



Class : X Student's Name:Roll. No.

Subject : English Date:16/10/2020 Max. Marks: 80 Time: 3 Hrs.

Invigilator's Name:.....Sign:.....

General Instructions :

1. All the questions are compulsory.
2. Visit the website www.srvmschools.org to answer the questions.
3. Student will fill the details on answer sheet and write the test during the above given schedule.
4. The time of the Half yearly examination-2020 will be 9:00 a.m to 12:45 p.m .
5. The full marks will be 80 for each subject. Each question paper contains 20% objective type questions (MCQ) and 20% case based or sources based MCQ questions of 1 mark each and 40% subjective type questions.
6. The password protected question paper will be downloaded from school Website (<https://srvmschools.org/>) by the students. A key will be provided to the students before 15 minutes of the examination schedule on the date of examination to unlock the question paper on WhatsApp Group.
7. The Students will write the test on Answer sheet provided by the school. The answers written by the students during the scheduled test date and time will be considered final. After the scheduled time, no other record of answer by the students will be taken into consideration for final evaluation.
8. A link will be provided by the school for posting of online attendance by uploading the photo of first page of filled answer sheet by the student before 5 minutes of the examination on all examination days. It is compulsory for the students of IX,X,XI and XII to remain live on video during the first hour of examination on all examination days. Students muting the video will be treated as absent. All the students must wear school uniform during the examination.
9. After writing the paper, the student will record the completion attendance at 12:45p.m without fail. The link for attendance will be available from 9:00 a.m to 12:45 p.m only.
10. The first 15 minutes have been allotted for reading this question paper. These 15 minutes have to be used by the candidates for thorough silent reading of the question paper. During this period, the students will not write any answer on the answer- book and the question paper. Write in neat and clean handwriting.
11. For assistance, the class teachers may be contacted.

SECTION-A – READING (20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)

1. Nobel Peace Prize winner Jose Ramos-Horta took office as East Timor's new Prime Minister on Monday, a move aimed at ending weeks of political turmoil in Asia's newest nation. President Xanana Gusmao swore in Ramos- Horta under the watchful gaze of rifle-carrying Australian commandos heading a 2,500-strong international peace-keeping force in East Timor. The two men, architects of independence from the Indonesian rule, then put their signatures to paper to cement the appointment. Ramos- Horta, dressed in a dark suit and no tie, took his oath in the President's office alongwith his two new deputy premiers. During his inauguration speech, made in a hall with unpainted concrete ceilings and bare plywood walls, he promised to send more funds to the poor and maintain security. "The focus has to be on security so that our people, our fathers and mothers and the poor can return to their homes," said Ramos-Horta, 56, who spent years abroad as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia. He told a news conference later on Monday that his cabinet would be sworn in and start work this week. "We will work very hard," he said, promising to cooperate with the World Bank to speed up development in rural areas.

2. East Timor descended into chaos nearly three months ago when the then premier Mari Alkatiri dismissed about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army when they protested about discrimination. Gusmao named Ramos-Horta premier

on Saturday, around two weeks after Alkatiri stepped down after being broadly blamed for recent crisis in the tiny Pacific nation. When rival army and police factions fought, the violence turned into arson and looting that ended only with the intervention of the Australia-led peace-keepers. At least 20 people died and 100,000 became homeless in the violence.

3. The swearing-in ceremony was seen by various officials and dignitaries, but was not attended by Alkatiri. Prosecutors have said they intend to question the former Prime Minister over his alleged role in the violence. One East Timor political leader said at the weekend that Ramos Horta could face opposition from a section of Fretilin, the dominant party with 55 seats in the 88-member parliament. Ian Martin, a UN special envoy, who arrived in East Timor about two weeks ago to assess the country's need for further UN help, has welcomed Ramos-Horta's appointment, saying he hoped it would bring peace and stability to the young country.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. (1×8=8)

