



Delhi Public School, Howrah

HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION (2024-25)

Class- VII

ENGLISH

Time: - 3 Hours

F.M.- 80

The paper consists of 3 sections: Section A (Reading and Writing), Section B (Grammar) and Section C (Literature).

All questions are compulsory

SECTION – A (READING & WRITING) [5+5=10 Marks]

I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (1x5=5)

Have you seen the movie 'Darkest Hour', son? asked Mr Brown to his son sitting despondently huddled into the plush sofa. The youngster, who failed in two subjects, shook his head and looked quizzingly at his father. "Well according to biographers, Winston Churchill did not have the happiest of childhood. He suffered a lot of setbacks in life, but he had that never-say-die attitude." Neglected by his uninterested parents he was sent to boarding school where he would letter after letter pleading for his parents to visit him. Most of his requests went unanswered, and he ended up spending a succession of holidays alone at school without even the company of classmates. Churchill would go on to suffer many failures both at school and in his political life, failures that would have defeated most people. But Churchill kept persevering, overcoming great odds and eventually leading his country through its most difficult times. How did a man with such a difficult upbringing and spotty professional record achieve such greatness?

The answer may lie in the following story: Churchill was asked to deliver a speech at Harrow, the boarding school he attended as a boy. "Never give up! Never give up! Never, never, never-never-never-never!" he roared. Isn't this a tremendous lesson in perseverance?

Perseverance separates the winners from the losers. Those who persevere understand that luck is something only failures believe in. Perseverance has other names – persistence, determination and can-do attitude. Success in life depends on your willingness to never give up, even when the reward is delayed. One of my guilty pleasures is that I occasionally stop at Mcdonald's for a hamburger and a caramel sundae. The phenomenal success of the Golden Arches franchise is evident throughout the world. How was such a dynasty built? Why is Ronald Mcdonald a household name? The answer rests in the motto adopted by its founder, Ray Kroc. It simply reads, "Press on."

As U.S President Calvin Coolidge said, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. "Resolve to: Never give up so long as you know you are right. Believe all things will work out if you hang on until the end. Remain courageous and confident

when the odds turn against you. Never permit anyone to intimidate you or shake your belief in yourself. Fight to overcome any physical handicaps and setbacks. Try again and again, and yet again, to reach your dreams.

1. According to the author, what, from the following, is the greatest lesson being taught by Churchill's life story?
 - a. Perseverance to move on.
 - b. Pessimistic approach to life.
 - c. Afraid of failure.
 - d. Indifferent attitude.

2. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to the above passage.

Jai: Winston Churchill suffered a lot of setbacks in life.
Ruhi: Yes, he did not have the happiest of childhood, but he had that

 - a. become strong despite physical malaise.
 - b. grit to take life head on.
 - c. determination to avenge people.
 - d. vulnerability to succumb to situations.

3. What qualities do the winner display when they take life head on? Choose one option from the following:
 - a. Observation skills
 - b. Arrogance
 - c. Tenacity
 - d. Self-doubt

4. Select the option with the words that can suitably replace 'spotty professional record'.
 - a. The politician had a chequered record.
 - b. The animal had spots all over the body.
 - c. The celebrity was spotted while taking a stroll on the beach.
 - d. His attitude to his profession was ambiguous.

5. Select the qualities from the passage that the successful people advise and want us to imbibe to attain success.
 1. Persistence
 2. Resistant
 3. Determination
 4. reluctant
 5. Emotional
 - a. 2 and 4
 - b. 1,3 and 4
 - c. 1 and 3
 - d. 3,5 and 1

II. WRITING:

(5)

- a. Imagine you are an astronaut and you are travelling in a spaceship. Write a diary entry and record all that you see in space, your experiences, thoughts about your family, the view of Earth from space. (Word limit- 120-150 words)

OR

- b. Write a letter to the Chief Health Officer, Civil Hospital of your district making him aware of the insanitary condition and the spread of malaria, dengue in your city. Request him to take immediate steps against the spread of the epidemic.

SECTION – B (GRAMMAR) [30 Marks]

III. Do as directed:

(1x30=30)

(1) Given below are two statements. namely, Assertion (A) and Reason (R). With respect to the given assertion and reason choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): Five students were selected for the game.

Reason (R): Adjective of number tells us how many people or things are being talked about.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are the true and (R) is a correct explanation of (A).
(b) Both (A) and (R) are the true but (R) is not a correct explanation of (A).
(c) (A) is true and (R) is false.
(d) (A) is false and (R) is true.

(2) Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in the sentence given below:

That shop sells the best pumpkin bread in town.

- a. noun, adverb
b. verb, adjective
c. verb, adverb
d. noun, adjective

(3) Fill in the blank with the correct answer:

Ananya _____ very loudly that day.

