

**DWARKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SEC-12, DWARKA, NEW DELHI
CLASS-VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
SAMPLE PAPER
Half Yearly EXAMINATION**

**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 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully: (12marks)

A young man was getting ready to graduate college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed the young opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible. Angrily, he raised his voice at his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the holy book.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business.

He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart.

He began to search his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. As he read those words, a car key dropped from an envelope taped behind the Bible.

It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words..... PAID IN FULL.

A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following statements: (6)

- a) The young man told his father _____.
- b) He was disappointed and angry because _____.
- c) After many years passed he decided to _____.

- d) But, he received a telegram stating _____.
e) While turning pages of the Bible _____.
f) The tag on the envelope had _____.

B. Fill in the blanks with one word only: (4)

A young man (a) _____ a sports car from his father on graduation. He (b) _____ to notice the car key taped to the Bible his father gifted. He (c) _____ his mistake too late, but his father had (d) _____.

C. Find the words in the passage which mean the following: (2)

a) go away angrily- _____ b) belongings- _____

Q.2. Read the given poem carefully: (8)

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too:
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream----- and not make dreams your master;
If you can think----- and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

A. Complete the summary of the poem by filling the blanks with one word only:(5)

The poet says that we must try to be (a) _____ and have (b) _____ even if others doubt our capability we must (c) _____ but act also. We must treat victory and failure (d) _____ and be (e) _____ with those who speak wrong about us.

B. Write three pairs of rhyming words. (3)

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

Q3. You are Ritika Sharma, the Head Girl of the school. The Principal wants to hold a meeting of all the monitors of the class, in order to give special instructions for the discipline of their classes as the Education Minister is coming on the occasion of the Republic Day celebration in the school the next week. Write the notice in about 50 words.

OR

You are the stationery in-charge in your school. Write a notice informing the students about the sale of second hand books to be held recently. (4)

Q4. Write an article in not more than 150 words for your school magazine 'Joy Of Giving Week'.

OR

Write an article in not more than 150 words on the topic: 'Save Nature, Save Mankind'. You are Roopa/Rajiv.

(8)

Q5. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, appealing for help for the victims of Kerala flood.

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper of the city about your contribution to make changes in the society.

(6)

Q6. Do as directed:

(3)

- a) By the end of this year, Madhuri has acted in films for ten years. (Change into Future Perfect Continuous Tense)
- b) The last time I met her, she was learning to play piano. (Change into Past Perfect Continuous Tense)
- c) Lata has lived in New York for twenty years. (Change into Present Perfect Continuous Tense)

Q7. Change the following sentences into the Passive Voice.

(3)

- a) You will have heard this news already.
- b) Do not open the window.
- c) The policeman caught the thief.

Q8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the adjectives given within brackets.

(2)

- a) Hari is as _____ as Mohan. (tall)
- b) Lata is _____ than Neha. (young)
- c) This painting is the _____ one I have ever seen. (beautiful)
- d) The _____ I've travelled to the east within India, is Ranchi. (further)

Q9. The following sentences are incorrect in terms of the use of pronouns in them. Rewrite them appropriately.

(2)

- a) Me was listening to the election news on radio.
- b) Her is honest and soft-spoken.
- c) We themself were present in the auditorium to witness the magic show?
- d) The stranger whom was asking the address of his relative is still wandering.

Q10. Identify whether the following sentences are simple, compound or complex.

(2)

- a) The Principal rewarded Akshay for his honesty.
- b) Rita recited a patriotic poem and Rosy presented an act of break dance.
- c) The criminal confessed that he was guilty.
- d) The visiting team won unexpectedly.

SECTION-C LITERATURE (30)

Q11. Read the following extracts and answer the following questions: (4x1 =4M)

1. The incident affected her deeply and soon after, she started begging at railway platforms for food to look after her daughter.

- a) Who is she and what was the incident?
- b) What did she realize after she started begging?
- c) Why did she have to beg?

d) What decision did she take after the realization?

Q12. Read the following extracts and answer the following questions: (4x1 =4M)

1. A wind came up out of the sea,

And said: 'O mists, make room for me.'

- a) What time of day is being referred to in these lines?**
- b) Why is there a reference to mists?**
- c) What is meant by make room?**
- d) Name the poet and the name of the above given lines.**

Q13. Answer any five questions in about 25-30 words: (5x2 =10M)

1. What or who caused annoyance to the writer in the English grammar class?

Why?

2. How did the Bunyip awaken?

3. Why did Helen's friends discourage her from trying to use her lips and voice to express her thoughts? Do you think it was mean of them?

4. How does the poet become part of the forests essence in the poem 'Lazy Afternoon'?

5. How did the writer of 'Passive Voice' react when her sister started to lecture her on question tags?

6. Who was Ragnhild Kaata and how was she responsible for Helen's resolve to learn to speak?

Q14. Answer any two of the following questions in 100-120 words: (2x6 = 12 M)

1. Describe the character of Sindhutai.

2. Contrast the mood of the wind in the first seven stanzas with that in the last stanza of the poem 'Day Break'.

3. The story 'The Legend of Three Sisters' is an Australian legend. What is a legend? How do you think legends took birth?