

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2021-22)

ENGLISH

CLASS- IX

Time: 90 Minutes

Max. Marks 40

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections.
2. Section A-READING has 18 questions. Attempt a total of 14 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
3. Section B-WRITING & GRAMMAR has 12 questions. Attempt a total of 10 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
4. Section C-LITERATURE has 30 questions. Attempt 26 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
5. All questions carry equal marks.
6. There is no negative marking

READING

I. Read the passage given below.

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements and so on— simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option.

- 1 The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the
- A) constant need for something different.
 - B) population being much younger.
 - C) exhausting effort to make changes.
 - D) strong tendency to stay within our limits.
- 2 Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

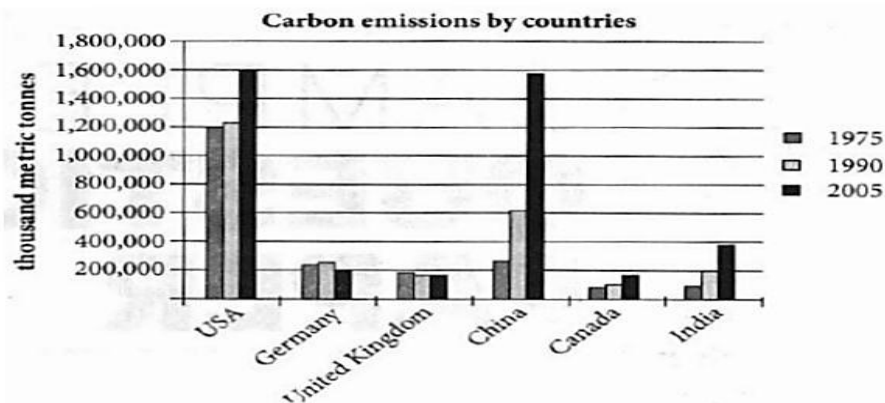
<p>It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends. --Philip Green</p> <p>(1)</p>	<p>To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short. --Confucius</p> <p>(2)</p>	<p>Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. --Albert Einstein</p> <p>(3)</p>	<p>Balance is not something you find, it's something you create. ~Jana Kingsford</p> <p>(4)</p>
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- A) Option (1)
 - B) Option (2)
 - C) Option (3)
 - D) Option (4)
- 3 Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context: “I know I have limits and that I’ve reached them, but I’m going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it?”?
- 1. negligent
 - 2. indecisive
 - 3. spontaneous
 - 4. reckless
 - 5. purposeless
 - 6. patient
- A) 2 and 5
 - B) 3 and 6
 - C) 1 and 4
 - D) 2 and 3
- 4 Which of the following will be the most appropriate title for the passage?
- A) Much too soon
 - B) Enough is enough
 - C) How much is too much?
 - D) Have enough to do?
- 5 The phrase “potentially harmful circumstances” refers to circumstances that can
- A) certainly be dangerous.
 - B) be fairly dangerous.
 - C) be possibly dangerous.
 - D) seldom be dangerous.
- 6 The author uses colloquial words such as “yeah” and “Woo-hoo!”. Which of the following is NOT a colloquial word?
- A) hooked
 - B) guy
 - C) stuff
 - D) stress
- 7 What does the author mean when he says, “to get our lives in order”?
- A) To resume our lives.
 - B) To organize our lives.
 - C) To rebuild our lives.
 - D) To control our lives.

- 8 Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'outlook', as used in the passage.
1. A person's evaluation of life
 2. A person's experiences in life
 3. A person's point of view towards life
 4. A person's regrets in life
 5. A person's general attitude to life
- A) (1) and (4)
 B) (2) and (3)
 C) (3) and (5)
 D) (4) and (5)
- 9 The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of
- A) road accidents.
 - B) traffic rules.
 - C) lines on the highway.
 - D) safe driving
- 10 What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?
- A) Love what you do.
 - B) Love yourself to love others.
 - C) Be the best version of yourself.
 - D) Be yourself.