- a. was talking
b. was being talked
c. was talked
d. is talked

(4) I have shown you my new bicycle. (Change it into a simple future tense)

(5) Vaibhav played cricket in the ground for three hours. (Change the sentence into a future perfect continuous tense)

(6) She _____ (teach) in that school since 1999. [Fill in the blank with a suitable form of the verb given in bracket]

(7) I don't like such things. (Identify the adjective in the sentence and state its kind)

(8) I know _____ tricks of solving this quiz. (Fill up with an appropriate adjective)

(9) There are trees on either side of the road. (The word 'either' is _____ adjective)

(10) Given below are two statements, namely, Assertion (A) and Reason (R). With respect to the given assertion and reason choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): Are they preparing an assignment on 'Beti Bachao' and 'Beti Padhao'? This sentence is in Simple Present tense.

Reason (R): Simple Present Tense is used to indicate an action that takes place in the past.

(a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is a correct explanation of (A).

(b) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not a correct explanation of (A).

(c) (A) is true and (R) is false.

(d) Both (A) and (R) are false.

(11) The Mexican flag flies outside the building. (Find out the kind of adjective and the noun it describes)

IV. State whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive:

(1) The Prime Minister inaugurated the trade fair at Pragati Maidan -

(2) I am in a hurry right now-

V. Fill in the blanks using the adjective forms of the nouns in the brackets:

(1) She leads a _____ (heal) lifestyle to stay fit.

(2) Her _____ (empathy) expression revealed that she did not want to punish them severely.

(3) Is this an _____ (accept) behaviour?

VI. Write an answer to the following question using a suitable tense:

(1) Where have you spent your money? _____

(2) When I called him, he _____ (make) notes on current affairs since morning. [Fill up with the correct form of the verb in bracket]

(3) _____ an inspiring message! (Fill up with a suitable adjective and state its kind)

VII. Make sentences using the following verbs :

(1) consult – _____

(2) discover – _____

VIII. Rewrite the sentences given below using different degrees of comparison:

(1) My garden is bigger than my neighbour's garden. (Change into positive degree)

(2) The Nobel Prize is more prestigious than most other honours in the world. (Change into positive degree)

IX. Circle the verbs in each sentence and identify the direct and the indirect object (if any):

(1) Amy kicked the soccer ball to David. – _____

(2) I gave my parents their anniversary gift. - _____

(3) She told him the news. – _____

(4) The teacher asked me an important question. – _____

X. Find out the main verb and the helping verb in the sentences given below:

(1) No American woman had captured three gold medals at one Olympics.

(2) Not a single problem has stopped her.

XI. Complete the analogy:

Verbs: action words :: adjectives : _____

SECTION – C (LITERATURE) [40 Marks]

XII. Give the meanings of the following words/phrases and use them in sentences of your own: (2x5=10)

a. odd-looking –

b. lost his mind –

c. mystic-

d. ponderous –

e. splendidly –

XIII. Arrange the following events as mentioned in the story in a correct sequential order: (0.5x6=3)

(a) The courtiers could discuss nothing but hilsa fish.

(b) The king threw a challenge to Gopal to buy a huge hilsa fish without anyone asking about it.

(c) The fishmongers sold nothing but hilsa fish.

(d) The king congratulated Gopal for have achieved the impossible once again.

(e) Gopal began to sing and dance loudly.

(f) Gopal bought the fish and started walking towards the palace.

(g) Gopal smeared himself with ash all over his face.

XIV. State whether the statements are true or false; If false, correct the statements:
(1x4=4)

(a) Gessler, a French baker was settled in Norway –

(b) The king got angry when he was shown to be wrong. –

(c) Kari eats too much about 100 kgs of delicious bananas and sugarcanes everyday. –

(d) The little kitty's name was Narayanshankar Subramanian Aiyaar –

XV. Write the lines from the poem that follows the given lines. **(1x5=5)**

a. The rebel refuses to cut his hair.

b. He says cats are better.

c. He recommends dogs.

d. He is unhappy because there is no sun.

e. He is noisy on purpose.

XVI. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions : **(1x4=4)**

"It was like the wheels of a train fitting smoothly into the rails and whizzing along as Ravi said. Mridu stared at that huge beringed hand moving effortlessly up the violin's stem making lovely music."

a) 'It was like the wheels of a train fitting smoothly into the rails...' What does 'it' refer to in this line?

b) What does 'beringed hand' refer to?

c) What has the wheel of the train been compared to in the given lines?

d) One word from the given lines that means 'with ease.'

(i)smoothly (ii) effortlessly (iii) whizzing (iv) both (i) and (ii)

XVII. Look at the picture and answer the following questions :

(1x4=4)



- (i) Name the story and the characters in the picture.
- (ii) What did the narrator observe on reaching the edge of the water?
- (iii) What were they doing?
- (iv) How old was Kari when he was brought into the care of the narrator?

XVIII. Answer any five questions within 30-40 words:

(2x5=10)

1. Why did the author prefer boots made by Mr Gessler than that of big firms?
2. Why did Rukku Manni ask Ravi to send away the beggar?
3. What were the remarks of two men on seeing Gopal in the market?
4. Why did the author call those boots bought from big firm 'ill-omened'?
5. Why do rebels always contradict the others?
6. The lesson 'Bringing up Kari' discusses few important virtues in Kari. Explain any two virtues that you find in the story.