

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2018-19

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs.

Class - VI

M.M. : 80

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Name of the student _____ Section _____

General Instructions –

- The question paper consists of four sections :
 - Section A : Reading (15 marks)
 - Section B : Writing (20 marks)
 - Section C : Grammar (20 marks)
 - Section D : Reader (25 marks)
- All the questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section – A (Reading Skill – 15 marks)

A.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions :

(5)

GOD BLESS YOU!

By the time our delayed train reached and I disembarked with my father and baby Lavanya, it was past midnight. It was cold, dark and foggy. My husband, Manas, who was to receive us, was nowhere in sight. Soon the platform became deserted.

Then, a burly man approached us and offered to carry our bags. He wasn't wearing the usual porter's red shirt and tag, and though I was wary, my father decided to hire him. Leaving Lavanya and me with the man, my father went to look for Manas. I took a closer look at the man and felt apprehensive. He was big, hairy, his face was pock marked and his eyes looked bloodshot.

Just then Lavanya, who had been sleeping in my arms, awoke and turned to look at that porter. He gave a playful smile and held out his arms. I thought she'd start crying and held her closer. But she smiled back and twisted herself out of my arms into his.

Now I was really scared. What if he ran away with my baby? He must have sensed my fear and, even before I reached out to take Lavanya back, he handed her to me. Turning around, he mumbled that though everyone was scared of him, my innocent baby had accepted him. His eyes had tears in them. I didn't know what to say.

At that moment, my father returned with Manas. The man picked up our bags and

walked towards the cars park. As having put our luggage on his head, he placed his hand on and walked away. As we followed him, I asked Manas to pay him a little extra. But, having put our luggage in the car, the man refused to take payment from us. Coming up to me, he placed his hand on my baby's head for a moment as if to say, "God bless you!" and walked away.

Choose the most appropriate answer:

(i) The author was apprehensive when a man approached her as:

- (a) he was smart looking
- (b) her father was not with her
- (c) he looked scary and had bloodshot eyes
- (d) her husband was nowhere in sight

(ii) The man refused payment because

- (a) the money offered was less
- (b) he was not a porter
- (c) he sensed the woman's fear
- (d) he wanted to help the lady

(iii) The man handed the baby back to lady as

- (a) he feared that the baby would start crying
- (b) she reached out for the baby
- (c) his eyes suddenly filled up with tears
- (d) he realized that the lady was scared

(iv) This incident made the author realize that

- (a) not to be scared of strangers
- (b) only take the service of regular porters
- (c) not allow the strangers to handle their children
- (d) not judged people by their appearance

(v) The word in the passage APPREHENSIVE means

- (a) appreciated
- (b) fearful
- (c) happy
- (d) sad

A.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions :

Eggshells have never been considered very useful. However, women in the Sarguja district of Chhattisgarh, with the help from Ambikapur Municipal Corporation, have found a unique way to contribute to their family income by using these eggshells and also get empowered along the way!

For the past one year, Ritu Sen, the collector of Sarguja, has been promoting the need for women empowerment in Chhattisgarh, and this need led to the birth of several initiatives under which self-help groups were formed, and women found employment opportunities as canteen administrators, parking attendants, and even managed solid waste in the city.

The women were trained by C. Srinivasan, an environmentalist, who has been sharing his ideas of making the best use of waste on esteemed platforms like Satyamev Jayate and TEDx.

The eggshells are washed with water, dried under the sun and crumbled before being filtered with a sieve to make calcium powder. One kilogram of this eggshell powder will be added to one quintal of seeds meant for chickens. This will replenish calcium in the seeds, thus optimising their health.

Apart from this, the eggshells will also will be used as fertilisers for flowers and crops. Eggshells take a long time to compost as compared to other types of wet waste like peels, seeds, etc. so, the women's self-help group will make fertiliser exclusively from eggshells to curb the dirt spread from shells.

