

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR**Half Yearly Examination (2023-24)**

Class/ Section: VI.....

MM : 80

Subject: English

Time-3 Hrs

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*Fifteen minutes extra time will be given for reading the question paper.**General Instructions:*

1. This question paper is divided into three parts: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A(READING -20 MARKS)**Q1. Read the passage carefully.****(1x10=10 marks)**

Once there was a miser who sold all his possessions and, with the money, bought a great lump of gold, dug a deep hole at the edge of the garden, and there he buried his gold. Once a day, thereafter, the miser went to the garden, dug up his gold, and embraced it lovingly. One of the miser's workmen wondered why his master spent so much time in the garden.

One day, he hid behind a tree and soon discovered the secret of the hidden treasure. That night, when the miser was fast asleep, the workman crept into the garden and stole the lump of gold. When the miser found that his gold was gone, he tore his hair and cried aloud in his despair. A neighbour came running to see what the matter was, and the grief-stricken miser told him what had happened. Then the neighbours said, "Pray to stop your weeping. Go and find a stone. Place the stone in the hole and imagine that it is your lump of gold. The stone will serve your purpose, for you never meant to use the gold anyway." "To a miser, what he has is of no more use than what he has not."

A. On the basis of reading of the above passage, fill in the blanks by choosing the most correct options. (Attempt any 6 out of 7)

1. A miser has sold all his.....

- a) disabilities
c) possessions

- b) extra intelligence
d) none of the above

2. bought a great lump of gold.

- a) The neighbour
c) The master

- b) The man
d) The miser

3. wondered why miser spent so much of time in garden.

- a) People
c) Neighbours

- b) One of the workmen
d) None of the above

4. stole the lump of gold.

- a) The master
c) The workman

- b) The child
d) The miser

5. came running to see what the matter was.

- a) The army
- b) The neighbours
- c) The people
- d) The miser

6. The miser went to the garden to dig up

- a) metal
- b) aluminium
- c) gold
- d) zinc

7. The miser told the neighbour about what had happened.

- a) arrogant
- b) grief-stricken
- c) happy
- d) inspiring

B. Answer the following questions from the above given passage:

8. Write the synonym of 'find out'

9. Write the antonym of 'awake'

10. He hid behind a tree and soon discovered (Complete the sentence.)

11. Make a sentence with 'wondered' -

Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

(1x10=10 marks)

Since 1972-73, the five-yearly Employment- Unemployment Surveys (EUS) conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) have been the main stay for analysing labour market trends. Though infrequent, the database has served a valuable purpose of capturing the complexities of the labour market; access to household-level data lately has spawned rich and granular analyses of the informal economy.

As the last round of the EUS was in held in 2011-12, there is no reliable way of updating employment trends. The EUS has been replaced with an annual Period Labour Force Survey, and a time use survey. However, it will be a while before these data series come up with stable and credible estimates.

The Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment has been carrying out household surveys somewhat similar to the EUS since 2010-11. They show a decline in worker- population ratio between 2013-14 and 2015-16, suggesting a deteriorating employment situation recently.

A. On the basis of reading of the above passage answer the following questions by choosing the most correct options. (Attempt any 6 out of 7)

1. The five-yearly Employment-Unemployment Surveys is since.....

- a) 1980-81
- b) 1972-73
- c) 1979-80
- d) 2020-2021

2. Full form of EUS is.....

- a) Employment Urban System
- b) Educational Urban System
- c) Employment Unemployment Surveys
- d) Educational Unemployment System

3. EUS is conducted by

- a) WHO
- b) NSS
- c) NCC
- d) people

4. The last round of EUS was held in

- a) 2011-2012
- b) 2010-2011
- c) 1987-1989
- d) 1999-2000

5. There is no way of updating employment trends.

- a) separate
- b) reliable
- c) luxurious
- d) living

6. The database has truly served a purpose.

- a) lifeline
- b) illogical
- c) valuable
- d) none

7. The has been carrying out the household surveys.

- a) employees
- b) labour bureau
- c) government
- d) NSS

B. Answer the following questions from the above given passage:

8. Find the word which is the synonym of 'decrease'.

9. Complete the sentence: NSS has been the main stay for

10. Find out the antonym of 'poor' from the given passage.

11. The EUS has been replaced with an annual Survey.

SECTION-B (GRAMMAR & WRITING) (20 MARKS)

Q3. Answer ANY TEN out of TWELVE questions :

(1x10 =10 marks)

1. What will be the plural of 'dwarf'.

- a) dwarfs
- b) dwarrfs
- c) dwarves
- d) dwarf

2. My mom said that her were aching. (Write the suitable noun)

- a) leg
- b) teeth
- c) and
- d) eye

3. Pick out the uncountable noun .

- a) biscuits
- b) sugar
- c) bricks
- d) trees

4. Pick out the feminine of 'baron'.

- a) barons
- b) barones
- c) baroness
- d) baron

5. His sister is MP from Faridabad. (a / an) (Fill in the blank with suitable article.)

6. Masculine of ant is

- a) tom
- b) drone
- c) queen
- d) billy

7. were so different in nature. (Insert the suitable pronoun)

- a) I
- b) She
- c) They
- d) He

8. If you promise you will definitely achieve your dream. (Insert the suitable pronoun.)

- a) myself
- b) itself
- c) himself
- d) yours

9. He thinks this was all your fault. (Change the possessive adjective into possessive pronouns)

10. is your cap ? (Fill in the interrogative pronoun)

11. The room of the Duchess overlooked a huge lake. (Write the possessive form of the underlined noun)

12. She is not as friendly as I had thought.

(Rewrite the sentence by changing it into comparative degree using less)

Q4. You are Anil/Anita sports captain of the school. Write a notice to inform the students about the inter-school football match. Give all the necessary details and invite the students of grade 6-8 to watch the match and cheer the students. (50-60 words) (5 marks)

OR

You are Headboy / Headgirl of the school. Write a notice to inform the students about the teachers' day celebration in the school. Give all the necessary details and invite the students of grade 6 -12 to volunteer the programme.