II. Read the passage given below.

The chart below gives information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years.



The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005.

As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries. USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively.

In contrast, the carbon emission of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

In terms of the percentage increase, China was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all. The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any six out of the eight questions by choosing the correct option.

- 11 The given data compares the amount of emission of:
 A) carbon dioxide
 B) oxygen
 C) nitrogen
 D) None of these
- 12 In terms of the percentage increase, which country was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all in year 2005?
 A) China
 B) USA
 C) India
 D) Both (A) and (B)
- 13 Which country has the lowest emission of CO₂ in the graph?
 A) Germany
 B) United Kingdom
 C) Canada
 D) India
- 14 What is the highest quantity unit of global emission of CO₂ by different countries?
 A) 1,600,000
 B) 1,570,000
 C) 1,300,000
 D) None of these
- 15 What could be the reason for surging of CO₂ emission in million tonnes?
 A) Fast paced industrialization
 B) Lack of sustainable development
 C) The urge to become world's top powerful economies
 D) All of the above
- 16 Which country had the minimum CO₂ emission during 1975?
 A) Germany
 B) The United Kingdom
 C) China
 D) India
- 17 Which country has observed a dramatic rise over its years in CO₂ emission?
 A) China
 B) USA
 C) India
 D) Both (A) and (B)
- 18 Which country has been the major polluter in these three decades?
 A) USA
 B) India
 C) China
 D) Both (i) and (ii)

GRAMMAR and WRITING

III. Answer any five out of the six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.

- 19 A number of mistakes _____ found in the essays.
 A) was
 B) were
 C) has been
 D) is
- 20 I saw _____ one-eyed man in the morning.
 A) a
 B) some
 C) an
 D) few

- 21 Which option displays the correct change of the following to reported speech?
Sunita asked Vani, "How much is the rent for your apartment?"
- Sunita asked Vani how much was her rent for apartment.
 - Sunita asked Vani how much the rent for her apartment was.
 - Sunita enquires from Vani that how much rent she pays.
 - Sunita told Vani how much the rent for her apartment was.
- 22 Neither Mukesh nor his brother _____ the school regularly.
- attends
 - attend
 - attending
 - have attend
- 23 Nobody _____ to ask him about his intentions the other day.
- dare
 - dares
 - daring
 - dared
- 24 She said to me, "Open the window."
- She told me open the window.
 - She ordered me to open the window.
 - She said open the window.
 - None of the above.

IV. Answer any five out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below.

On the 16th of June 1730 we discovered land. Our captain sent a dozen men with vessels for water, if any could be found. The country was barren and rocky. I turned back to join the crew, only to see them getting into the boat and rowing for life to get to the ship. Before I could reach them, I observed a huge creature walking after them in the sea as fast as he could. I turned back quickly and climbed up a steep hill with fields of barley on either side and the corn rising up to forty feet. There was a fence to pass from one field to the other. It was impossible for me to climb because every step was six feet high. I was trying to find a gap in the hedge when I discovered one of the inhabitants in the next field walking towards the fence. He was of the same size as the creature chasing the boat. I was struck with utmost fear and astonishment and ran to hide myself. He called in a voice much louder than a trumpet. It sounded like thunder! Seven monsters like him came towards the field ready to reap the corn. They carried a reaping hook which was very big.

When one of the reapers approached where I lay hidden, I screamed as loud as I could. The creature stopped reaping, picked me up between his thumb and forefinger and brought me close to his eyes, sixty feet above the ground. He looked at me with curiosity and blew my hair aside to get a better view of my face. He called his friends and gently placed me on the ground. They all sat on the ground to take a good look at me. I tried to amuse them and spoke to them loudly in several languages. Each time I did so the farmer who picked me up held his ear very close to me but in vain. The farmer took me to his house and placed me at some distance on the dining table which was thirty feet high from the floor.

