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Half Yearly Assignment

Class : VII

Subject: English

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Literature – Monkey Trouble, Birdie, will you pet ?, A Hero, Fight, Manju, Fight!, I Dream A World,
Stone Soup in Bohemia

Reader – People at Work, Relationships, Attitude

Practice – Compound Sentence, Phrases & Clauses, Transitive & Intransitive Verbs, Modals

Writing Skills – Informal Letter, Formal Letter, Diary Entry, Notice Writing, Dialogue Completion

Grammar – Error Correction, Sentence Reordering, Omission

Reading Comprehension

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

I) In the heart of a bustling city, there was a small, peaceful park that served as a refuge for its residents. Amidst the tall skyscrapers and busy streets, this park was a green oasis. Every morning, an elderly man named Mr. Patel would visit the park to feed the pigeons. Mr. Patel had been coming to the park for years and had formed a special bond with the birds. He knew each one by its markings and had even given them names.

One sunny day, while feeding the pigeons, Mr. Patel noticed a young girl sitting alone on a bench, looking sad. He approached her and struck up a conversation. The girl, named Anaya, had recently moved to the city and was finding it difficult to adjust to her new surroundings. Mr. Patel listened to her concerns and offered words of comfort, sharing stories about his own experiences in the city.

Over the next few weeks, Anaya and Mr. Patel became good friends. They would meet in the park every morning, feeding the pigeons and sharing stories. Anaya began to feel more at home in the city, thanks to Mr. Patel's kindness and wisdom. She even started to enjoy her new school and made new friends.

One day, Anaya decided to do something special for Mr. Patel. She gathered a group of her new friends and organized a surprise party for him in the park. They decorated the park with colorful balloons and banners, and everyone brought food and gifts. Mr. Patel was overwhelmed with joy and gratitude. He had always enjoyed helping others, but this time, he was the one being appreciated.

The park continued to be a place of solace and connection for both Mr. Patel and Anaya. Their friendship was a testament to the power of kindness and the importance of community in a big city.

1. Why did Mr. Patel visit the park every morning?

- a) to exercise b) to feed the pigeons c) to read books d) to meet his friends

2. Why did Anaya organize a surprise party for Mr. Patel?

- a) to celebrate his birthday b) to give him gifts c) to appreciate his kindness d) to party with him

3. The following options are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option :

I) **Assertion (A):** Mr. Patel was a kind and wise man.

Reason (R): He helped Anaya feel more at home in the city.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
c) A is true, but R is false.
d) A is false, but R is true.

4. Find a word from the passage means the same as 'shelter'.

5. Find an opposite of the word 'ungratefulness' from the passage.

6. What did Mr. Patel do every morning in the park ?

7. How did Anaya feel about her new surroundings initially?

8. How would you have shown gratitude to Mr Patel if you were in Anaya's place ?

II) Kalpana Chawla was an Indian-American astronaut and aerospace engineer, who made history by becoming the first woman of Indian origin to go to space. Born on March 17, 1962, in Karnal, India, Kalpana was fascinated by the stars and airplanes from a young age. Her curiosity and determination led her to pursue higher education in aerospace engineering, first in India and later in the United States.

Kalpana earned her bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from Punjab Engineering College before moving to the United States to further her studies. She obtained a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado Boulder.

In 1994, Kalpana was selected by NASA to join the astronaut corps. Her first mission to space was in 1997 aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia. During this mission, she conducted various experiments related to

microgravity and the behavior of different substances in space. Her dedication and hard work made her a role model for many aspiring astronauts, especially young girls who dreamed of reaching the stars. Aside from her scientific achievements, Kalpana was known for her humility and kindness. She often spoke at schools and universities, encouraging students to follow their dreams regardless of the challenges they might face. She believed that perseverance and education were key to overcoming obstacles. Her speeches were inspirational, touching the hearts of many and motivating them to pursue careers in science and engineering.

Tragically, Kalpana's life was cut short during her second mission aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003. The shuttle disintegrated upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, and all seven crew members lost their lives. Despite the tragic end, Kalpana Chawla's legacy continues to inspire people worldwide. Her story is a testament to the power of dreams, determination, and the pursuit of knowledge.

