

LIONS SCHOOL, MIRZAPUR
HALF YEARLY EXAMS (2020-21)

CLASS- X

TIME-3HRS

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

MM-80

INSTRUCTIONS-

- The paper consists of two sections- part-A and part-B.
- Part-A consists two unseen passages of 10 marks each and literature textbooks 10 marks and grammar 10 marks.
- Part- B consists of writing 10 marks and literature 30 marks.
- You may attempt any at a time.

PART-A
(READING)

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

I was born in the small but beautiful mountain village of Nakuri near Uttarkashi in Garhwal, with the gurgling, playful Bhagirathi river flowing nearby. My parents were a hardworking and extremely self-contained couple. Even though our family was poor, barely managing the essentials, my father taught us how to live in a mountain dignity and self- respect – the most treasured family value till today. At the same time my parents also practised the creed, “Kindness is the essence of all religions.” They were large- hearted, inviting village folk passing by to have tea at our home, and gave grain to the sadhus and pandits who came to the house. This characteristic has been ingrained in me so deeply that I am able to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives- whether it is in my home, in society or at the workplace.

I was the third child in the family- girl, boy, girl, girl and boy in that order- and quite a rebel.

I developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl- child. When I found my elder brother, Bachchan encouraging your youngest brother, Raju, to take up mountaineering I thought, why not me? I found that my brothers were always getting preferential treatment and all opportunities and options were open to them. This made me even more determined to not only do what the boys were doing, but to do it better.

Choose the correct one-

(1*10=10)

(Attempt any ten out of twelve.)

1. The family of the author was,

- i) Rich ii) Average iii) Poor iv) None of the above

2. Where was the author born?

- i) In a city ii) In a hamlet
iii) In a small but beautiful mountain village of Nakuri. iv) In a beautiful big city.

3. What is the treasured value of him?

- i) How to live in a mountain dignity and self- respect. ii) How to live a city live.
iii) How to live a village life. iv) None of the above.

4. According to the author, what is the hospitable life?
- i) To serve the people respectfully. ii) To be kind.
 iii) To show kindness only. iv) None of the above.
5. What kind of girl was the author?
- i) Loving ii) happy iii) sad iv) rebel
6. beautiful is,
- i) adjective ii) noun iii) verb iv) adverb
7. satisfied is,
- i) past participle ii) present participle iii) perfect participle iv) All the three
8. Encouraging is,
- i) present participle ii) Past participle iii) Perfect participle iv) None of the above
9. In the reference of the river, gurgling means,
- i) Flowing ii) Flowing with sound iii) Stay calm iv) Current
10. "kindness is the essence of religion" means,
- i) Required for religion ii) Weapon of religion
- Both of the above
 None of the above
11. "They were the large hearted" means,
- I) Author's brothers II) Author's sisters III) Author's neighbours, IV) Author's parents
12. Who was the elder brother of the author?
- I) Raju II) Bachchan III) Both IV) None

2. Read the passage given below:

(1*10=10)

One would imagine that at the very sight of the panther, deer, antelopes, and its other preys would just run for their lives. Nothing of the sort. They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise that the panther is left with no choice except to leave quietly. I have seen a teeny chital baby standing in the middle of an opening in the forest, stamping its feet on the ground and showing away a tiger. With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call until the tiger made itself scarce. No tiger in its senses would attempt to catch such an impertinent brat, just as you would not dream of catching and offending crow cawing away in your verandah.

While the panther sticks to cover and hugs the edge of the forest, the game animals, on the other hand, like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds. Open spaces which the panther carefully avoids, are what the game animals deliberately seek.

It is difficult to describe the pandemonium kicked up by various animals when they spot or suspect a panther around. The chital strikes shrill note, the kakar emits a deafening bark and the sambar

rings a bell. The peacock on its perch, the jungle fowl on the ground, and the monkey on treetops, all join in the chorus of the condemnation of the panther. They curse the panther in their own inimitable language. The resulting confusion of sounds is so irritating to the sharp ear of the panther that is left with no other option except to go away.

Choose the correct one.

(attempt any ten of the twelve.)

1. What strategy do the animals like deer, antelopes, etc. adopt to drive away the panther?
I) They counterattack. II) They run.
III) They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise. IV) They surrender.
2. What does a panther do when he fails in hunt?
I) He is left with no choice except to leave quietly. II) He does not help hunting.
III) He re- plans. IV) None.
3. What did a chital do until the tiger made itself scarce?
I) It frightened the tiger II) It ran from there.
III) With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call. IV) None of the above.
4. Generally, 'impertinent brat' means,
I) Alert baby II) Gentle baby III) Naughty baby IV) Weeping baby
5. 'Pandemonium' means,
I) Harsh noise II) Sweat noise III) Both are right IV) None of the above
6. 'Deafening bark' means,
I) Unbearable sound II) One's code sound III) Both IV) None
7. 'They curse the panther in their imitable language' means?
I) The animals make merry over the panther II) The animals cry and abuse over the panther
III) The animals call the panther IV) The animals make the panther alert.
8. 'shrill' (para1)
I) Rude II) High III) Offensive IV) Terrible
9. 'deliberately' (para2)
I) Immediately II) Cleverly III) Intentionally IV) Naughtily
10. 'option' (para3)
I) Freedom II) Rejoice III) Choice IV) Source
11. synonyms of difficult is,
I) Obstacle II) Freedom III) Choice IV) Hope

12. Antonyms of sharp is,

- I) Daunt II) Dauntless III) Daunted IV) Daunting

3. Read the extract given below and choose the correct one from the options: (1*5=5)

The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

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1. The poet of this poem is,

- I) Shakespeare II) Keats III) Robert Frost IV) Shelley

2. The rhyme of this poem is,

- I) AA BB II) AB BA III) AB AB IV) BA BA

3. What did the crow do?

- I) Spit II) Threw III) Broke IV) Shook

4. Name of the poem is,

- I) Ice II) On the Grecian Urn III) Dust of Snow IV) How to Tell Wild Animals

5. The hemlock tree is,

- I) A sweet tree II) A poisonous tree with small flowers
III) A thorny tree IV) A flowery tree only

(OR)

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct one from the options:

Paris was about one hundred fifty kilometres behind me when I saw the clouds. They were huge. They looked like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky.