Dinner was brought for the farmer in a dish which was ten feet in diameter. The farmer's wife crumbled some bread and placed it before me. In the middle of the dinner, I heard a noise behind me. It was the purring of a cat that was ten times larger than an ox. The farmer's wife was stroking him. Then entered the farmer's one year-old son in the arms of a lady. On seeing me the child grabbed me from the table and put my head into his mouth. I shouted so loudly that the baby dropped me. I would have broken my neck if the mother had not held her apron under me. Later she put me on her own bed and covered me with a clean white handkerchief. I slept dreaming of my home, my wife and my children.

- 25 Which narrative style is used in the story?
- Confessional
 - Autobiographical
 - Omnipresent
 - Celebratory
- 26 What kind of conflict is faced by the protagonist in the story?
- Character vs extra-terrestrial
 - Character vs self
 - Character vs society
 - Character vs character

- 27 Other than the protagonist, the unnamed characters in the story are an example of?
 A) Round character
 B) Flat character
 C) Dynamic character
 D) Exquisite character
- 28 Which genre does the above story belong to?
 A) Graphic novel
 B) Fiction
 C) Non fiction
 D) Self help
- 29 The creature picking up the protagonist is an example of?
 A) Exposition
 B) Climax
 C) Rising action
 D) Falling action
- 30 The last sentence of the story reveals that the protagonist is a...
 A) A man with a family.
 B) A voyageur
 C) Has defiantly left his wife and children behind.
 D) Has become disillusioned with his reality.

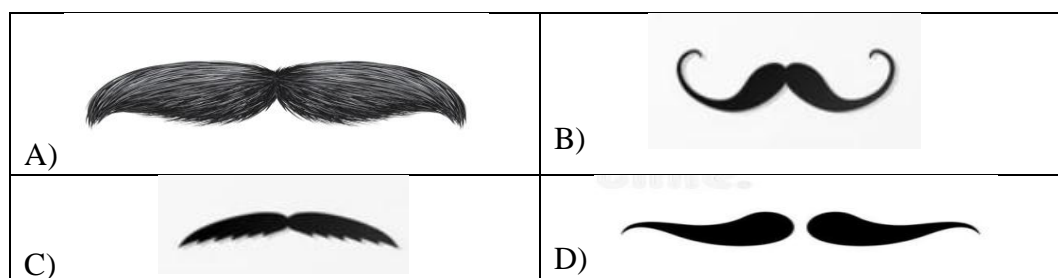
LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections – V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow.

Einstein was highly gifted in mathematics and interested in physics and after finishing school, he decided to study at a university in Zurich. But science wasn't the only thing that appealed to the dashing young man with the walrus moustache. He also felt a special interest in a fellow student, Mileva Maric, whom he found to be a 'clever creature.' This young Serb had come to Switzerland because the University in Zurich was one of the few in Europe where women could get degrees. Einstein saw in her an ally against the "philistines"- those people in his family and at the university with whom he was constantly at odds.

- 31 Which of the following depicts 'walrus moustache' as mentioned in the above extract?



- 32 Where was Einstein studying before deciding to study at Zurich?
 A) Milan
 B) Switzerland
 C) Munich
 D) None of the above
- 33 What does the line "But science wasn't the only thing that appealed to the dashing young man with the walrus moustache" mean?
 A) Einstein was interested in other subjects also.
 B) Einstein felt special interest in a Serb girl named Mileva Maric.
 C) Einstein was interested in violin.
 D) Einstein had a special interest in politics.

- 34 Choose the option in which the word 'philistine' can be used to fill in the blank similarly as used in the passage.
- A) When will there be an end to the ____ approach of the Government who apply a cornershop philosophy to the arts?
 - B) Alex joined them at church half way through the sermon, looking handsome and ____ in a light gray suit.
 - C) She would probably be more comfortable with someone ____ like him.
 - D) The palace contains no moat or armed guards, nor do I detect any ____ security system.

