



ST. XAVIER'S SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, JAIPUR

Half Yearly (SA-1) Examination : 2015-2016

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Instructions :

1. Leave a line after every answer.
2. Write clearly and neatly.
3. Do not copy the questions.

Literature

I. Answer the following questions— (3×5=15)

- (a) What is hare coursing? What is the message that the author has given through the story 'The Hunt'.
- (b) Write the character sketch of Bodhraj.
- (c) Why have today's fishing boats been called 'gaint factory ships' by the author?
- (d) 'Isaac could acquire knowledge by the simplest means.' Explain with an example.
- (e) How did Swaminathan portray Samuel in front of his father?

II. Give meanings of the following words— (1×4=4)

- (a) ingenuity
- (b) languor
- (c) escalate
- (d) vindictive

III. Give the meanings of the following phrases— (1×5=5)

- (a) loaf about
- (b) under the sea
- (c) learn the ropes
- (d) a tight spot
- (e) square peg in a round hole

IV. Explain with reference to context— (2×3=6)

- (a) "I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance
among my skimming swallows
I make the netted sunbeam dance
against my sandy shallows
- (b) "I agree but you'll have to, it is your own fault."

Language

I. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals— (1×4=4)

- (a) Take an umbrella. It rain later
- (b) Drivers stop when the traffic lights are red.
- (c) I ask you a question?
- (d) When she was young she swim across the lake.

II. Rewrite the following sentences, putting all the verbs into Present Continuous Tense— (1×4=4)

- (a) The hunters shoot wild animals.
- (b) Mother lays the table for breakfast.
- (c) The leaves fall to the ground.
- (d) The boy leans against the tree.

III. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions— (½×4=2)

- (a) The woman is sitting her husband.
- (b) I haven't been to the country side December.
- (c) What are you doing saturday?
- (d) I prefer milk tea.

IV. Choose the correct form of the verb and fill in the blanks— ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

- (a) Annie and her brothers – at school. (to be)
 (b) The man with all the birds – on my street. (to live)
 (c) The committee – these questions carefully. (to debate)
 (d) The players, as well as the captain – to win the match. (to want)

V. Rewrite the following sentences by inserting or deleting the articles wherever necessary— ($1 \times 4 = 4$)

- (a) Fireman saved one year old boy from fire.
 (b) He told me, he met alien from the space.
 (c) I have job interview at financial company.
 (d) The wisdom is better than the riches.

VI. Write the noun forms of the verbs— ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

- (a) appear (b) discover
 (c) speculate (d) possess

VII. Supply a suitable collective noun to the blanks— ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

- (a) a of bread (b) a of medicine
 (c) a of petrol (d) a of grass

VIII. You had recently been to stay with an old friend for a few days. You hadn't seen each other for a long time. Write a letter to the friend telling him/her how you felt about the visit, referring to something enjoyable you did while staying with him/her. (4)**IX. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage.****A BRIEF HISTORY OF GREETING CARDS**

- (1) Curious to learn about the history of greeting cards, I started looking things up. I gathered that while greeting each other on special occasions, like the advent of a new year, the Chinese sent messages of goodwill and cheer, and the Egyptians despatched their salutations by means of papyrus scrolls, the greeting card, as we know it now, appears to have been 'invented' in England.
- (2) Wood engravers were producing prints with religious themes in the European Middle Ages, but the first commercial Christmas and New Year's card was designed in 1843 by John C. Horsley, a British narrative painter at the suggestion and request of his friend Sir Henry Cole, who was the first director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. It featured, within a frame of ivy and flowers, the picture of a family with a small child drinking wine together, and even though it was objected to by many on moral grounds the idea was shrewd.
- (3) A batch of 1000 cards was printed and sold for a shilling each. The postal service had introduced the Penny Post, another idea of Sir Henry Cole's, a short while earlier. So, it was an ideal marriage : printed cards bearing sentimental messages inexpensively delivered. There was no looking back from then on.
- (a) How did the ancient Chinese and Egyptians greet one another on special occasions? (1)
- (b) Who suggested the idea of a greeting card? Who invented it? (1)
- (c) It was an ideal marriage (Para 3). 'It' refers to? Why is it called the ideal marriage? (2)
- (d) Which words in the passage mean (1)
- (i) clever (paragraph 2) (ii) perfect (paragraph 3)
- (e) Give the opposites of— (1)
- (i) special (ii) earlier