

DWARKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SEC-12, DWARKA, NEW DELHI
CLASS-VII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION
SAMPLE

M.M.: 80
Time-3hrs

General Instructions:

- The question paper is divided into three sections.
- All questions are compulsory
- The marks have been assigned against each question.
- The handwriting should be neat and clean.

Section A: Reading	20 Marks
Section B: Writing & Grammar	30 Marks
Section C: Literature	30 Marks

SECTION – A (READING) (20 M)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (12 M)

It is now universally tried and tested that meditation is the best way to get relief from tensions and acquire a holistic health. In the west, people may more attention to materialistic things but in the East, they give more importance to the spiritual and physical aspects of life.

The art of meditation was well known to our ancestors. In the past, it was a common ritual to meditate and pray, may be for 10-15 minutes after taking bath and before starting daily routine chores .The dictionary meaning of meditation is " quietening your mind". In recent times, meditation is way to give peace. It is acquiring great popularity in the West, but it is fading in the East now. The fast life, race after money, effect of western culture are basic reasons behind it.

Most of the religions advocate meditation as a part of daily routine .Meditation is also considered as a stress buster exercise.

It is a simple mental activity where you can cut off your mind from external noises, sounds and stimuli. In mediation, some words are given to recite again and again. With regular meditation, unnecessary thoughts settle down and we can concentrate more and maintain balance, feel relaxed and control our negative emotions.

Q1. Answer the following questions on the basis of your reading :- 6

- a. What is the best way to get rid of tensions?
- b. What is the dictionary meaning of meditation?
- c. What are basic reasons for fading of meditation in the East?
- d. What is meditation considered as ?
- e. What happens with regular meditation?
- f. What was the common ritual in past ?

Q 2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following:- 2

(i) Fitness (ii) Tasks (iii) Focus (iv) Worldly

Q 3. Choose the correct answer from the given options:- 4

- a. Through mediation we can achieve _____
(I) Body Health (II) balance diet
(III) Mental Peace and Joy (IV) Money
- b. Meditation is also considered as a _____
(I) Stimuli (II) Prayer
(III) Stress Relieving Exercise (IV) Mental inactivity
- c. The art of meditation is known by _____
(I) Everyone (II) None

- (III) Ancestors (IV) Children
 d. You can cut off your mind from _____
 (I) External noises (II) sounds
 (III) Stimuli (IV) all of these

Q2) Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:- (8 M)

I think of all the things I have
 I like my pockets best.
 Pockets hold just everything.
 And they give your hands a rest.
 I never know just what I'll find
 What special things I'll see
 To put inside my pockets
 These are treasures just for me.
 Who Mommy's doing laundry.
 She says it's very scary,
 Finds rocks and frogs in it,
 and also spiders that are hairy.
 What does the child like best?
 What gives rest to hands?

Q . On the basis of your reading this poem, answer the following questions :-

(i) Choose the correct option :- 4

- a. The child is talking about.
 (a) hand (b) toys (c) pockets (d) mommy
 b. Mommy is scared as she finds _____ in pocket.
 (a) coins (b) beetles (c) paper (d) spiders, frogs
 c. _____ is a treasure for a child.
 (a) coins (b) toys (c) pockets (d) special things.
 d. _____ is scary.
 (a) rocks (b) frogs (c) spiders (d) all of these

(ii). Answer the following questions :- 2

- a. What does the child like best?
 b. What gives rest to hands ?
 (iii) Find antonym of following words from the given poem :- 2
 (a) worst (b) bald

SECTION-B (WRITING+GRAMMAR) (18+12=30M)

Q3. Your school is organizing an inter house dance competition. Write a notice informing the students giving necessary details, in 50 words. (4)

Q 4. Write a letter to the Editor of the newspaper highlighting the issue of global warming . Also give reasons and solutions regarding it.

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of the newspaper highlighting the misuses of mobile phones among this generation. (6)

Q5. Write an article on the topic " Save girl child " for your school magazine in about 150-200 words .

OR

Write an article on the topic " Importance of discipline in life " in about 150-200 words. (8)

Q6. Rewrite the following sentences as instructed : (3)

- i) Himesh learnt for his test . (Change into Simple Future tense)
- ii) I am eating an apple. (Change into Past perfect tense)
- iii) Moni buys anew badminton . (Change into Present perfect continuous tense)

Q7. Fill in the blanks with suitable degrees of adjectives: (3)

- i) Sukriti is the _____ among all girls . (good)
- ii) This watch is _____ than that one. (costly)
- iii) Rishabh wants _____ sugar in tea . (little)

Q8. Do as directed : (3)

- a. Form the abstract noun of the following;
 - i. Admire
 - ii. High
- b. Write the plural noun of the following :
 - i. Fungi
 - ii. Goose
- c. Change the gender noun of the highlighted word:
 - i. His father bought a hen for his poultry farm.

Q9. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (3)

- i) I like to eat _____ orange and _____ banana.
- ii) _____ team climbed _____ highest range of mountains.
- iii) Maria is _____ badminton player who won _____ match yesterday.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE) (30M)

Q10 .Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (4)

'Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever- widening thoughts and actions
Into that heaven of freedom, my father ,
Let my country awake. '

- i) Name the poem and the poet of the above stanza?
- ii) Describe the poet's version of heaven of freedom?
- iii) Who is "My father" referred to here?

Q 11. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (4)

'Well, little one , and when are you going to your father - in law's house ?'

- i) Who said these words and to whom?
- ii) What was the meaning of the expression ' Father-in-law's house '?
- iii) Who is Mini ?

Q12. Answer any five questions in about 60-80 words : (5*2=10)

- i) Describe the Kabulliwallah?
- ii) Who was captain speedy ? What kind of man he was ?
- iii) Who was Kedar keshto ? what was his problem?
- iv) What happened when Pip started to cry near his parents tombstones?
- v) What is the impact when knowledge is not free?
- vi) What is the theme of the poem ' Lily in the valley'?

Q13. Answer the following questions in detail : (6*2 =12)

- i) Why was Rahmun arrested? Do you think through ' Kabuliwallah ' Tagore has been successful in describing the changing relationships? How?
- ii) Why was Kedar babu angry for the first time? What happened as soon as he reached the end of his counting ?

