



OSDAV Public School, Kaithal
Half yearly Exams (2024-25)
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SET-A

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M.M. : 60

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2.	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1) One day a rich father took his young son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night in the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "Very good, Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be?," the father asked. "Yeah!" "And what did you learn?"</p> <p>(2) The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. We have</p>	7

6.	Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles : i) There is ____ beautiful rainbow in the sky. ii) What ____ enormous dog. iii) Mother, is ____ lunch ready? iv) Sun is ____ star.	1/2×4= 2
7.	Fill in the blanks with appropriate Forms of Verbs : i) I always _____ (take) my tea without sugar. ii) I _____ not _____ (visit) Italy so far. iii) He is shivering because he _____ (bath) for an hour. iv) I _____ (sleep) in my room when a loud crash woke me up.	1/2×4= 2
8.	Change the following into Passive Voice : i) Sheela sweeps the floor. ii) They are designing a new calendar. iii) The boys were catching butterflies.	1×3=3
9.	Rearrange the following into Meaningful Sentences : i) Haryana/is/a/Kurukshetra/city/historical/of ii) one/is/of/it/districts/the/ developed iii) visit/city/of/devotees/thousands/the/year/every	1×3=3
Section -C(Literature)		
10.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: Almost at once he felt a certain hostility among the passers-by, a grumpy resentment. 'I suppose you think we are going to feed you', said one sly old man. leaning on his stick as he watched the soldier. i) Name the lesson from which these lines have been taken. ii) Whom does the word 'he' refer to? iii) Who is the 'old sly man'? What does he tell the soldier? iv) Find a suitable word from the passage which means 'unfriendly'.	1×4=4
11.	Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: A world I dream where black or white, Whatever race you be, Will share the bounties of the earth, And every man is free, i) Name the poem and it's poet. ii) What do you understand by the phrase 'bounties of the earth'? iii) According to the first three lines, What does the real world suffer from? iv) Name any one poetic device used in the poem.	1×4=4
12.	Answer the following questions (any four): i) What is the reaction of the soldier towards the hostile attitude of the villagers? ii) Why has joy been compared to a pearl in 'I Dream a World'? iii) What gifts did Manjula receive on her birthday? iv) Describe Swami's nightmares. v) How was Tutu responsible for the 'interesting flavour' in the wedding cake.	2×4=8
13.	Manjula won the first prize in her category in 'On-the-spot Painting Competition'. Write her diary entry. Specially include the following: (a) How the newspaper cutting instilled new courage in her. (b) The satisfaction she got from the prize.	5
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	<p>"Very good, Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be?," the father asked. "Yeah!" "And what did you learn?"</p> <p>(2) The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon. When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless.</p> <p>(3) His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are!" Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humour and a positive attitude towards life, you've got everything!</p> <p>(4) You can't buy any of these things. You can have all the material possessions you can imagine, but if you are poor of spirit, you have nothing!</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>i)Who was poor in the eyes of the boy?</p> <p>a)people in the country. b) he and his father c)all other people. d)their family and friends</p> <p>ii) According to the story, poverty is determined by</p> <p>a)how much one has b) one's outlook on life c)how much one lacks d) one's view of others</p> <p>iii)The boy's father was speechless probably because he</p> <p>a) was shocked to see their houses b) felt that the boy had failed to learn a lesson c) was surprised to see how wise his son had become d) felt ashamed at his own view of poverty (of others)</p> <p>iv)The author's purpose in the passage is to show that</p> <p>a) children can be wiser than their parents b) riches or poverty are a matter of one's attitude c) Material possessions make one rich d) lack of material possessions makes one poor</p> <p>v)The phrase 'the country' in the passage means</p> <p>a) the country in which the boy and his father live b) the country in which most people were poor c) a rural region and it's simple people d) all the inhabitants of a particular country</p> <p>vi)Out of the given words which is the correct meaning of 'creek'</p> <p>a)park. b)sky c) pump. d)a narrow waterway</p> <p>vii) Choose the synonym of 'patio'.</p> <p>a) watermark. b)fields c) Corridor. d)paved area in a garden</p>	
Section -B (Writing and Grammar)		
3.	You are Abhira/Abhinav.Your school is organising an Inter-school Swimming Competition .As the Secretary of Cultural club, write a notice informing the students and encouraging them to participate.Give necessary details.	4
4.	Read the following conversation carefully. Sashi had the following conversation with Ajith, a friend of his elder brother : Ajith : May I speak to Rohan, please ? I am Ajith, his friend. Sashi : Rohan is not at home. I am Sashi his brother. Can I do anything for you ? Ajith : I have to inform something to him. Sashi : Please tell me. I will inform him. Ajith : Yesterday, we had decided to meet at 5 p.m. in Colony's park. So please remind him. Sashi : Sure, I will inform him when he comes back. As Sashi had to leave for his tuition classes, write the message on his behalf.	4
5.	You are Anvi/Anay.You recently had a motivational conversation with your teacher . Write a letter to your friend who lives abroad, telling him the ' Role of Teachers 'in our life.	5

