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SAMPLE PAPER HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION- 2019-'20
ENGLISH

ISAM/FR/MDL/QP/01

Class: VI

Date:

Max. Marks: 80

Time: 3 Hours

General Instructions:

I. The question paper is divided into three sections:

SECTION A: Reading 20 MARKS

SECTION B: Writing and Grammar 30 MARKS

SECTION C: Literature 30 MARKS

II. All questions are compulsory.

III. You may attempt any section at a time.

IV. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A (READING - 20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

- (1) It is ten o'clock of summer's night. As the captain of my sail boat, I stand at the helm and look for the Pole Star. It is comforting to see it up in the sky. I often think of other sailors, on other seas, steering by the Pole Star. Humans have always tried to conquer the sea and the Pole Star has always been a great help.
- (2) Man's early efforts to conquer the seas were humble. But to him, with his primitive equipment and knowledge, they must have appeared as great achievements. It must have been a great adventure for early man to reach a nearby island on a piece of log, in search of fruit and nuts. It must have been a greater adventure when he could settle down on the island in the permanent shelter. The invention of things like traps, hooks, lines and nets for catching fish were great steps forward and much more paying than hunting animals in wild forests. Living also was safer and safer near the seashore than deep in the woodlands where dangerous animals roamed.
- (3) Man soon learned to occupy himself, day after day, in fishing and other occupations connected with the sea. More importantly he learned to sail across the sea in search of food and fortune. Timber and Bamboo were widely used by early man for his travels on the sea. Two or more logs could be tied together with ropes and then bamboo poles set up above them vertically, to carry pieces of cloth or palm leaves as sails. This arrangement was good for making use of wind power and thus came into being the sailboat. It was the first power-driven vehicle ever used by man. Sailboats carried early man to distant lands with the help of sea breezes.

1.1 Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

[4x1=4]

- a) Conquering the sea means
i) fighting on the sea ii) safely travelling long distances on the sea. iii) living on the sea.
- b) Man learned to conquer the sea
i) all at once ii) by leaps and bound iii) bit by bit
- c) These early efforts must have
i) made him feel afraid ii) been a disappointment iii) made him feel very happy
- d) Timber and Bamboo were widely used by early man for
i) his travels on the sea ii) his food iii) to scare away the wild animals.

1.2 Fill in the blanks with correct answers. Attempt any two.

[2x1=2]

- a. I often think of other sailors, on other seas, steering by the _____.
- b. Man's early efforts to _____ the seas were humble.
- c. The invention of things like traps, hooks, lines and nets for catching _____ were great steps forward and much more paying than hunting animals in wild forests.

- 1.3 Answer the following questions.** [2x2=4]
 a) Which was better, living near the seashore or in the wilds? Why?
 b) The sailboat was our first power-driven vehicle. Give two synonyms.

Q2. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Have you seen a little dog anywhere about?

A Raggy dog, a Shaggy dog, whose always looking out

For some fresh mischief which he thinks he really ought to do.

He is very likely, add this minute, biting someone's shoe.

If you see that little dog, his tail up in the air,

A whirly tail, a curly tail, a dog who doesn't care

For any other dog he meets, not even for himself,

Then hide your mats and put your meat upon the topmost shelf.

If you see a little dog, barking at the cars,

A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, with eyes like twinkling stars,

Just let me know, for though he's bad, as bad can be,

I wouldn't change the dog for all the treasures of the sea!

2.1 Identify whether the following sentences are true(T) or false(F). [3x1=3]

A small dog

- a) loves to bite shoes. _____
 b) chews up mats. _____
 c) doesn't like meat. _____

2.2 Match the following [3x1=3]

A	B
a. A whirly tail	i. barking at the cars
b. A raggy dog	ii. a curly tail
c. A little dog	iii. a shaggy dog

a - _____ b - _____ c - _____

2.2 Answer the following questions. [2x2=4]

a) The little dog is very mischievous, but the poet wants it back. Why?

b) What does the dog like to do?

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR - 30 MARKS)

Q3.a) Write a letter to your Principal asking for leave for few days. [6]

OR

b) Write an apology letter to your Class Teacher for an unexcused behaviour.