- (a) Ramos- Horta in his inauguration speech promised to:
- (i) bring peace
 - (ii) ensure stability
 - (iii) stop violence
 - (iv) send more funds to the poor and maintain security
- (b) Ramos-Horta, 56, spent years abroad:
- (i) as a spokesman for East Timor's struggle for independence from Indonesia
 - (ii) as an official
 - (iii) as the President
 - (iv) as a person raising funds
- (c) Mari Alkatiri dismissed
- (i) about 600 members of the 1,400-strong army
 - (ii) 1,400-strong army
 - (iii) about 300 members of the strong army
 - (iv) about 400 members of the 1,200-strong army
- (d) Who among the following resigned from the premiership?
- (i) Gusmao
 - (ii) Ramos-Horta
 - (iii) Alkatiri
 - (iv) none of these
- (e) The violence in East Timor led to:
- (i) struggle for independence
 - (ii) chaos for nearly three months
 - (iii) the intervention of the Australia-led peacekeepers
 - (iv) both (i) & (ii)
- (f) 'watchful eye' means
- (i) to watch
 - (ii) alert eyes
 - (iii) observant
 - (iv) keen
- (g) was a UN special envoy, who arrived in East Timor about two weeks ago to assess the country's need for further UN help.
- (i) Alkatiri
 - (ii) Xanana Gusmao
 - (iii) Ramos-Horta
 - (iv) Ian Martin
- (h) Ramos- Horta could face opposition from a section of Fretilin .
- (i) True
 - (ii) False

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(12)

1. Breathing is important for two reasons. It is the only means to supply our body and its various organs with oxygen which is vital for our survival. The second function of breathing is that it is one means to get rid of waste products and toxins from the body.

2. Oxygen is the most vital nutrient for our bodies. It is essential for the integrity of the brain, nerves, glands and internal organs. We can do without food for weeks and without water for days, but without oxygen, we will die within a few minutes. If the brain does not get proper supply of this essential nutrient, it will result in the degradation of all vital organs in the body.

3. The brain requires more oxygen than any other organ. If it does not get enough, the result is mental sluggishness, negative thoughts and depression and, eventually, vision and hearing decline. Old people and those whose arteries are clogged often become senile and vague because oxygen to the brain is reduced. They get irritated very quickly.

4. Poor oxygen supply affects all parts of the body. The oxygen supply is reduced to all parts of the body as we get older due to poor lifestyle. Many people need reading glasses and suffer hearing decline in old age.

5. When an acute circulation blockage deprives the heart of oxygen, a heart attack is the result. If this occurs to the brain, the result is a stroke.

6. For a long time, lack of oxygen has been considered a major cause of cancer. Even as far back as 1947, work done in Germany showed that when oxygen was withdrawn, normal body cells could turn into cancer cells.

7. Similar research has been done with disease. It showed that lack of oxygen is a major cause of heart disease, stroke and cancer. The work done at Baylor University in the USA has shown that you can reverse arterial disease in monkeys by infusing oxygen into the diseased arteries.

8. Thus, oxygen is very critical to our well-being, and any effort to increase the supply of oxygen to our body and especially to the brain will pay rich dividends. Yogis realized the vital importance of an adequate oxygen supply thousands of years ago. They developed and perfected various breathing techniques. These breathing exercises are particularly important for people who have sedentary jobs and spend most of the day in offices. Their brains are oxygen starved and their bodies are just 'getting by'. They feel tired, nervous and irritable and are not very productive. On top of that, they sleep badly at night, so they get a bad start to the next day continuing the cycle. This situation also lowers their immune system, making them susceptible to catching colds, flu and other 'bugs'.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words:

(2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) What is the significance of breathing?
- (b) Why is oxygen important?
- (c) What is the harmful effect of lack of oxygen?
- (d) What did yogis do, when they realized the importance of oxygen? For whom it is beneficial?

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following.

(1 × 4 = 4)

- (a) In para-3, the word which means 'lethargic' is
 - (i) clogged (ii) sluggish (iii) discard (iv) decline
- (b) In para-8, the word which means sufficient is
- (i) productive (ii) irritable (iii) important (iv) adequate
- (c) In para-3, the word opposite in meaning to 'clear/ certain' is
- (i) enough (ii) negative (iii) clogged (iv) vague
- (d) In para-8, the word opposite in meaning to 'insufficient' is
- (i) critical (ii) adequate (iii) tired (iv) increase

SECTION-B - WRITING & GRAMMAR

(30)

3. You are Mahesh Kumar/Rajshree, a customer of Airtel Broadband. Write a letter to the Customer Care Department, Airtel, regarding the poor service of Internet connection. You are a resident of A-30, Defence Colony, New Delhi.

(10)

Or

You are Neelam/Rakesh, Store Incharge Diksha Stores, 32/54, Rajeev Nagar, Delhi. Your school requires school bags and accessories in bulk for the commencement of the new session. Write a letter of inquiry to the Sales Manager, Sky Bags Industries Ltd. 15/3, Ravi Nagar, Delhi enquiring about the details of goods manufactured.