- 35 Choose the option which does not correspond to the word 'clever creature'.
- A) Mentally bright
 - B) Having sharp or quick intelligence
 - C) Original in character
 - D) No lasting value

VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

The McDonalds lived next door. They had five children. Looking through a gap in the fence the little girl saw them playing 'tag' in the evening. The father with the baby, Mao, on his shoulders, two little girls hanging on his coat pockets ran around the flower-beds, shaking with laughter. Once she saw the boys turn the pose on him and he tried to catch them laughing all the time. Then it was that she decided there were different sorts of fathers.

- 36 How are the relations of the little girl with her father?
- A) Her father was affectionate towards her.
 - B) Her father gave her all the attention she wants.
 - C) Little girl was scared of her father.
 - D) Little girl disliked her father.
- 37 What sort of difference the little girl noticed after watching McDonalds with their children?
- A) Kindness
 - B) Fun-loving
 - C) Communicative
 - D) Weird
- 38 Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are not true according to the given extract.
1. Little girl was afraid of her father.
 2. Little girl was hesitant to talk to her father.
 3. Little girl always admired her father for his good behavior.
 4. Little girl wanted her father to be like McDonald's father.
 5. Her father was a fun-loving.
 6. Both father and daughter had a strong bond as they share everything.
- A) 2,3,4
 - B) 1,2,4
 - C) 3,5,6
 - D) 4,5,6
- 39 Pick the option that correctly classifies Fact/s (F) and Opinion/s (O) of the students below.

1	2	3	4
<p>I think the little girl accepted that her father will not be like Mr. McDonald</p>	<p>I think the little girl's father was stressed with his work</p>	<p>I think no matter what he should spend time with Kezia</p>	<p>I think Kezia should put more efforts towards her relationship with her father</p>

- A) F-1,2 and O-3,4
- B) F-2,3,4 and O-1
- C) F-2 and O-1,3,4
- D) All are opinions.

40 Which phrase is incorrect with regard to 'hanging'?

- A) Hanging time
- B) Hanging plants
- C) Hanging chair
- D) Hanging lights

VII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

Wind, come softly.
 Don't break the shutters of the windows.
 Don't scatter the papers.
 Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
 There, look what you did - you threw them all down.
 You tore the pages of the books. You brought rain again.
 You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.

41 What is the rhyming scheme of the above extract?

- A) abab
- B) abcd
- C) abbabb
- D) no rhyme scheme

42 What do you mean by the line "You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings"?

- A) The wind represents the challenges we can't overcome.
- B) Implicitly states that the world takes advantage of weak people.
- C) Both (a) and (b)
- D) The wind is a clever being.

43 The figure of speech used in the above lines is

- A) Personification
- B) Simile
- C) Alliteration
- D) Onomatopoeia

44 What is the tone of the poet in the line "There, look what you did - you threw them all down"?

- A) Angry
- B) Requesting
- C) Pleading
- D) Threatening

45 In the stanza, wind is compared to...

- A) An Infant
- B) An old person
- C) A child
- D) A middle-aged person

VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

He is leaning over a desk covered with paper, and in the glass by his side there is a bunch of withered violets. His hair is brown and crisp, and his lips are red as a pomegranate and he has large and dreamy eyes. He is trying to finish a play for the Director of the Theatre, but he is too cold to write any more. There is no fire in the grate, and hunger has made him faint.