Q5. Write an application to the Class Teacher asking to sanction three days leave as you are unwell.

OR

(5 marks)

Write an application to the Principal requesting him to arrange an outstation trip in the winter vacation.

SECTION-C(LITERATURE)(40 Marks)

Q6. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the correct options. (1x5=5 marks)

“We have been tricked !” shouted the villagers. “Where is Taro? Let us drown him in this waterfall.” But, Taro had been wise enough to slip behind a rock when he saw how things were going. He was nowhere to be found.

1. Who has been tricked?

- a) people
- b) villagers
- c) Taro
- d) no one

2. Why did the villagers go to waterfall?

- a) to drink water
- b) to drown Taro
- c) to quarrel with each other
- d) to get Sake

3. Which word in the extract is the opposite of ‘ insufficient ’?

- a) active
- b) behind
- c) enough
- d) support

4. Which one of these is a true statement?

- a) Some people drowned Taro in the river
- b) Taro was wise enough to slip behind a rock
- c) Some villagers wanted to hit each other
- d) Some people went to the waterfall

5. Choose a word in present continuous form from the above given lines

- a) enough
- b) tricked
- c) going
- d) found

OR

Miss Beam was all that I had expected – middle aged, full of authority , yet kindly and understanding. Her hair was beginning to turn grey, and she had the kind of plump figure that is likely to be comforting to a homesick child. I asked her some questions about her teaching methods, which I had heard were simple.

1. Name the lesson from which this extract is taken.

- a) Beauty
- b) A Game of Chance
- c) Taro's Reward
- d) A Different Kind of School

2. How was Miss Beam?

- a) very young
- b) arrogant and rude
- c) middle aged and full of authority
- d) very old

3. Miss Beam was very

- a) thin and pale
- b) rude to everyone
- c) kind and understanding
- d) only c

4. Write the synonym of 'stout'?

- a) tall
- b) plump
- c) thin
- d) pale and dull

5. Miss Beam's teaching methods were.....

- a) difficult
- b) simple
- c) complex
- d) none of this

Q7. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

(1x5=5 marks)

I quarrelled with my brother,
I don't know what about.
One thing led to another,
And somehow we fell out.
The start of it was light,
The end of it was strong.
He said he was right,
I knew he was wrong!

1. What was the reason the speaker quarrelled with her brother?

- a) He asks her to study.
- b) He didn't play with her
- c) Don't know what about.
- d) None of these

2. Who are 'we' in the above lines ?

- a) the speaker and the people
- b) friends and relatives
- c) the speaker and her brother
- d) the brother and his friends

3. Choose the rhyming words for the word 'other' from the above given lines?

- a) another and sister.
- b) brother and another
- c) stronger and slighter
- d) brother and stronger

4. How was the end of the quarrel ?

a) slight

b) playful

c) strong

d) right

5. Who is the poet of the above given lines ?

a) Carol Moore

b) Eleanor Farjeon

c) William Wordsworth

d) none of the above

OR

When string goes slack,
You wind it back
And run until
A new breeze blows
And its wings fill
And up it goes!
How bright on the blue
Is a kite when it's new!

1. Who is the poet of the poem from which this extract is taken?

a) Harry Behn

b) Kit Wright

c) Mary O'Neill

d) W.B. Yeats

2. Which word in the extract means 'loose'?

a) fill

b) slack

c) goes

d) blows

3. Find the antonym of 'dull' from the given lines.

a) breeze

b) until

c) bright

d) new

4. "And up it goes!" What does 'it' refer to in the given line?

a) string

b) kite

c) sky

d) none of the above

5. How does the kite look when it is new?

a) dull

b) old and torn

c) bright

d) both (a) and (b)

Q8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

(3x4= 12 marks)

1. How did the quarrel begin?

2. How did Taro's father show happiness after drinking Sake?

3. Why did the dog serve lion for a long time?

4. What was the purpose of the special days in Miss Beam's school?

5. Where was Kalpana Chawla born? Why is she called an Indian – American?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

(3x2=6 marks)

1. Why did the farmer's wife strike the mongoose with her basket ?

2. Why did Swami Haridas say Tansen was talented ?
3. Why was the new governor called to the palace ?

Q10. Describe Kalpana Chawla's first mission in space. (60 to 70 words) (6 marks)

OR

Write a short summary of "Where do all the teachers go." (60 to 70 words)

Q11. Write a brief character sketch of Tansen . (60-70 words) (6 marks)

OR

How was the shepherd and why did the other governors grow jealous of shepherd ? (60-70words)