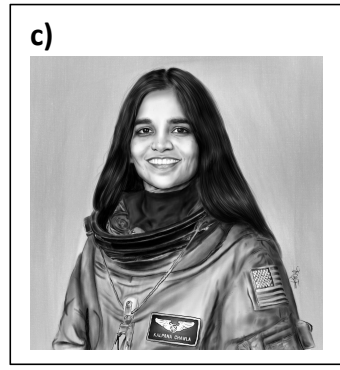
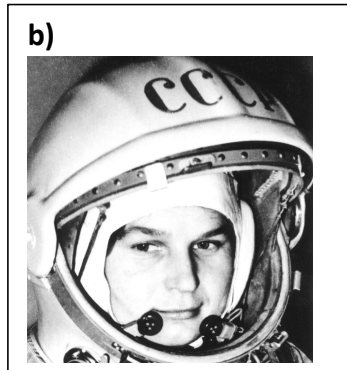
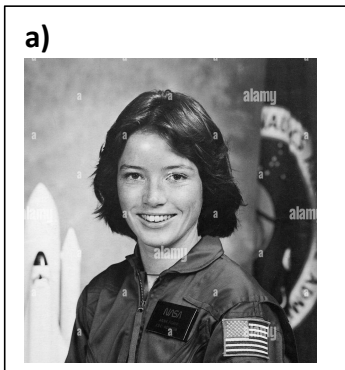
1. What was Kalpana Chawla known for, aside from her scientific achievements ?

- a) rudeness b) humbleness c) knowledge d) wealth

2. What was Kalpana Chawla's first mission to space?

- a) Apollo 11 b) Space Shuttle Columbia in 1997
c) Space Shuttle Challenger d) International Space Station

3. Identify Kalpana Chawla from the images given below:



4. The following options are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option :

I) **Assertion (A):** Kalpana Chawla was the first woman of Indian origin to go to space.

Reason (R): She was born in Karnal, India.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
c) A is true, but R is false.
d) A is false, but R is true.

II) **Assertion (A):** Kalpana Chawla's first mission was aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia.

Reason (R): She conducted experiments related to microgravity.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
c) A is true, but R is false.
d) A is false, but R is true.

5. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'ambitious'.

6. Find an opposite of the word 'assembled' from the passage.

7. Where did Kalpana Chawla pursue her master's degree?

8. What experiments did Kalpana Chawla conduct during her first mission?

Writing Skills

Informal Letter –

- I. After making peace with her sister Cara, Nikki felt relieved and happy. Write a letter from Nikki to Cara, apologizing for her rude behavior and for not understanding her feelings. Take help from the unit **Relationships** from *My English Reader*. **(Word Limit: 80-100)**
- II. You offered a bird many luxuries just to pet her, but the bird refused all, prioritizing her freedom over luxury. You were impressed by the bird's thinking and realized that freedom comes first. Write a **letter** to your friend explaining the incident and encouraging your friend to follow the same path as the bird. Imagine yourself as the girl from the poem *Birdie, will you pet ?* **(Word Limit: 80-100)**

Formal Letter –

- I. Write a **letter** to the Editor of a newspaper, complaining about the bad condition of water supply in your locality. **(Word Limit 50-60)**
- II. Write an application to the principal of your school requesting her/him to provide the students with the facility of a Language Lab. **(Word Limit 50-60)**

Diary Entry –

- I. Imagine you are Tom, the new assistant of Mr. Higgins. You had a rough first day in the shop selling artifacts. Write a **Diary Entry** expressing your feelings about the incident that happened to you. Take help from the unit **People at Work** from *My English Reader*. **(Word Limit: 80-100)**
- II. You saw Krimali Joshi save dozens of lives during an earthquake in Bhuj. You were very impressed by her courage and bravery. Write a **Diary Entry** describing how she used her common sense and showed bravery to save lives. Take help from the unit **Attitude** from *My English Reader*. **(Word Limit: 80-100)**
- III. You are Amol, Manju's brother from the lesson **'Fight, Manju, Fight!'**. You were disappointed when you got to know that Manju is not participating in the painting competition, so you decided to keep a newspaper article about Rich Belanger to motivate her. Write a **Diary Entry** expressing your feelings about your sister and why you want to motivate her. **(Word Limit: 80-100)**

Notice Writing –

- I. Your school is organizing a Plantation Drive in the local community. Write a **Notice** inviting students to participate in this initiative. You are Manoj / Manisha. Put the notice in a box. **(Word Limit : 50)**
- II. You are the Head Boy / Head Girl. The Annual Day of your school is approaching. Write a **Notice** informing students about the events and encouraging them to participate. Put the notice in a box. **(Word Limit : 50)**
- III. There will be a Cultural Fest organized by your school. Write a **Notice** inviting students to showcase their talents and participate in various cultural activities. Put the notice in a box. **(Word Limit : 50)**

Article Writing –

- I. India is a land of diversity. One way in which it makes us feel proud of it is the number of festivals we enjoy. Write an **Article** in **100-120** words on 'Festivals of India'. You are Karuna/Karan.
- II. Technology is changing the way students learn. Write an **Article** on the impact of technology on education. Advantages and challenges of using digital tools in the classroom. **(Word limit: 80-100)**

Dialogue Completion –

- I. Read the following conversation between Rohan and Vikram to make a plan for the weekend. Complete the dialogue between Rohan and Vikram by filling in the gaps.
Rohan : Do you have a) _____ this weekend?
Vikram: I don't have any special plan.
Rohan : How about we go to the zoo b) _____ ?
Vikram: Oh. I would love to! But I c) _____ my parent's permission.
Rohan : Okay. Do that and let me know.
Vikram : I'll d) _____ by tonight.
Rohan : Okay.

