

HALF YEARLY EXAM : 2019-20

Class : X

FZB/ 00

Subject : ENGLISH

Time : 3:00 Hrs.

M.M. : 80

Instructions :

- (i) Attempt all questions. Marks are indicated against them.
- (ii) Adhere word limit and write neatly.
- (iii) The paper consists of three sections : Reading-8 marks, Writing and grammar-16 marks, Literature-16 marks.

SECTION-A (READING) 8 Marks

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

The common practice of paying tribute to the great men is offering bunches of flowers on their statues and garlanding. This is celebrated by delivering lectures in fine words, but it is known by everyone that we live in deeds not in words. The organising cultural programme and showing one act play or showing the film on the biography of great men are not a proper ways to pay homage. We preach morals but never practise them in life. For example we take oath in groups to follow truth and non-violence on the occasion of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. But no sooner do we leave that stage than we continue telling lies. This hurts me very much. Then what is the real tribute to the great men, is a grave concern.

Leaving one sickly habit on every birth anniversary of loved leader may be considered a real tribute. To put it differently, We may remember the loved leader from the core of the heart by completing the targets left by him in life time. Serving poor, suffer and destitute and providing all and help to the senior citizens, old and crippled people and taking care of them is also a real tribute to the great men. Since they are the torch bearers who showed us the way. It is up to us to decide what can we do while paying tribute to them.

Rome was not built in one day. Certainly, it will take a long time, a lot of practice and a large amount of courage and practice but it will bring a lot of improvement in the country. Hence, such type of tribute or homage is the real remembrance of the great leaders.

Q.1 On the basis of your reading, answer the questions appended below in pick and pointed / brief words.

- (a) The meaning of phrase 'we live in deeds not in words' is
- (i) to believe in work (ii) To see the dream
(iii) Not to believe anybody (iv) All of these
- (b) Which word in para 1 reflex the meaning of 'life sketch'?
- (i) Detail of birth and death (ii) Biography
(iii) To read a book (iv) None of these
- (c) Puzzle out the meaning of 'Torch bearer'.
- (i) A person who leads others towards a valued goal
(ii) Having torch in the house
(iii) Head of the group (iv) Movement
- (d) Pick out a word from para 2 which means 'not processing the necessities of life / in a condition of want / needy'.
- (i) Destitute (ii) Institute
(iii) Constitute (iv) None of these
- (e) What should be the real homage to the great leaders?
- (f) Inumerate three general practices adopted by the followers while paying tribtues on the birth aniversary of great leaders.

SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) 16 marks

2. Master Hussain inhabitant of Hydle colony Block-B, Faizabad wants to wrtie a letter to SDO Electricity Department Civil Lines, Ayodhya to attract his attention on regular tripping of electricity in Civil Lines area, Draft a letter as Hussain referring various difficulties faced by people living there. (6)
3. Write a story beginning with the liens given below in about 150-200 words. (6)
It was freezing cold night. You found a homeless family on his door steps and you invited them to sleep at home. But in the morning

4. Read the following dialogues then rewrite them into indirect speech in para. (4)
- Santanu : Why did you visit Agra this week?
- Nirmala : I went to face an interview for the post of a Clerk in Income Tax Department
- Santanu : Was there a type test too?
- Nirmala : Yes, a candidate was expected to type 35 words / min. in English and 40 words / min. in Hindi.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE) 16 marks

5. Answer the following questions : (1x4)
- (i) Write the name of the authors of the following poem :
(a) Amanda (b) The Ball Poem (c) The Tree (d) Animals
- (ii) What reasons are responsible for the silence of Amanda? What was her actual problem? (2)
- (iii) What are some of the things which you know about the people of Coorg? (2)
- (iv) Write the main concepts of the letter of Mr. Petrovski (as per the lesson Hundred Dresses). (2)
- (v) Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch about her family? Does she treat pity as an insider or outsider. (2)
6. What is the essence "The Ball Poem". (4)