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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2018 - '19

Class : VI

Marks : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

ENGLISH

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

1. This paper consists of three sections :

Section A Reading (20 marks)

Section B Writing and Grammar (30 marks)

Section C Literature (30 marks)

2. Attempt all questions.

3. Do not write anything on the question paper.

4. All answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.

5. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.

6. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

SECTION A - READING

1. Read this extract and complete the tasks that follows.

Using the ear phones while driving can be far more dangerous than driving under the influence of the liquor.

Latest research says drivers using these mobile phones as a means of faster day-to-day communication may be heading for an accident. The study has shattered the common belief that drinking is the chief cause of the majority of the road mishaps.

Talking on the mobile phones increases the risk to one's life compared to driving after being drunk. The findings of the study are based on the survey of several cases of road accidents. In fact, a study of the records of drivers involved in 699 such mistakes showed that the risk of accident for those who talk on phone while driving was at least four times higher compared to those driving in a state of drunkenness.

The only advantage of those driving with cellular phone was that they could summon immediate help through these phones. The study which is relevant for the entire world is relevant for India as well. Here too these phones are being used increasingly for communication and business transactions.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following sentences. 5

- Using ear phones while driving is very dangerous because _____.
- Accidents on the road can be caused because of _____.
- Latest research has made it clear that _____.
- With the help of a mobile phone one can _____.
- Cell phones are being used increasingly in India for _____.

1.2. Which words in the text mean the same as the following words. 3

- risky b) accidents c) call

2. Read this poem and complete the tasks.

GO PLANT A TREE

God, what a joy it is to plant a tree,

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extract and answer any one of the following questions briefly. 4

“How bright on the blue is a kite when it’s new!

With a dive and a dip it snaps its tail

Then soars like a ship with only a sail”

- a) When does the kite look bright?
- b) Which one of the following lines associated with the kite’s movement?
- c) What is the kite compared to?
- d) What does the word ‘soars’ in the above extract mean?

OR

“What is it, Master, is anything wrong?” asked the dog, surprised.

“I smell a man coming this way,” The lion said. “We’d better run for it or we’ll be in trouble.”

- a) In the first line the word ‘Master’ refers to?
- b) The dog was surprised when he saw
- c) The lion feared the trouble from.....
- d) Who did he choose next?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. 8

- a) What is the difference between a house and a home?
- b) What was Patrick’s wish? Why did the little man grant Patrick a wish?
- c) Describe Kalpana Chawla’s first mission in space.
- d) Why did the dog feel the need for a master? What major decision did that dog take?

10. Attempt any one question from the following. 8

Who did Patrick’s homework? Why? How did Patrick get supernatural help?

OR

Give the list of animals the dog agreed to accompany and serve. Why did it reject them all?

11. Answer any one of the following questions. 10

What qualities of Ray do you admire most? How did the old clock give a timeless message through Ray? Write the character sketch of Ray.

OR

Narrate the tale of two birds in your own words.