Q4.a) Make a poster on 'Pollution' [4]

OR

b) Make a poster on 'Good Habits'

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns. [5x1=5]

a) You can take these cookies if you want. They are _____

b) Rita was looking for her bag too. It may be _____.

c) Nisa is my friend. _____ play together.

d) Mr. Roth is our class teacher. Everyone likes _____

e) This is our garden. We look after _____.

Q6. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets. [5x1=5]

a) I plan to do my homework early today. (Change into simple future tense)

- b) I do not like to play cricket. (Change into affirmative sentence)
 c) I _____ in Hyderabad from 1994 to 1997. (use the past continuous form of the verb 'live' to fill in the blank)
 d) She will come to school tomorrow. (Change into negative sentence)
 e) The Policeman _____ the terrorist. (use the present perfect form of the verb 'shot' to fill in the blanks).

Q7. Complete the following sentences using the appropriate form of adjective choosing from those given. [5x1=5]

- a) Rohini is _____ than Nadia.
 i. short b. shorter c. shortest
 b) Sofia is _____ than Riya.
 a. dark b. darker c. darkest
 c) Giraffe is the _____ among animals.
 a. tall b. taller c. tallest
 d) An ant is the _____ creature.
 a. small b. smallest c. smaller
 e) My brother is _____ than me.
 a. old b. elder c. eldest

Q8. Fill in the blanks with simple present tense form of the verb given in brackets. [5x1=5]

- a) The Fresh Bakery ----- (make) wonderful pastries.
 b) Julien ----- (promise) to take me out for a treat.
 c) Practice ----- (make) an individual perfect.
 d) I ----- (love) the winter season very much.
 e) Sania ----- (work) very hard.

SECTION C (LITERATURE: 30 MARKS)

Q9. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. [4x1=4]

9.a

**He does what he likes with his spade,
 he soils his clothes with dust,
 nobody takes him to task if he
 gets baked in the sun or gets wet**

- a) Who is 'he' referred to in the above lines?
 b) Explain the expressions 'baked in the sun'.
 c) Did the persona envy or pity the person he/she was speaking about?
 d) Name the poem.

OR

b)

**Great is the sun, and wide he goes
 Through empty heaven without repose;
 And in the blue and glowing days
 More thick than he showers his rays.**

- a) Name the poem.
 b) What do you think the poet means by empty heaven?
 c) Why are the rays described as more thick than rain?
 d) Why did he shower his rays in the blue and glowing?

Q.10 Answer the following questions in about 15 to 20 words. Attempt any five. [5x1=5]

- a) Who did the sun make happy in the poem "Summer Sun"?
 b) Why do you think Charlie couldn't stop wolfing down the chocolate?
 c) Do you think the Caliph did the right thing by taking the old man to the Cadi?
 d) What are the different professions mentioned in the poem "Vocation"?
 e) What did the narrator's family have troubled learning when they arrived in America?

f) How did Charlie feel after eating the bar of chocolate?

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words. Attempt any six.

[6x2=12]

- a) Do you think the shopkeeper was a kind man? Give reasons for your answer.
- b) Do you think the narrator and her family enjoyed the dinner at the Gleason's house? Give reasons for your answer.
- c) Why do you think the story is named "The Miracle"? Suggest another suitable title for the story?
- d) What do you think is a buffet dinner?
- e) How did the Cadi solve the case of writer and tailor?
- f) How do you think Charlie felt when people wanted to buy the ticket from him?
- g) Do you agree with the poet when he refers to the sun as the gardener of the World? Justify your answer.

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 40 to 50 words. Attempt any three.

[3x3=9]

- a) Was it right of people to offer money to Charlie in exchange for the Golden Ticket? Why do you think so?
- b) Why do you think the poet has chosen summer as a setting for the poem?
- c) How did the Caliph reward the Cadi? Do you think the Cadi deserved that reward?
- d) How did Meg react to the spectacle the next day? Do you think that was the right way for her to react? What would you have done had the dinner been at your place?