

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION: 2024-2025

## CLASS IX

### SUBJECT – ENGLISH LANGUAGE

NAME OF STUDENT: .....

MAX. MARKS: 80

DATE: .....

TIME: 2 HOURS

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**NOTE:** You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

**Attempt all five questions**

**The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets.**

#### Question 1.

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question) (20)

Write a composition (300-350 words) on any one of the following:

- (i) Write a short story which begins with 'I, do not believe in ghosts .....
- (ii) Describe an experience that showed how deceptive appearances can be.
- (iii) Suppose you were granted a wish. Narrate what you wished for and what happened thereafter.
- (iv) Living in a joint family is better than living in a nuclear family. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- (v) Write about the thrill of a unique experience in your life. You may like to consider the thrill of your first flight or of a trip to another country, or of your success. Narrate why this experience has become memorable in your life.

#### Question 2.

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.) (10)

Select any one of the following:

- (i) Write a letter to your grandfather describing your career plans for the future.
- (ii) Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city pointing out the need for constructing large play grounds so that children and youngsters can freely play in the open air.

#### Question 3.

- (i) Your school is organizing an inter-house debate competition to select the participants who will represent your school at the 'National Inter-School Debate Competition'. Write a notice for your school informing the students of the competition. (5)
- (ii) Write an email to a Principal of a neighbouring school requesting him/her to send two teachers from his/her school to judge the event. (5)

#### Question 4.

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: -**

There were other boys in Manjari village, but Bisnu was the only one who went to school. His



mother would not have fussed if he had stayed at home and worked in the fields. That was what the other boys did; all except lazy Chittru, who preferred fishing in the stream or helping himself to the fruit off other people's trees. But Bisnu went to school. He went because he wanted to. No one forced him to go; and no one could stop him from going. He had set his heart on receiving a good schooling. He wanted to read and write as well as anyone in the big world and so he walked to school every day.

A colony of langoors lived in the forest. They fed on oak leaves, acorns and other green things, and usually remained in the trees, coming down to the ground only to play or sun themselves. They were beautiful, supple-limbed animals, with black faces and silver-grey coats and long, sensitive tails. They leapt from tree to tree with great agility. The young ones wrestled on the grass like boys.

A dignified community, the langoors did not have the cheekiness or dishonest habits of the red monkeys of the plains; they did not approach dogs or humans. But they had grown used to Bisnu's comings and goings and did not fear him. Some of the older ones would watch him quietly, a little puzzled. They did not go near the town; because the boys threw stones at them. And anyways, the forest gave them all the food they required.

Coming from another direction was a second path, and at the junction of the two paths, Sarru was waiting for him. Sarru came from a small village about three miles from Bisnu's and closer to the town.

They hailed each other, and walked along. They often met at this spot, keeping each other company for the remaining two miles.

There was a panther in our village last night, said Sarru.

This information interested but did not excite Bisnu. Panthers were common enough in the hills and did not usually present a problem except during the winter months, when their natural prey was scarce.

'Did you lose any animals?' asked Bisnu.

'No. it tried to get into the cowshed but the dogs set up the alarm. We drove it off.'

'It must be the same one which came around last winter. We lost a calf and two dogs in our village.'

'Wasn't that the one the shikaris wounded? I hope it hasn't become a cattle-lifter.'

'It could be the same. It has a bullet in its leg. These hunters are the people who cause all the trouble. They think it's easy to shoot a panther. It would be better if they missed altogether, but they usually wound it.'

'And then the panther's too slow to catch the barking-deer and starts on our own animals.'

'We're lucky it didn't become a man-eater. Do you remember the man-eater six years ago? I

was very small then. My father told me all about it. Ten people were killed in our village alone.'

'What happened to it?'

'I don't know. Some say it poisoned itself when it ate the headman of the village.'

Bisnu laughed. No one liked that old villain. They linked arms and scrambled up the stony path to school.

(i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)

(1) dignified

- (a) silly
- (b) majestic
- (c) improper
- (d) shameful

(2) hailed

- (a) ignore
- (b) dismiss
- (c) greeted
- (d) refuse

(ii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'hero'? (1)

- (a) lazy
- (b) fussed
- (c) villain
- (d) puzzled

(iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- (a) How was Chittru different from other boys? (2)
- (b) What was Bisnu's ambition? (1)
- (c) What information did Sarru give Bisnu? (2)
- (d) How did the information affect Bisnu? (2)
- (e) Why did the panther become a cattle-lifter? (2)

(iv) In not more than 50 words, describe what the narrator tells us about the behaviour of the langoors. (8)

Question 5.