6.	Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles : i)What ____ beautiful shot! ii)All ____ polar bears are left-handed. iii)He will not give even ____ inch of his land. iv) This tumbler is made of _____ glass.	1/2×4=2
7.	Fill in the blanks with appropriate Forms of Verbs : i)If it ____ (rain)today, the match will be played tomorrow. ii)____ you _____ (enjoy)the party? iii)I _____ (play)in the garden when he came. iv)I _____ (take) a bath before I took breakfast.	1/2×4=2
8.	Change the following into Passive Voice : i)The child is eating bananas. ii)He wore a blue shirt. iii) Everyone will blame him.	1×3=3
9.	Rearrange the following into Meaningful Sentences : i)make/and/teachers/teaching/interesting/inspiring ii)nation/they/are/the/builders iii)you are today/your teachers/thank/what/for	1×3=3
Section -C(Literature)		
10.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: Manjula Parelkar knew she was no Hussain. She could never be, not with those hands of hers, those claw-like malformed fingers. Why her hands too ? Wasn't it enough that her feet were deformed; ending in two massive moon shaped toes pointing at each other, the hard nails touching, grating against each other whenever she wore wrong shoes. i) Name the lesson and its author from which these lines have been taken. ii)Whom does the word 'she' refer to? iii)Why does Manjula wear wrong shoes most of the times? iv)Find a suitable word from the passage which means 'badly formed'.	1×4=4
11.	Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: Where wretchedness will hang its head, And joy, like a pearl, Attend the needs of all mankind. Of such I dream Our world. i)Name the poem and its poet. ii)What does the poet compare joy to? iii) Why has joy been compared to pearl? iv)Name any one poetic device used in the poem.	1×4=4
12.	Answer the following questions (any four): i) Was handling brushes a problem with Manjula ?If not ,what was the real problem? ii) What comments did the villagers make about the taste of the soup? iii) How did Swami manage to catch the burglar? iv) What kind of a necklace does the child offer to birdie? Which necklace does the bird prefer instead? v) Why did the people in the bazaar chase Tutu ? What happened after that?	2×4=8
13.	You are a reporter who visits the village in Bohemia and listens to the fame of the stone soup. Write a news report to be published in your newspaper showing how a soldier used his wits to satisfy his hunger.	5
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4.	Sohan will convey the message to Mohan.Answer will be given in indirect speech. Format 1mark Content 2mark Accuracy 1mark	4
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11.	Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: a)I dream a World by Langston Hughes b) Gifts given by the Nature c) discrimination d) Alliteration	1×4=4
12.	Answer the following questions (any four): a) the soldier was not disheartened at all rather he looked friendly .He also called the villagers friendly people. b) Joy has been compared to a pearl because Joy is as precious as a pearl.whenever Joy comes to people's lives it can't be Erode easily. c)i) a painting book step by step by her father ii) painting colours by her mother iii) artist quality sable hair painting brushes by her brother. d) Swami saw that a tiger was chasing him . It gave a harsh thud on the ground .Swami was so racked that he was not able to move and to open his eyelids. e) Tutu added some red chilli sauce, bitter gourd seeds and other spices in the wedding cake. After eating it most of the guests must have fallen ill.So, she was responsible for the interesting flavour in the wedding cake	2×4=8
13.	Day,Date and time Content of the diary Manjula was so depressed. Then she got a newspaper cutting kept on the table.She read it and how she got motivated and took part in the painting competition.Then the satisfaction she got from the first prize,she received.All these experiences will be written in a grammatically correct language.	5
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9.	Rearrange the following into Meaningful Sentences: a) Teachers make teaching interesting and inspiring. b) They are the nation builders. c) Thank your teacher for what you are today.	1×3=3
Section -C(Literature)		
10.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: a)Fight Manju Fight b) Manjula Parelkar. c) Because there were no shoes in the market readily available for her clumsy feet. d) Malformed, Badly Formed	1×4=4
11.	Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: a)I dream a World by Langston Hughes b) pearl c) because Joy is as precious as a pearl. d) Alliteration ,Simile, Personification	1×4=4
12.	Answer the following questions (any four): a) No,the real problem was the cost of material she needed for the painting. b) The burgomaster said magnificent ,a woman with a wart on her nose said it was real tasty,someone said it was exquisite. c) Swami came out from under the bench .He hugged the leg of the burglar tightly bit it. Then after sometime father and the cookcame and handed the burglar over to the police. d) the child offered the bird a pearl necklace .It was made of diamonds. but the bird preferred the feather necklace instead. e) Because Tutu had stolen the necklace from the shop .After that she threw it into the canal. Then 20 minutes after Rocky found it end returned it to the shopkeeper.	2×4=8
13.	Heading by-----++ A village in Bohemia was visited. Where the stone soup was very famous. All the story was cleared by the words of the burgomaster.He told about the stones .The story related to the soldier and why the stones were very famous. What happened regarding that.All these experiences will be written in a grammatically correct language.(½ mark deduction for three mistakes)	5
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