



HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2020 - 21)

Student's Name:		Grade	VII	Roll No.	
Date:	10/09/2020 (Thursday)	Time	3 hrs.	Subject	ENGLISH
Teacher's Sign.				Total marks	80

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

1. All the Questions are Compulsory Questions.
2. All the Parts of Questions must be attempted at one Place.

[SECTION A – READING]

[20 marks]

Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

- **What is COVID-19?**

Coronaviruses are viruses that cause respiratory infections. These can range from the common cold to more serious diseases. COVID-19 is the disease caused by a new coronavirus. It was first reported in December 2019 in Wuhan City in China.

- **What is the incubation period?**

The incubation period is estimated at 2 to 14 days.

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The virus can spread from person to person through contact with an infected person. This is usually through contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze. You can also get it from touching objects or surfaces that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth or face.

- **What are the symptoms of COVID-19?**

COVID-19 can cause mild symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, and fever. Symptoms can be more severe for some people and can lead to pneumonia or breathing difficulties. In rare cases, the disease can be fatal. Older people and people with pre-existing medical conditions appear to be more at risk of becoming severely ill with the virus.

- **Who can get the virus?**

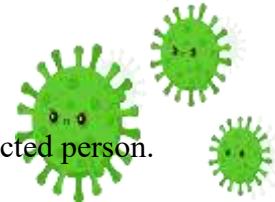
People living or travelling in an area where the COVID-19 virus is circulating.

- **What is the treatment for COVID-19?**

There is no specific medicine to prevent or treat COVID-19. If you have mild symptoms, stay at home until you have recovered. You should rest, sleep, keep warm and drink plenty of liquids. People who have severe symptoms may need medical attention to help them breathe.

A. Answer the questions about COVID-19.

1. Where was COVID-19 first reported?
2. How can you get infected with COVID-19?
3. What are mild symptoms of COVID-19?
4. Who are most at risk of becoming severely ill?
5. What should you do if you have mild symptoms?
6. Name any two other deadly viruses.
7. Which country is most affected by Corona virus?
8. What is the full form of WHO?
9. How has the virus affected the common man?
10. Give suitable title to the passage.



Q2. Read the given poem and answer the questions that follow.

Oh ! Defenders of borders
You are great sons of my land
When we are all asleep
You still hold on to your deed.
Windy season or snowy days
Or scorching sun's sweltering rays
You are there guarding all the time awake
Treading the lonely expanses as Yogis.
Climbing the heights or striding the valleys
Defending the deserts and guarding the marshes
Surveillance in seas and by securing the air
Prime of your youth given to the nation!!
Wind chimes of my land vibrate your feat
We pray for you brave men!!
May the Lord bless you all!!

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

I. Answer the following questions.

- (a) The poem is dedicated to _____
- (b) What do they sacrifice for the nation?
- (c) Which figure of speech is used in the last line of the second stanza?
- (d) What does Dr. Kalam express through the last two lines?
- (e) 'Scorching' in the poem means _____.

II. Pick out two adjectives from the passage.

III. Give suitable title to the passage.

SECTION B – WRITING

Q3. You are Priyanshi. Your father is on tour. Today morning he called upon your mother. As your mother was not at home, you received the call and had the following conversation with him: [10 marks]

Father : Hello! Who is speaking?

Yourself: Priyanshi here.

Father : Well Priyanshi, I am here now in Chennai. Where is your Mom? **Yourself:** Papa, she has gone to the market and will be back in an hour. Have you any message for her?

Father : Oh, yes. Please tell her that my meeting may prolong for two more days. In that case I may be back on the 5th. Otherwise I'll return as per scheduled programme. After coming back we will go to Kashmir.

So be ready for that.

Yourself: Thank you Papa. I'll convey it to Mom and all.

As you are leaving for your dance class, leave a message for your mother in not more than 50 words. Put your message in a box.

Q4. With the help of the given outlines, develop readable stories: [10 marks]

A crow..... finds a piece of cheese..... flies to a tree ” a hungry fox sees the crowthinks of a planpraises him requests him to sing..... the crow very

pleased..... opens its beak the cheesefall down fox picks up runs away.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Q5. Do as directed

A. Fill in the blanks with suitable options. [10 marks]

1. My mother has cavities in _____ teeth. (many/much)
2. There were _____ animals out of their caves due to the heat.(little/few)
3. He offered me _____ tea in the cup to ease my cough.(some/a few)
4. The painters decided _____ (paint) the tree trunks.(to paint/paint)
5. I _____ movies on Sunday. (watches/watch)
6. Peter _____ (skate) every evening. (skate/skates)
7. Our goals _____ clear. (is/are)
8. My friends are not coming as _____ have exams.(them/they)
9. Tin has a box full of pencils, but they are not _____.(her/hers)
10. Do not show them the paintings as _____ are not for sale.(this/these)

B. Rewrite these sentences using the verbs in brackets, as directed. [2 marks]

1. The teacher _____ (speak) to us about punctuality and discipline. (Simple past)
2. The birds _____ (fly) in perfect formation in the sky.(past continuous)

C. Write T for the transitive and I for the intransitive verbs underlined in the sentences. [2 marks]

1. Mona cried all day when she could not find her kitten.
2. The lawyer advised the tenant to settle the matter out of court.

D. Rewrite these sentences using the infinitive form to replace the gerunds in bold. [2 marks]

1. My parents like getting up early in the morning.
2. I tried calling you this morning.

E. Fill in the blanks using the adjective form of the words in brackets. [2 marks]

1. The ship dropped anchor at a _____ (rock) island.
2. The potion had a _____ (magic) effect on the rabbit.

F. Identify whether the highlighted non-finite form is functioning as a noun or an adjective in each sentence. [2 marks]

1. My sister goes **skiing** every winter.
2. **Wailing** wolves at night woke us up.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

Q5. Write the meaning of the given words. [3 marks]

1. Hermit
2. Snooze
3. Disgraceful

Q6. Reference to context. [3 marks]

Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

Listen to me! Please, you can't possibly go out in those disgraceful rags! What are you upto? How many times I must tell you, woman? I am out to buy a huge Hilsa fish.

1. 'Listen to me ! please, you' _____ Name the Speaker of these line.
2. Who is going to buy Hilsa fish?
3. Why the man is dressed up like that ?

Q7. Short question answers. [any 4]

[8 marks]

1. What suggestions were made in answer to the third question?
2. When everyone wants a clear sky, what does the rebel want most?
3. If the rebel has a dog for a pet, what is everyone else likely to have?
4. Why do the worker ants carry the grubs about?
5. What is the most popular definition of a desert?
6. Who advised Golu to go to the Limpopo River?

Q8. Long question answers. (any 1)

[4 marks]

1. How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?
2. Describe the music teacher, as seen from the window.

Q9. Make sentences

[2 marks]

1. Moment
2. Argue

ALL THE BEST