Both the powder and fertiliser will be priced between Rs 200 and Rs 600 per kg. The groups have estimated a yield of between 50 to 60 kg of shell powder per month, giving them an income of between Rs 12000 and Rs 36000 per month!

i) Answer these questions. (1×4=4)

- (a) What have the women of Sarguja found?
- (b) Which other jobs did the women find in the district?
- (c) Who is Ritu Sen? What has been she doing for the women?
- (d) How are the eggshells turned into calcium powder?

ii) Complete the sentences. (1×2=2)

- (a) C. Srinivasan has shared his ideas on waste management on _____.
- (b) The eggshells are also used as _____.

iii) Write whether the given statements are True or False. (1×2=2)

- (a) The powder and fertiliser cost between Rs 200 and Rs 600 per kg.
- (b) This process has empowered the women of Sarguja district

iv) Find words from the passage that mean. (1×2=2)

- (a) respect and admire (paragraph 3) -
- (b) fill something up again (paragraph 4) -

Section – B (Writing – 20 marks)

- B.1** You happen to see a boy of your age helping an old lady cross the street, while carrying a heavy bag of hers. He calls a taxi, helps her to get into it and then walks away with a smile. **Write a diary entry in 120 words** describing the incident and how you felt when you witnessed this act of kindness. **(5)**

OR

Do you enjoy a wonderful and special relationship with any elderly person in your family or in the neighbourhood? **Write a paragraph in 120 words** on the relationship you enjoy with such a person. You must mention why the bond is special, the interest that you share, what you have learnt from the relationship and why you treasure it.

- B.2** As the Secretary of the Nature Club of your school, you have been told to prepare a notice for the nature walk organised for the students. Prepare an attractive and informative **notice** to be put up on the students' notice board. Remember your notice must be concise but must include all the necessary details. **(7)**

- Date and time of the walk
- Place to assemble at
- Appropriate clothes and shoes which are comfortable for walking
- Small notebook to make notes
- Water and snacks
- Consent letter from parents
- Contact person's details
- Last date for submission of names

OR

You are Nikita/ Nikhil , the Head Boy of Chandigarh Public School, Chandigarh. Write a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the grandparents of the students of your school to celebrate World Elders' Day. **Notice** must be written in **50 words** and must include these points.

- Date of celebration- October 1
- Venue
- Time
- Programmes (speech, song, dance, etc)
- Any other details

- B.3** Suppose you are the Giant. **Write a letter** to your friend Cornish Ogre, explaining why Spring had not come to your garden and how it finally came. Also tell him how happy you were to have the garden in bloom and the children play in your garden. Do not forget to advise your friend not to be selfish. **(8)**

OR

Write a letter in 150 words to your cousin requesting him to stay with you at your village during his winter break.

- have a taste of peaceful life in the village
- twin benefits of city and village
- facilities of internet
- open and fresh air, fresh vegetables and fruits
- morning and evening leisurely walks in the open fields
- honest and hardworking people

Section – C (Grammar – 20 marks)

C.1 Edit the given passage. Write the incorrect and correct words in the space (½×6=3) provided.

	Incorrect	Correct
Banana is <u>an</u> popular fruit and	an	a
an <u>importance</u> part of our diet	(a) -----	-----
today. It originally <u>belonged</u> to	(b) -----	-----
South-East Asia <u>but</u> the Indonesian	(c) -----	-----
region where it is <u>grow</u> wild in the forests.	(d) -----	-----
Over the years, proper selection and <u>cultivate</u>	(e) -----	-----
of <u>difference</u> varieties yield the 'edible' bananas.	(f) -----	-----

C.2 Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. Make other necessary changes like capital letter and punctuation. (1×3=3)

- (i) always / with / plays / his / Bill / station / play
- (ii) stick / with / likes / walk / my / walking / to / his / grandfather
- (iii) the / internet / Jake / to / all / likes / time / surf

C.3 Do as directed.