(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

Hoover was an engineer, desperately ... (1) ... (look) for a job. When he went to an industrialist, he ... (2) ... (tell) that there was no vacancy for an engineer but there was one for a typist.

Would he like ... (3) ... (join) as a typist? Hoover said that he would be happy to join as a typist but only after four days as he ... (4) ... (have) some urgent work. The employer ... (5) ... (agree). Hoover didn't know how to type and ... (6) ... (toil) day and night on a typewriter till he got it right. He got the job as he typed fast with no mistakes. Great people don't wait for big opportunities. They ... (7) ... (make) use of small opportunities. This ... (8) ... (be) Herbert Hoover, the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the United States.

**(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.**

(4)

- (i) The new driver did not come ..... to my expectation.
- (ii) We are hoping ..... a revision in salary.
- (iii) I gave ..... all my old books.
- (iv) She takes ..... her father in her external appearance.
- (v) I prefer tea ..... coffee.
- (vi) He is respected all ..... the world.
- (vii) Does he agree ..... the proposal?
- (viii) The family was shocked ..... the news.

**(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. Choose the correct option.**

(4)

1. You do not pass. You do not work hard.

- (a) You do not pass if you not work hard.
- (b) You will not pass if you will work hard.
- (c) If you do not work hard you will not pass.
- (d) You do not pass when you do not work hard.

2. You must hurry. You will miss the train otherwise.

- (a) Unless you hurry you will miss the train.
- (b) You will miss the train otherwise you have to hurry.
- (c) If you do not hurry otherwise you will miss the train..
- (d) Unless you will hurry you will otherwise miss the train.

3. My friend may call. Please ask him to wait for me.

- (a) My friend may call for him to wait.
- (b) Please ask him to wait for my friend's call.
- (c) If my friend calls, ask him to wait for me.
- (d) Please wait for my friend call.

4. He is very old. He enjoys good health.

- (a) Although he is very old, he enjoys good health.
- (b) Being very old, he enjoy good health.

- (c) He is too old to enjoy good health.  
(d) He enjoys good health after being very old.

**(iv) Choose the correct option to rewrite the following according to the instructions given after each sentence. (8)**

- (1) He is too old for the job. (Remove: 'too')
- (a) He cannot do the job for being old.
  - (b) He is so old that he cannot do the job.
  - (c) He is very old to do the job.
  - (d) He is old enough do the job.
- (2) The result surprised everybody in the town. (Begin with: The result took .....)
- (a) The result took everybody in the town in surprise.
  - (b) The result took everybody in the town with surprise.
  - (c) The result took everybody in the town for surprise.
  - (d) The result took everybody in the town by surprise.
- (3) The police broke the lock. (Rewrite in passive voice)
- (a) The lock is broken by the police.
  - (b) The lock was broken by the police.
  - (c) The lock has been broken by the police.
  - (d) The lock was to be broken by the police.
- (4) He is not only a good orator, but also an excellent actor. (Begin with: Besides being ...)
- (a) Besides being an orator, he is also an actor.
  - (b) Besides being a good orator, he is therefore an excellent actor.
  - (c) Besides being a good orator, he is an excellent actor.
  - (d) Besides being the good orator, he was also the excellent actor.
- (5) Besides making a promise, he kept it. (Use: Not only ..... but also .....)
- (a) He not only makes a promise but also keeps it.
  - (b) He not only made a promise but also kept it.
  - (c) He not only kept a promise but also made it.
  - (d) He not only promise but also keeps.
- (6) You remembered to post the letter, didn't you? (Begin with: You did not ....)
- (a) You did not remembered to post the letter, did you not?
  - (b) You did you forget to post the letter, did you?



(c) You did not remembered to post the letter, did you?

(d) You did not forget to post the letter, did you not?

(7) "What are you doing here?", said the teacher to Ravinder.

(Begin with: The teacher asked Ravinder.... )

(a) The teacher asked Ravinder what is he doing here.

(b) The teacher asked Ravinder what he was doing there.

(c) The teacher asked Ravinder what were he doing there.

(d) The teacher asked Ravinder what he is doing here.

(8) Does any one like paying a fine? (Begin with: No one .....)

(a) No one liked paying a fine.

(b) No one likes to pay a fine.

(c) No one likes for paying a fine.

(d) No one likes to paying fine.

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THE END