Grammar

D) The following passages have not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.

i)	Incorrect	Correct
a) Thanks to the current interest for fitness	_____	_____
b) and health that people are taking.	_____	_____
c) In each locality we find this days	_____	_____
d) some centres and clubs is springing	_____	_____
e) up and they are do well in their	_____	_____
f) new venture. But fortunately they	_____	_____
g) are not within easy reach for all.	_____	_____
h) They charges too high.	_____	_____

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| ii) | | Incorrect | Correct |
| a) | Facebook, with more than one billion users | _____ | _____ |
| b) | is celebrated its 20 th birthday this year. | _____ | _____ |
| c) | The company was launched by Mark Zuckerberg | _____ | _____ |
| d) | at 4 th February 2004. The site was | _____ | _____ |
| e) | conceived in a Harvard dorm in a way | _____ | _____ |
| f) | to connect student and let them build an | _____ | _____ |
| g) | identity for himself online. | _____ | _____ |

II) In the following passages, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it.

i)	Passage	Before	Omitted	After
a)	Researchers proved that	researchers		proved
b)	doing exercise reduce heart risk	exercise		reduces
c)	and lower the chances a stroke.	chances		a
d)	Be it any form exercise,	form		exercise
e)	It has a positive impact your	impact		your
f)	overall personality confidence while regulating your hormones.	personality		confidence

ii)	Passage	Before	Omitted	After
a)	Mahatma Gandhi considered one	Gandhi		considered
b)	of most influential men to ever walk	of		most
c)	on Earth. Through principles of	through		principles
d)	non-violence non-cooperation,	violence		non-cooperation
e)	he won many hearts not only in India but also South Africa.	also		South Africa

III) Rearrange the given words and phrases into a meaningful sentence.

- of mind / is a state / happiness
- a / friend / a / good / is / treasure/retained/that should/ be/ lifelong.
- ancient / India / a rich / history / with / and diverse / culture / is
- fossil fuels / the / of / burning / environment / contributes / to / degradation / significantly
- all over the room / spread / She has / garbage
- the window / has smashed / The ball / through

IV) Underline the Verb in each of the following sentences. Write T if the verb is Transitive or I if the verb is Intransitive.

- I like all of Katy Perry's songs.
- New Delhi is the capital of India.
- Billie Eilish is a singer.
- Will built a doll house for his eight-year-old daughter.
- I ate a sandwich for breakfast.
- All of them danced at my wedding party.
- The mosquito bat does not seem to be working.
- No tomato is ripe.

V) In the following sentences, underline the Independent (main) Clause in pen and the Dependent (subordinate) Clause in pencil.

- The sprinter came to a halt after he had torn a hamstring.
- The house, which stands on the corner, is for sale again.
- The country which has the world's richest oil reserves is Saudi-Arabia.
- Unless you work very hard, you will not pass the examination.
- When his mother reasoned with him, the little boy refused to go to bed, because he was obstinate.

VI) Choose the correct alternatives.

- We.....respect our parents. (should/may/ought/dare)

- (b) I can assure you, youget the reward. (could/shall/will)
- (c) A rich man.....buy anything he likes. (must/can/will)
- (d) He.....worry much about this matter. (should/would/need/shouldn't)
- (e) Candidates..... answer all questions. (must/need/ought/can)
- (f)you solve this sum? (will/can/have/may)
- (g) I said I do it. (can/could/ought/need)
- (h) I thought the elections..... be held as scheduled. (can/would/may)

Literature

I) Read the given extracts and answer the following questions in not more than 20 words.

Monkey Trouble

“It’s true that some of the guests were not seen for several days after the wedding but no one said anything against the cake. Most people thought it had an interesting flavour.”

- a) Whose wedding is mentioned in the above extract ?
- b) What are possible reasons the guests did not criticize the cake despite its unusual flavor?
- c) Why did the cake have an interesting flavour ?
- d) According to you, why were some of the guests not seen for several days ?

Birdie, Will You Pet ?