4. Water scarcity in some of the areas have created a lot of problems. Write an article in about 100-120 words on "Conservation of Water: The Need of the Hour". (8)

Or

Western Culture has completely mesmerized the younger generation. They do not respect their elders. Write an article on "Loss of Moral Values over Material Gains" in about 100-150 words.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given below. (1x6=6)

When Dr. Jenner was.....(a) at Sodbury, a young country woman came to him for advice. While..... (b) to her, he chanced to speak of small pox that terrible disease which.....(c) over the land every few years. The young woman said he could not catch small pox because she had cow pox, this was a new idea to Dr. Jenner, but she declared it was true. She told him that everybody in her(d) had proved this to be true. Every milker of cows she said, who had ever caught a certain.....(e) from the cow's udder was after that(f) safe from small pox.

- (a)(i) studying (ii) study (iii) studied (iv) were studying
(b)(i) talk (ii) talking (iii) was talking (iv) talked
(c)(i) have swept (ii) swept (iii) swept (iv) had swept
(d)(i) neighbourhood (ii) neighbor (iii) neighbourly (iv) neighbouring
(e)(i) had infected (ii) infecting (iii) infection (iv) infect
(f)(i) work (ii) working (iii) worked (iv) works

6. Read the dialogue given below and complete the report that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1x6=6)

Persome : Marie, put the salt cellars on the table--the silver ones.

Marie : The silver ones, madam ?

Persome : Yes, the silver ones. Are you deaf as well as stupid ?

Marie : They are sold, madam.

Persome : Sold ! (With horror) Sold ! Are you mad ? Who sold them ? Why were they sold ?

Persome asked Marie(a) on the table. Marie respectfully and hesitatingly asked Persome(b) about the silver ones. Persome repeated her answer and expressed her annoyance by asking Marie(c). Marie respectfully replied(d). Persome exclaimed with horror and asked Marie.....(e). She further asked her who had sold them and why(f)

- (a)(i) to put the salt cellars (ii) not to put the salt cellars
(iii) had put the salt cellars (iv) that put the salt cellars
(b)(i) that she was saying (ii) if she is saying
(iii) if she has been saying (iv) if she was saying
(c)(i) if are you deaf as well as stupid (ii) that she was deaf as well as stupid
(iii) if she was deaf as well as stupid (iv) if she is deaf as well as stupid
(d) (i) that they were sold (ii) if they were sold (iii) if they are sold (iv) if are they sold
(e)(i) if she is mad (ii) are you mad
(iii) that she was mad (iv) if she was mad
(f)(i) they had sold (ii) they were sold
(iii) they had been sold. (iv) were they sold

SECTION- C - LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

7. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1×4=4)

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street,

and then Merrily over — there it is in the water!

(a) The boy has lost:

- (i) his bat (ii) his ball (iii) his toy (iv) his temper

(b) After losing the ball, he:

- (i) is worried (ii) doesn't care (iii) is not concerned (iv) is in a fix what to do

(c) The poet saw the ball merrily bouncing down the.....

- (i) street (ii) water (iii) roof (iv) park

(d) Finally the ball fell into.....

- (i) the house (ii) the garden (iii) the well (iv) the water

or

Weeks went by and still Wanda did not answer. Peggy had begun to forget the whole business, and Maddie put herself to sleep at night making speeches about Wanda, defending her from great crowds of girls who were trying to tease her with. "How many dresses have you got?" And before Wanda could press her lips together in a tight line, the way she did before answering, Maddie would cry out. "Stop!" Then everybody would feel ashamed the way she used to feel.

(a) Time went by but Wanda:

- (i) wrote a letter (ii) did answer (iii) didn't answer (iv) gave a long answer

(b) Peggy began to:

- (i) remember Wanda's business (ii) hate Wanda (iii) ignore Wanda (iv) forget about Wanda

(c) The crowd of girls used to tease Wanda with questions about her.....

- (i) food (ii) hobby (iii) hundred dresses (iv) education

(d) Everybody would feel the way she used to feel.

- (i) ashamed (ii) happy (iii) sad (iv) lonely

8. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(2×5=10)

(i) "The sight of the food maddened him." What does this suggest?

(ii) What made Mr Keesing allow Anne to talk in class?

(iii) How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebright's life?

(iv) Why does the narrator say, "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota...?"

(v) In what way was Wanda different from the other children?

(vi) How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?

9. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

(1×8=8)

Who do you think helped the narrator to reach safely? Discuss this among yourselves and give reasons for your answer.

Or,

How does Wanda feel about the dresses game? Why does she say that she has a hundred dresses?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words.

(1×8=8)

How can one become a scientist, an economist, a historian... ? Does it simply involve reading many books on the subject? Does it involve observing, thinking and doing experiments?

Or,

What would have happened to Matilda if she had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace?