divorce is issued." said the Justice.

"I have no more money," breathed Ransie. "I had paid you all I had."

"If you give me till tomorrow," pleaded the husband, "I will be able to rake or scrape it up somewhere."

"The case is adjourned," said the Justice, "till tomorrow."

Then while going home, Justice Benaja was stopped by a man, whose face was covered. He pointed a rifle at Justice Benaja and asked him for all the money he had. The Justice gave the only five dollars he had to the man.

The next day Ransie and his wife came to the Justice's office. In the presence of Justice, Ransie handed to his wife a five-dollar bill. The Justice handed each one a decree of divorce.

"I reckon you'll be going back up to the cabin," Ariela said to Ransie.

"You are going to your brother Ed's?" asked Ransie.

"I do not have any other place to go." said Ariela.

Ariela was silent. She folded the five-dollar bill and placed it in the pocket of her dress. The Justice watched the money disappear with mournful eyes behind his spectacles.

Ransie stared out towards his cabin. He did not look at Ariela.

"Want me to go back along with you in the cart and wind the clock, Ransie?" asked Ariela. Ransie reached out a big hand and enclosed Ariela's thin brown face. Her soul peeped out at once through her *impassive* face, hallowing it. "I will not pester you any more," said Ransie. "I reckon I have been mean and low."

"My heart is in that cabin, Ransie," she whispered, "along with you. I am not going to get mad any more. Lets be starting, Ransie". Justice Benaja interposed as they started for the door.

He said, "I forbid you from defying the court's decree. This court is more than willing to see the clouds of discord rolling away from two loving hearts. But it is the duty of the 35 court to preserve the morals of the State. You are no longer man and wife, since you are divorced. As such you are not entitled to the benefits of matrimony". "But the court is prepared," went on the Justice, "to remove the disabilities set up by the decree of divorce by performing the ceremony of marriage, enabling you to resume marital life. The fee for performing this ceremony will be five dollars."

Ariela caught the gleam of promise in his words and kept the bill on the Justice's table. Her sallow cheek coloured as she stood hand in hand with Ransie, listening to the reuniting words.

a) Give the meanings of each of the following words as used in the passage : [3]

(i) decree (ii) Plaintiff (iii) impassive

b) Answer the following questions briefly :

(i) Why did Ransie and Ariela go to justice Benaja's office ? [1]

(ii) Which documents did Justice Benaja want to handover to Ransie ? Why did Ariela stop him from doing so ? [2]

(iii) What happened to Justice Benaja while he was going back home ? [2]

(iv) Why was Justice Benaja mournful on seeing Ariela keep five dollars in her pocket ? [2]

(v) What is interesting in the way the story ends ? [2]

c) In not more than 50 words, summarise Ransie and Ariela's attempt of getting a divorce an then reconciling their differences to start their life afresh. [8]

Question 5

a) Fill in the blanks with correct form of the word given in the bracket. [4]

In the field of journalism, cartoonists _____ (1) (consider) as an unusual breed of people. By _____ (2) (draw) a few lines, they can highlight or _____ (3) (reduce) to dust somebody's character in the society. Their style of expression can _____ (4) (deliver) a strong blow to the subject of caricature. R. K. Lakshman _____ (5) (be) a cartoonist _____ (6) (endow) with the skill to draw attractive cartoons. With a deep understanding of political and social realities he was able to see and express the reality through his protagonist — the common man with a _____ (7) (close) umbrella. For the readers, the common Man _____ (8) (become) a signature of laxman's art.

b) Fill in each blank with appropriate word. [4]

i) We must abide _____ our promise.

- ii) These terms are not acceptable _____ us.
- iii) The city is teeming _____ tourists in December.
- iv) Worshipping the sun is prevalent _____ some tribes.
- v) He had a great admiration _____ the poet.
- vi) The government has invested hearty _____ public transport.
- vii) I am sure you will pull _____ this illness soon.
- viii) The candle will surely blow _____ if you don't close the window.
- c)** Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'. [4]
- i) Exercise everyday. Then you will be healthy.
- ii) Rita received my note. She sent her reply within a week.
- iii) Shenaz was very upset. I wanted to help her out.
- iv) I heard a weird noise. Immediately, I took to my heels.
- d)** Re-write the following sentences according to the instruction given after each. [8]
- i) As soon as Roger had seated himself, he called for wax candles. (Begin : Hardly...)
- ii) His favourite coat was old and threadbare. (Begin : Besides...)
- iii) Ramesh is polite, though he has rude parents. (Begin : Despite.....)
- iv) I would advise you to take permission from the principal before you begin. (Begin : You had....)
- v) She said to me, "please look for the purse I bought yesterday." (Change to Indirect speech).
- vi) Great misery is in store for me. (Begin : O, What....)
- vii) He is both tall and strong (Begin : Not only)
- viii) The greatest gift you can give another is the purity of your attention. (Use : great)