Extract 1:

***“I’d rather sleep in the ivy wall:
No rain comes through, though I hear it fall;
The sun peeps gay at dawn of day,
And I sing, and wing away, away!”***

- a) Why does the bird prefer to sleep in the ivy wall rather than in the luxurious bed offered ?
- b) What natural elements does the bird enjoy in its preferred sleeping place, according to this extract ?
- c) What is the rhyming scheme of the poem ?
- d) What does the bird's preference for the ivy wall over a luxurious bed indicate about its nature and desires ?

Extract 2:

***“Oh! thanks for diamonds, and thanks for jet;
But here is something daintier yet,—
A feather necklace, round and round,
That I would not sell for a thousand pound!”***

- a) What does the bird consider more valuable than diamonds and jet ?
- b) Why does the bird refuse the offer of a diamond and jet necklace ?
- c) What can be inferred about the bird's personality and priorities from this extract ?
- d) Name the poet of the given poem.

A Hero

“Leave alone strength, can you prove your courage ?”

- a) Identify the speaker of the above given line.
- b) Why was the listener asked to prove his courage ?
- c) What was the challenge given to the listener to prove his courage ?
- d) What did the speaker think about ‘courage’ ?

Fight, Manju, Fight!

Extract 1:

“Mrs Parelkar looked at her daughter searchingly. She gazed long into those serious, melancholic eyes. Closing the tap she walked over to the kitchen cupboard and pulled out an ornate, metal tea box from the topmost shelf.”

- a) Who is ‘she’ in the above extract ?
- b) Why did Mrs Parelkar pull out an metal tea box from the topmost shelf ?
- c) What do you mean by ‘melancholic eyes’ ?

Extract 2:

“She bundled up the water-colours and the three brushes, all of best ‘artist’s quality’ and tucked them away into the farthest corner of her cupboard.”

- a) Why did she tuck all her painting material in the corner of her cupboard ?
- b) Who gave the painting materials mentioned in the above extract ?
- c) What does the act of tucking the items into the farthest corner of the cupboard suggest about her feelings regarding them ?

I Dream a World

*“I dream a world where man
No other will scorn
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn”*

- Explain “No other will scorn.”
- What are the three things the speaker dreams of for his dream world?
- Whose path is referred to here?

Stone Soup in Bohemia

Extract 1:

“The peasants looked at each other sheepishly and suspiciously. Nobody wanted to move first, nobody wanted to admit his curiosity, nobody wanted to make a fool of himself but suddenly a common impulse overcame them all.”

- Whom were the peasants watching suspiciously ?
- Why were the peasants looked at each other sheepishly ?
- What impulse overcame all the peasants ?
- Find a word from the extract which means the same as ‘eagerness’.

II) Answer the following questions in about 30 words each.

- How does Tutu’s behavior cause trouble in the house ? Give any two incidents.
- What does Tutu’s behaviour reveal about his character in the story ?
- What reasons does the bird give for preferring its natural environment over luxurious items offered?
- Why did the girl offer luxuries to the bird ?
- How does Swami demonstrates bravery and heroism in the story ?
- What was the challenge faced by Swami ?
- Why did Manju hesitate to ask for money from her parents ?
- How did Amol motivate Manju to participate in the ‘on-the-spot painting competition’ ?
- What is the poet’s vision about the world in the poem ‘I Dream A World’ ?
- What does the poet mean by the phrase ‘the bounties of the earth’ ?
- How did the soldier persuade the villagers to give him food ?
- What quality is displayed by the soldier in the story ‘Stone Soup in Bohemia’ ?

III) HOTS (Word Limit: 80-90)

- How does Tutu’s behavior in the story Monkey Trouble show the problems that can come from being mischievous ?
- What does the bird’s response in the poem Birdie, will you pet? to the various offers reveal about its values and priorities compared to the human characters ?
- How does the hero in the story A hero show bravery in ways other than just physical strength ?
- What does Manju’s struggle in the story Fight Manju fight teach us about not giving up even when things are hard ?
- What are some of the social issues mentioned in the poem I Dream A World, and how they can be solved ? Mention any two problems and their solutions.
- What does the story Stone soup in Bohemia teach us about working together and sharing in a community ?

IV) Life Skills & Values (Word Limit : 80-100)

- How can we learn to handle and care for pets responsibly based on Tutu's behavior in the story Monkey Trouble?
- What does the bird’s preference for natural surroundings over materialistic offers teach us about valuing simple pleasures in the poem Birdie, will you pet?
- How does the story A Hero define heroism, and what qualities are essential to being considered a hero ?
- How can Manju’s actions inspire us to handle our own struggles and setbacks positively in the story Fight, Manju Fight?
- How can we contribute to making our world a better place based on the ideals presented in the poem ‘ I Dream A World’ ?
- How does the story ‘Stone Soup in Bohemia’ highlight the value of wittiness and sharp-mindedness ?