46 Who spoke the words in the above extract and to whom?

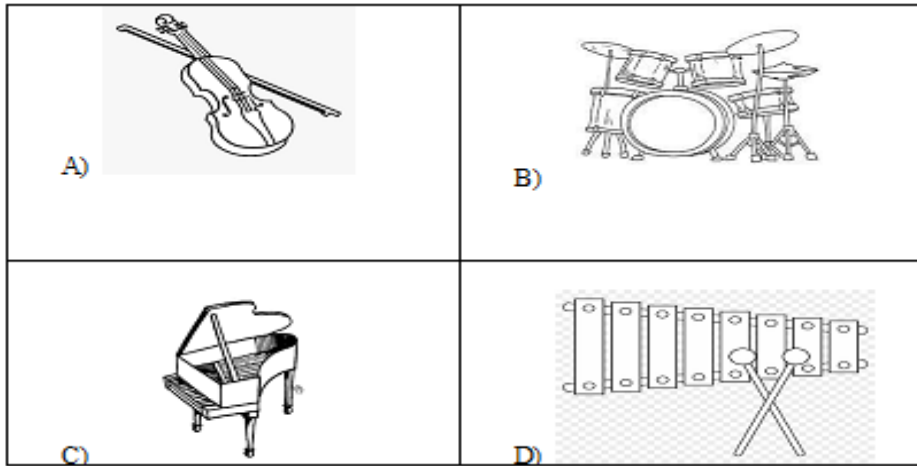
- A) The swallow to the Happy Prince.
- B) The Happy Prince to the seamstress:
- C) The Happy Prince to the little swallow.
- D) The little swallow to the seamstress

- 47 Which literary device is used in the lines 'his lips are red as a pomegranate' and 'hunger has made him faint'?
- Hyperbole and personification
 - Simile and hyperbole
 - Alliteration and imagery
 - Metaphor and simile
- 48 The phrase bunch of withered violets means...
- dry and decaying
 - breaking from inside
 - to shiver
 - None of these
- 49 Which word does 'withered' not correspond to?
- Diminish
 - Disappear
 - Flourish
 - Dwindle
- 50 What did the swallow give the playwright?
- Ruby
 - Gold leaf
 - Sapphire
 - Leaden heart

IX. Attempt the following.

- 51 Who said the following dialogue?
 "Well, I don't know what kind of school they had all that time ago."
- Tommy
 - Margie
 - Margie's grandfather
 - Margie's mother
- 52 Which highest civilian award was given to Bismillah Khan?
- Padmashri
 - Bharat Ratna
 - Padma Bhushan
 - Padma Vibhushan
- 53 Who translated the poem 'Wind' from Tamil to English?
- Subhramania Bharti
 - A.K Ramanujan
 - Dinakar Desai
 - T.N Srikantaiah
- 54 Rearrange the events of the story from which this extract has been taken.
- The guru told a false story to the king and got him and his minister executed.
 - The king and the minister changed the day into night and vice versa.
 - Everything in the kingdom cost a single duddu.
 - The guru and the disciple became the king and the minister of the kingdom.
 - The guru left the kingdom
 - The disciple got in trouble.
- 1,2,3,4,5,6
 - 4,3,2,5,1,6
 - 2,3,5,6,1,4
 - 6,5,2,1,4,3

55 Which musical instrument was played by the eight-year-old Evelyn?



56 What is the meaning of the line "a thousand recollections weave their air-threads into woof"?

- A) Thousands of memories have come together to weave a beautiful picture in poet's mind.
- B) There are thousands of memories attached with the thread.
- C) The poet is remembering his life as a cottage dweller.
- D) The poet does not enjoy rain and is irked by spontaneous thoughts,

57 What did Saint Peter do during his travels around the world?

- A) He looked after the poor and the rich.
- B) He met little women.
- C) He preached the people about God
- D) He begged for food.

58 Which of the following statement is True?

- A) Grandfather had two pair of rabbits as his pets.
- B) Grandfather put Toto in a big black canvas briefcase.
- C) Toto was classified a dog by the ticket collector.
- D) Toto was never accepted by Grandmother

59 "The child was simply carried away by the rainbow glory of their silken colours" - what is being talked about in the given line?

- A) Balloons.
- B) Snakes
- C) Sweets
- D) Flowers

60 What does the poet want to convey when he says, "Yet knowing how way leads on to way"?

- A) He knows how one road can lead to another, and then another, until you end up very far from where you started.
- B) The speaker realizes that his hopes to come back and try the other path may be foolish.
- C) The poet is thinking of his old choices he made during his young years.
- D) The poet is thinking that he can walk on the road easily.