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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2017 - '18

Class: VIII Marks: 80

Time : $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs

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ENGLISH

General Instructions:

This paper consists of four sections -

Section A - Reading - 20 marks
Section B - Writing - 20 marks
Section C - Grammar - 20 marks
Section D - Literature - 20 marks

- 1. Attempt all questions.
- 2. Do not write anything on the question paper.
- 3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- 4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- 5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
- 6. Strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.

SECTION A - READING

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions.

A lot of people are involved with nature conservation, taking care of the plants and animals which share the planet. Until the beginning of the 20th century, people thought we could conserve nature by looking after individual species by putting wild animals in zoos, or plants in botanical gardens. Now we understand that we need to conserve whole habitats, the places where these plants and animals live.

Polar bears may be able to survive as individual animals in concrete pools in zoos. But to conserve the species properly they each need hundreds of square kilometers of Artic landscape where they can hunt in seas free from pollution and roam across snow fields that are not disturbed by people.

We can grow primroses in plant pots but to conserve these wild flowers properly, we need to conserve the woodlands where they grow naturally. Nature reserves are important for providing a safe environment for wild life but nature conservation can take place anywhere. In fact many starlings thrive best in very special artificial habitats.

- a) We need to conserve the living place of animals and plants to ______.
- b) Polar bears need hundreds of square kilometers of artic landscape . .
- c) The species that survive successfully in artificial habitat is ______.
- d) Some of the nature reserves like zoo, botanical garden are ______.
- e) A word which means 'the plants' or 'animals' natural living place is .

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.

THE GUEST HOUSE - RUMI

This being human is a guest house.

Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,

Same momentary awareness comes

	As an unexpected v	visitor						
Welcome and entertain them all!								
	Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,							
	who violently sweep your house							
	empty of its furnitu							
	Still treat each gues	st honorably,						
	He may be clearin	g you out						
	For some new delig	ght						
	The dark thought, the shame, the malice,							
	Meet them at the door laughing,							
	and invite them in.							
	Be grateful for who	oever comes						
	Because each has l	peen sent						
	as a guide from bey	yond.						
	. Choose the corre				5			
a)	A human body is d	lescribed as a	·					
	(i) guest	(ii) visitor	(iii) guest house	(iv) none of these				
b)	The visitors of the	guest house are						
	(i) invited		(iii) guest	(iv) none of the above				
c)	We should							
	(i) refuse entry to		(iii) none of these	(iv) welcome and entertain				
d)	When dark though	ts come as visitors, w	e should					
	(i) turn our faces away (ii) shut the door on them			hut the door on them				
	(iii) meet them laughing		(iv)s	(iv) send them				
e)	No matter what kin	nd of guest comes to	our doors we should	:				
	(i) treat them badly (ii) ignore them							
	(iii) show our hatre	ed to them	(iv) t	reat them well				
2.2	.2. Fill in the blanks with words from the poem which mean the same as the following.							
a)	gloomy b) petti	ness c) las	sting for a short time	d) knowing e) spite				
	SECTION B - WRITING							
3.	_	The Hindu Young World is organizing an interschool painting contest for students from VI - XII						
		on the occasion of the World Environment Day. You are Rohit / Arathi, Cultural Secretary of Hill						
	*	· ·	•	l notice board requesting				
			not exceed 50 words.		5			
4.				najority of students who do not				
	value it are becoming lazy and glued to televisions or computers. Write a letter to the editor							
	highlighting the importance of fitness and playing sports. Also suggest ways to lead a healthy life							
	style. Write your letter in 120 - 150 words.							
5.	Many children feel tempted to break rules in school. They find pleasure in doing so. Write an							
	article in 100 - 120	words discussing rea	sons for it. Suggest mea	sure to make children respect				
	rules. You are Arur	ı/Aruna.			8			
		SECTIO	N C - GRAMMA	R				
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0.	Fill in the blanks with correct words from the brackets. Then pick out the adjective							
	clauses in the following sentences.							
9)	(god mother, fantacy, parable)							
a)	A can be referred to as someone who is very close to the family.							
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7. Write C for clause and P for phrase for the parts underlined. a) Lean buy the books if you give the money. b) We are all going to the library. c) Did you look under the bed? 8. Rewrite each pair of simple sentences as a compound sentence. Use the correct conjunctions from the brackets. a) The traffic police man knew where the hall was. He gave us directions. (yet/though/and) b) Padmini went to bed around midnight. She was awake at 5 am as usual. (yet/therefore /so) c) Ranjith is not awake. His younger brother has already left for his morning jog. (yet/so/that) d) The boy had no money to pay his school fees. The principal helped him. (yet/though/so) 9. Underline the adjective clauses in the following sentences. 3 The boy whom you met today is the head boy. b) The book that I was reading is missing. c) The train which we were supposed to travel by has been cancelled. 10. Correct and rewrite the following sentences. 3 I gave the big scream and ran away. b) It was most the scary look. c) They have strangest of the pets. 11. Fill in blanks with the correct options. a) Sara would have taken the test today, if she fallen ill. (had not, was not, would not have) b) If you do not return your library book on time, you to pay a fine. (would have, will have, had) 12. Re-arrange the following words to form meaningful sentences. a) Camel /the oldest/ the/ is/of/ domestic animals b) is/means/ as/a/of/transport/ in/deserts/it/used c) is/useful/animal/this/to life/adapted/well/land/in harsh SECTION D - LITERATURE 13. Choose the right answer. a) For these happy little neighbours always seem at peace to be (i) the poet's neighbours is only the doves that sit on the neighbour's roof b) The phrase 'hooked hands' refers to (ii) the doves that sit on the neighbour's roof b) The phrase 'hooked hands' refers to (ii) the doves make neighbour hands (iii) clawed feet (iv) deformed hands ('v) yellow mustard flowers are making the fields look bright 14. Answer the following questions. a) Where does	b)	A is a short story that teaches a moral lesson.					
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