I knew I could not fly up over them, and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or south.

'I'll take the risk; I thought and flew that old Dakota straight in the storm.

I. At what distance from Paris was the writer when he saw the big clouds?

- I) 120 II) 130 III) 180 IV) 150

II. The clouds were,

- I) Big II) Fat III) Huge IV) Heavy

III. Finally the writer took,

- I) The risk II) The flight III) Down IV) A cup of tea

- IV. There was/were no.....in the flight.
 I) Passengers II) Risk III) Fuel IV) All the above
- V. The clouds were like
 I) Mountain II) Ice III) River IV) Sea

4. Read the extract given below and choose the correct option. (1*5=5)

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

- I. Who is the poet of this poem?
 I) Robert frost II) Wordsworth III) Keats IV) Shelly
- II. Rhyme of the poem is,
 I) AA BB II) ABAB III) AB AA IV) ABCB
- III. Common thinking of the people is,
 I) World will decay in ice II) World will decay in water
 III) World will decay in storm IV) World will decay in fire
- IV. Poet favours those who
 I) Favours fire II) Favours ice III) Favours water IV) Favours storm
- V. Synonym of 'desire' is,
 I) Will II) Like III) Fond of IV) None

(OR)

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct option.

They say faith can move mountains. But what should we put our faith in? this is the question. Lencho was a farmer who wrote a letter to God when his crops were ruined in the stormy hail, asking for a hundred pesos. In response the postmaster sent him some. But he was not satisfied and happy as he wanted all that he had asked for and requested not to send his remaining money through the post as he blamed they were corrupted and grabbed some part of his money. This was a strong faith in God that could not be moved.

- I. The profession of lencho was
 I) Agriculture II) Bargaining III) Business IV) Lender
- II. The word 'They' refers to,
 I) The post office workers II) People III) Both IV) None
- III. How were his crops ruined?

- I) In the storm II) In the hail III) In the stormy hail IV) In the rain
- IV. In response of the letter, the postmaster sent
I) Some II) All III) Some, later all IV) Nothing
- V. Lenchothem after getting half of the money.
I) Cursed II) Abused rudely III) Blamed IV) Complained in the post office
5. Choose the correct option from the below: (1*5=5)
(Attempt any five of six.)
- I. He said to me, "I am doing my job." Indirect is,
I) He told me that he was doing his job II) He told me that I was doing my job
III) He told me that I were doing my job IV) He told me that I am doing my job
- II. He said to me, "Go there." Indirect is,
I) He told me that go there II) He told me to go there.
III) He ordered me to go there IV) He told me to follow there
- III. Past of 'will' will be,
I) Would be II) Would III) Should IV) Must
- IV. He could.....taken his food.
I) Has II) Had III) Have IV) None
- V. You must do.... Work.
I) Yours II) Their III) Your IV) Yourself
- VI. Past tense of 'Be' is,
I) Was II) Will III) Been IV) None
6. Choose the correct option. (1*5=5)
- I. 'I do go to school.' Sentence is,
I) Given force on the sentence II) Grammatically wrong
III) By mistake used in sentence IV) None of the above.
- II. He had had a home.
I) Wrong II) Right III) Both IV) None
- III. I) She never hate anyone II) she never hates anyone
III) She does never hate anyone IV) She do never hate anyone.
- IV. I) He might have failed II) he might be failed
III) he might have been failed IV) He might have had been failed.
- V. I) I like dreaming II) I like to dream III) I like to dreaming IV) I like for dreaming
- VI. i. They had been playing gamble for morning.
ii. They had been ploughing fields since Monday.
iii. They has been watching movie for two hours.

iv They were abusing since noon.

PART – B

7. Write an article on ' The Clean India' in about 100-120 words. (1*5=5)

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COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS is fatal for us but we are not careful to life.

Write an article on it in about 100-120 words.

8. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words only. (any four of the six)

(2*4=8)

- i. Who does Lencho have complete faith in? which sentences in the story tell you this?
- ii. How did Mandela's hunger 'hunger for freedom' change his life?
- iii. "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take this?
- iv. Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki?
- v. How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft?
- vi. Why was griffin wandering the streets?

9. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words. (any four of six) (3*4=12)

- i. What did the postmaster do then?
- ii. What do the military generals do? How has their attitude changed, and why?
- iii. Why does the narrator say, "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota?"
- iv. Do you think Tricki was happy to go home? what do you think will happen now?
- v. Do you think it is a significant detail in the story that Anil is a struggling writer? Does this explain his behaviour in any way?
- vi. What curious episode occurs in the study?

10. How is Wanda seen as different by the other girls? How do they treat her?

5 marks

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How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?

11. Where is the story set? (you can get clues from the names of the persons and places mentioned in it.) What languages are spoken in these places? Do you think the characters in the story spoke to each other in English?

5 marks

(OR)

How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?