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**Half-Yearly Assessment - September 2025**

**Class - 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Subject: English Core**

**M.M. - 40**

**Time: 90 Minutes**

**Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Question numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9 carry 05 (Five) marks each, Question numbers 5 and 8 carry 03 (Three) marks each and Question number 7 and 10 carries 02 (Two) marks.

**Section A**

1. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing correct options given** **5**

Wild tigers could become extinct in the next 20 years if countries fail to take quick action to protect their habitats and step up the fight against poaching, global wildlife experts told a "Tiger Summit" in November 2010, where governments, communities and conservation groups had come together, to secure a future for tigers. If the proper protective measures aren't taken, tigers may disappear within the next decade, at least in the wild. The summit approved a wide-ranging programme with the goal of doubling the world's tiger population in the wild from about 3200 to more than 7000 by the next Tiger lunar year, 2022. It was backed by governments of 13 countries that still have tiger populations - Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam and Russia. The Global Tiger Recovery Programme estimates the countries will need about \$350 million outside funding in the first five years of the 12-year plan. The summit will be seeking donor commitments to help governments finance conservation measures. The summit is driven by the Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) which was launched in 2008 by World Bank President Robert Zoellick. About 30 per cent of the programme's cost would go towards suppressing the poaching of tigers and of the animals they prey on.



a. \_\_\_\_\_ can ensure help in saving tigers from extinction.

- (i) Quick action
- (ii) Protected habitats
- (iii) Wild-life experts
- (iv) Tiger Summits

b. A fear expressed in the paragraph is?

- (i) Wildlife experts will issue a warning
- (ii) Poaching may not be checked
- (iii) Tigers could become extinct in the next 20 years
- (iv) Quick action may not be taken

c. The goal of the programme approved by the "Tiger Summit" is?

- (i) to seek donations from NGO's
- (ii) to back tiger conservation programmes of 13 countries
- (iii) to raise \$350 million for tiger conservation
- (iv) to increase tiger population to more than two

d. In which year was the Global Tiger Initiative launched?

e. Name any three countries that were part of the Tiger Lunar Year 2022 initiative?

2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it and also supply a suitable title.

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Most trees grow a layer of wood each year. When the tree is cut down, the layers can be seen as rings in the trunk. And counting the number of rings tells you how old the tree is! Tree rings also speak of the weather changes that have occurred during the life of a particular tree. In a season of good rainfall, (the rings will be thick and during drought, the growth is slowed down and the rings will be thinner. Trees like the bristlecone pines, sequoias and redwoods of California are living records of variations in climate for the last 9000 years! Studying the changes in tree ring patterns is a science called 'dendrochronology'. Dendrochronology is the dating of climate changes in the past through study of tree rings to understand life in ancient times.



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## Section B

## Writing Skills

3. Attempt *any one* of the following:

$$5 \times 1 = 5$$

3. Attempt any one of the following.

You are resident of Gurugram. The continuous leaking of drain pipes in your colony is causing diseases and health complications for the residents. Write a complaint letter to the Municipal Commissioner to take necessary actions regarding the same.

**OR**

Draft a suitable advertisement for the sale of your laptop in good working condition to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper.

2015

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**Section C**

**Grammar**

4. Attempt *any five* of the following:

1x5 = 5

- a. More men than one \_\_\_\_\_ absent today. (Choose the correct option)  
(i) is (ii) are (iii) was (iv) were
- b. My mother loves me. (Choose the correct option for underlined word.)  
(i) noun (ii) verb (iii) adjective (iv) adverb
- c. Dr. Sinha is \_\_\_\_\_ active member of Doctor's Association. (Choose the correct option)  
(i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) x
- d. I was listening to music. (Change the voice)
- e. The pot \_\_\_\_\_ (not contain) any water. (Fill the correct form of verb)
- f. Radha lives on \_\_\_\_\_ second floor of \_\_\_\_\_ building. (Fill the suitable determiners)
- g. Your painting is \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. (beautiful) (Fill the correct form of adjective)

**Section D**

**Literature**

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows: (Attempt any one)

1x3 = 3

She said nothing but her silence meant disapproval. She rarely talked to me after that. When I went up to University, I was given a room of my own. The common link of friendship was snapped. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. She rarely left her spinning-wheel to talk to anyone. From sunrise to sunset, she sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers. Only in the afternoon she relaxed for a while to feed the sparrows. While



she sat in the verandah breaking the bread into little bits. hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a veritable bedlam of chirrupings. Some came and perched on her legs.

a. What did the narrator interpret from the grandmother's silence?

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| (i) She was tired     | (ii) She was thinking deeply |
| (iii) She disapproved | (iv) She was feeling unwell  |

b. How did the grandmother spend most of her day after the narrator went to university?

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| (i) Sleeping in her room                      | (ii) Talking to neighbors |
| (iii) Spinning the wheel and reciting prayers | (iv) Reading books        |

c. How did the sparrows react when the grandmother fed them?

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| (i) They chirped quietly     | (ii) They sat silently                    |
| (iii) They flew away quickly | (iv) They created a bedlam of chirrupings |

OR

*And Dolly," she'd say, "and look how they  
Dressed us for the beach." The sea holiday  
Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry  
With the laboured ease of loss.*

*Now she's been dead nearly as many years  
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance  
There is nothing to say at all.*

*Its silence silences.*

a. Who is "Dolly" likely in the poem?

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| (i) A pet                                     | (ii) A childhood friend |
| (iii) A relative, likely the speaker's mother | (iv) A famous celebrity |

b. What does "laboured ease of loss" convey?

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| (i) Loss is difficult yet familiar to the poet | (ii) The poet is completely over the loss |
| (iii) The loss was insignificant               | (iv) The poet never accepted the loss     |



c. What does the poet mean by "Now She's been dead nearly as many years / As that girl lived"?

- (i) The girl is still alive (ii) Dolly lived a short life
- (iii) The duration of death and life are now nearly equal (iv) Time stopped for the poet

6. Answer the following in about 100 words: (*Attempt any one*)

$$5 \times 1 = 5$$

Why did the narrator and their family embark on a sea journey? (*We are not afraid to Die*)

**OR**

How does the poet, Ted Hughes, portray the arrival of the goldfinch on the end of branch of laburnum tree? (*The Laburnum Top*)

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7. Answer the following in about 30 words:

2x1 = 2

Why did King Tut's mummy have to undergo CT scan? (*Discovering Tut*)

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8. Answer the following in about 50 words: (*Attempt any one*)

3x1 = 3

What does the phrase 'Strange to Tell' mean? (*The Voice of the Rain*)

OR

What is described by the word 'Sleek' in the poem? (*The Laburnum Top*)

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9. Answer the following in about 100 words: (*Attempt any one*)

5x1 = 5

Describe the location where the author and his family lived? (*Summer of the .....)*

OR

How does the mother come to know about Mrs. Dorling and her address? (*The Address*)

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10. Answer the following in about 30 words:

2x1 = 2

What was Mrs. Fitzgerald's opinion about Mrs. Pearson's attitude? (*Mother's Day*)

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