i) Identify the type of sentence as Assertive, Interrogative, Imperative or Exclamatory: (½×4=2)

- a) What a lovely garden!
- b) Please pass the salt.
- c) Have you visited the Taj Mahal?
- d) Father will visit Japan next year.

ii) Transform the sentences as directed in the brackets. (1×4=4)

- a) Priya is learning to play the guitar. (Interrogative)
- b) Isn't wisdom better than riches? (Declarative)
- c) Vikram has a brand new bicycle. (Negative)
- d) Shalini shouldn't run in the school corridor. (Imperative)

iii) Fill in the blanks with collective nouns.

(½×4=2)

(rafter, convoy, panel, knot)

- a) a _____ of toads.
- b) a _____ of soldiers.
- c) a _____ of experts.
- d) a _____ of trucks.

iv) Unscramble the given letters to form abstract nouns.

(½×4=2)

- a) excessive pride _____ (N C R E A G A R O)
- b) dishonest behaviour _____ (I E T E D C)
- c) lack of information or knowledge _____ (C A N I E G N O R)
- d) the end _____ (O S N U L C O N C I)

v) Underline the verbs and identify the tense.

(½×4=2)

- a) We had been walking for more than an hour.
- b) Henry will be participating in a marathon next week.
- c) I cook only on Sundays.
- d) Vidushi studied English last night.

vi) Choose the correct option to complete the sentences:

(½×4=2)

- a) Tanya and her brothers ----- (is/are) at school.
- b) One of my best friends ----- (stay/stays) in this apartment.
- c) The principal always ----- (attend/attends) the programme that the students organise.
- d) Either my father or my mother ----- (drive/drives) me to school every morning.

Section – D (Reader - 25 marks)

D.1 Read the extract carefully and then answer the questions.

(1×3=3)

You can watch on television and follow from afar,
Tracking through your telescope my upward shooting star,
But you needn't think I'll give a damn for you or what you are
When I'm off to Outer Space tomorrow morning.

- a) Who will watch what or whom on television?
- b) What is being referred to as 'shooting star' here?
- c) Which literary device has been used in the phrase 'shooting star'?

D.2 a) Identify the part of speech of the underlined word: (½×2=1)

- i) The children laugh at the clown.
- ii) I use a soft brush to clean the silver ware.

b) Choose the correct meaning of the highlighted idiom: (1×2=2)

- (i) We had a whale of a time on the holiday.
 - had a great time and really enjoyed
 - spend most of the time watching whales
- (ii) She eats like a bird.
 - eats very little
 - eats only raw grains

c) Fill in the blanks with correct phrasal verbs: (½×2=1)

- (i) My uncle has bought a new car which ----- diesel or petrol.
 - a) runs with b) runs for c) runs on
- (ii) When she heard the news, she ----- a huge sigh of relief.
 - a) let out b) let off c) let in

D.3 Answer ANY FOUR questions in 30-40 words: (2×4=8)

- (i) Why were the children happy to play in the Giant's garden?
- (ii) How did Rakesh and his grandfather spend the winter evenings?
- (iii) The poet says he wandered lonely as a cloud. Why does he compare himself to a cloud?
- (iv) Where had John and the horse been? What engaged their attention?
- (v) How did the tree pay back the speaker for all the love and care lavished on it?

D.4 Answer ANY TWO questions in 60-80 words: (2×3=6)

- (i) The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was set in motion on 2 October. Why do you think this day was chosen?
- (ii) Which road did John and the horse take on their way back? What do you think was the reason for their choosing this route?
- (iii) Why do you think the poet compares his state of solitary confinement to that of a jail?

D.5 Answer ANY ONE question in 120 words: (1×4=4)

- (i) Write the character sketch of the Selfish Giant.
- (ii) The novel Black Beauty helped people understand that we should treat animals with kindness and sympathy. What do you think we should do to animals that are old and sickly?

