

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____

Half Yearly Examination 2025

CLASS-X

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 90 Minutes

Marks: 40

Instructions:

- (i) This question paper is divided into four sections: A, B, C and D.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iv) Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.

Section - A (Reading Skill)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. **1×10 =10**

There are various beliefs prevalent in the society as to what should be eaten and what should not be eaten to keep healthy. If one has high blood pressure, one is told to cut down on or stop consuming sodium. A new study from Boston University reveals that low sodium does not actually cause low blood pressure. A little salt is part of a healthy food plan. The study has shown that the people with the lowest intake of sodium along with the ones who have the highest intake of sodium have a greater risk of heart disease than the people in the middle.

There is a theory that drinking milk post infancy is unnatural. It is true that humans are the only species to drink milk as adults. Research shows that we have genetically evolved to adapt to it. Milk products actually play an important role in keeping us healthy. Dairy products are rich in whey, protein, linoleic acid and calcium. Fat in general is not a bad thing. The scientific community is still debating the benefits of saturated fats. The other types of fats taken in moderation are good for us. Plant-based fats such as mono-saturated fats found in foods like almonds, avocado and omega-3 fatty acids found in fish.

offer many health benefits. These fats may reduce inflammation and improve the quality of blood.

It may seem that diet products such as light salad dressing are healthier choices to eat but often they are really not. Healthy food like this used to be popular, but many of these products remove the fat and replace it with added sugar. Large amounts of added sugar in the diet may be even more damaging to health than excessive dietary fat. Buy vitamins and supplements. A major study from CDC showed that people who consumed a lot of sugar were more than twice likely to die from heart disease. If you opt for a higher food, check the ingredients and food label to make sure that the fats have not been replaced with added sugar. We must study the reports of various researches before adopting any new mode of eating or food habit otherwise the result of the food plan may be opposite of what is expected.

- (i) The reason why we should consume dairy products, is:
 - (a) they are rich in protein and calcium.
 - (b) they are tasty and tempting.
 - (c) they are good for heart.
 - (d) they are not very expensive.
- (ii) Plant-based fats are good because they:
 - (a) improve the quality of blood.
 - (b) improve appetite.
 - (c) strengthen mind and body.
 - (d) improve heart beats.
- (iii) The word 'prevalent' in the first paragraph of the passage means:
 - (a) most uncommon.
 - (b) most common.
 - (c) unconventional.
 - (d) important.

- (iv) What is more damaging to health than excessive dietary fat?
- (a) A lot of added sugar in diet. (b) No sugar intake.
- (c) Eating saturated fat frequently. (d) No fat intake.
- (v) The phrase 'added sugar' in the last paragraph refers to sugars added during the:
- (a) cooking of food. (b) eating of food.
- (c) processing of food. (d) production of sucrose.
- (vi) Which type of people have a greater risk of heart disease?
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- (vii) Which food items contain mono-saturated fats?
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- (viii) What does the first paragraph of the passage suggest?
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- (ix) The passage focuses on the importance of _____.
- (x) What does the term 'eating something in moderation' mean?
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Section - B (Grammar)

Q2. Attempt any five questions from the given items.

1×5=5

- (i) Fill in the blank with the correct form of verb.

My servant _____ me two weeks ago.

- (a) leave (b) leaving (c) left (d) had left

- (ii) Fill in the blank with suitable article.

Do not make _____ noise.

- (a) the (b) a (c) an (d) no article

(iii) Fill in the blank with appropriate modals.

I _____ come with you if you want.

- (a) should (b) may (c) might (d) can

(iv) Choose the sentence with correct punctuation.

my uncle who lives in mumbai is a doctor.

- (a) My uncle who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
(b) My uncle, who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
(c) My uncle, who lives in Mumbai, is a doctor.
(d) My uncle who, lives in Mumbai is a doctor.

(v) Change into indirect speech and choose the correct option:

He said, "Honesty is the best policy."

- (a) He said that honesty is the best policy.
(b) He said that honesty was the best policy.
(c) He said that honesty would be the best policy.
(d) He said that honesty will be best policy.

(vi) Identify the correct figure of speech in the following sentence.

The whole world is a stage.

- (a) Simile (b) Metaphor (c) Alliteration (d) Oxymoron

Section-C (Writing Skill)

- Q3. Write an application to your Principal to organise a tour to any historical place for the students of class 10th.

5 Marks**OR**

As the student editor of your school magazine, prepare a brief report of Annual Prize Distribution function of your school.

Section-D (Literature)

- Q4. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow.

1×5=5

It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body.

- (a) What had Lencho predicted?
(b) What happened at meal time?

- (c) What was the change in weather?
- (d) Why did Lencho go out?
- (e) Name the lesson and its author.

OR

He senses first responsibility

In a world of possessions. People will take

Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy,

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Who senses first responsibility?
- (c) What does the poet mean when he says, "world of possessions"?
- (d) What does the poet mean by "Money is external"?
- (e) What does the poet mean by saying "Balls will be lost always"?

Q5. Answer the question in about 60-70 words.

3 marks

How does Mandela describe the scene of inauguration?

OR

Give a brief sketch of Anne's life on the basis of your study of the lesson, "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Q6. Answer the following question in 100-120 words.
Describe how the young seagull made his first flight.

6 Marks

OR

'The Thief's Story' is an in-depth study of human mind. Discuss.

- Q7. Answer the following question in about 60-70 words.
What is the central idea of the poem "Fire and Ice"?

3 marks

OR

How does the Bengal Tiger look in the poem "How to Tell the Wild Animals"? What is distinct about it?

- Q8. Answer the following question in about 60-70 words.

3 marks

Describe the incident leading to death of Max in 'The Midnight Visitor.'

OR

What did Griffin do inside a big London store?
