

PRACTISE PAPER - HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION**SUBJECT: ENGLISH****Class VII****Session: 2017-18****Maximum Marks: 80****Time 2Hrs.30 Min****The question paper is divided into three sections:**

Section – A	Reading	20 marks
Section – B	Writing & Grammar	30 marks
Section – C	Literature	30 marks

- 1. Attempt all questions.**
- 2. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheets provided to you.**
- 3. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.**

SECTION – A (READING)-20 MARKS**Q.1 Read the following passage carefully:-****12 marks**

The walnut tree produces wood that is used for countless purposes, and is considered the finest wood in the world. The wood is easy to work with, yet it is very hard and durable and when it is polished, it produces a rich and dark luster. It also shrinks and swells less than any other wood, which makes it especially desirable for fine furniture, flooring and even gun stocks.

In fact, just about every part of the walnut is unusually hard and strong. The nut of the tree encased inside a very hard shell, which itself is enclosed in a leathery outer covering called husk. It requires real effort to break through those layers to get at the tasty meat inside. Yet every part of the walnut is useful for people.

Walnut seeds are a high density source of nutrients, particularly proteins and essential fatty acids. Walnuts, like other tree nuts, must be processed and stored properly. Poor storage makes walnuts susceptible to insects and the latter produces a potent carcinogen. An infested walnut seed batch should be screened and then consumed. The entire batch should be discarded.

The outer husk produces a dark reddish stain that is hard to remove from the hands of the person, who opens the nut, and this pigment is widely used in dyes and wood stains. The inner shell is used as an abrasive to clean jet engines. And the tree exudes a chemical into the soil near their roots which can be poisonous to some trees and shrubs. Fruit trees, for example, will not survive if planted too close to a walnut tree. However, many other plants, such as maple trees or ivy, are not affected by the walnut's presence, and are well-suited to grow in their vicinity.

B.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, name the part of the walnut tree that is used for following:-1x4=4 Marks

- Making gunstocks and fine furniture_____
- Supplements for proteins and fatty acids_____
- Making dyes and wood stains_____
- Polishing material for cleaning jet engines_____

B.2 Answer the following questions:

2X3=6 Marks

- Give two reasons why wood from the walnut tree is considered the best in the world?
- Why should walnuts be processed and stored properly?
- Which trees are affected and which are not affected by the presence of walnut tree?

B.3 Find out the opposite of the words from the above passage.1X2=2 Marks

- Destructible (para-1) _____
- Saved (para-3) _____

Q.2 Read the following Poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: 8 marks

*All I want
is to bloom like a small flower
in this beautiful garden!*

*All I want
is to shine like a dew drop
in this winter morning!*

*All I want
is to live under this beautiful sky*

*All I want
is the right to breathe
like my luckier brother.*

*All I want
is my mother's warmth
in this cold world.*

*All I want
is your arms to protect me.
But when those protective arms
became blood stained!
My faint cries echoed
"All I want
is the right to live! live !live!"*

Now answer the questions given below.

(2x4 = 8 Marks)

Q1. Complete the following sentences:

2mks

- a) The girl wants to bloom as a _____.
- b) The girl wants to _____ winter morning.

Q2. What does the girl want?

2mks

Q3. Why does she feel that her brother is lucky?

2mks

Q4. Give the opposites of the following:

2Marks

a) Cold

b)Cry

SECTION B :(WRITING& GRAMMAR) -30 MARKS

Q3. You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. You have been asked to inform students of class VI to X about an Inter House Drama Competition to be held on the occasion of Grandparents Day. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school notice board, with all necessary details. **(4 marks)**

Q4.Imagine you are Kartik/ Kritika of 28, Model Town Chandigarh. Write a letter to your friend living in Delhi telling him/her about any tourist place you have recently visited. (include: importance of place, what attractions you saw, what you liked most there etc.)

(8 marks)

Q5. Write a story on the following with the help of hints given below:- (8marks)

Sumit ignored studies-----wasted time in gossiping and listening to the music etc.-----
-----failed in Periodic Test-I ----- realised his folly-----studied hard---
-----passed with flying colors .

Q 6. Complete each sentence below by appropriately using any one of the following:-

If you want to/ if you don't want to/ if you want him to

(1x3=3 marks)

- i) He'll lend you his umbrella _____.
- ii) Don't eat it _____.
- iii) Please use my pen _____.

Q7. Change the following sentences into Reported speech:- (1x3=3 marks)

- i) The woman said to the man, "How much did you pay for that Hilsa?"
- ii) The king said to the guards, "Bring the man to me at once."
- iii) Gopal said to the guards, "I want to see the king."

Q8. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences:- (1x4=4 marks)

- i) Truth/ the/ speak/ always.
- ii) Sweet/ the/ smells/ rose.
- iii) Rang/ bell/ the/ peon/ the
- iv) Teacher/ maths/ this/ teaches/ us

SECTION C: (LITERATURE)- 30 MARKS

Q9 a) Read the following stanza and answer the questions:- 1x4=4 marks

*No one thinks you are funny
Take your elbows off the table
Can't you make your own
Mind up about anything?*

Now answer the following:-

1. Identify the poem and its poet.
2. Who is the speaker and to whom is he/she talking?
3. What is the child not allowed to do in these lines?
4. Why can't the child make up his mind about anything?

Q.10. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4marks)

Now in the same village there lived a wicked old man and his wife, not a bit sensitive and kind, who had always kicked and scolded all dogs whenever any passed their house. Hearing of their neighbour's good luck, they coaxed the dog into their garden and set before him bits of fish and other dainties, hoping he would find treasure for them.

- (a) Who lived in the same village?
- (b) What did the wicked old couple do to the dogs?
- (c) Why did they coax their neighbour's dog-Muco?
- (d) Find the antonym for 'kind' in the given lines.

Q.11. Answer ANY four of the following questions. (2x4=8 marks)

- (a) Why did the king want to know answers to three questions?
- (b) What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?
- (c) Why did the king want no more talk about Hilsa fish?
- (d) What is strange about Mr. Nath's Sundays?
- (e) Why did the daimio reward the farmer but punish his neighbour for the same act?

Q12. Answer any FOUR questions (Supplementary Reader) (2x4=8 marks)

- (a) How long does it take to a grub to become a complete ant?
- (b) A camel can do without water for days together. How?
- (c) "There was a sudden and wonderful change in his soul". What brought about the change in Soapy?
- (d) Kari learnt the commands to sit and to walk. What were the instructions for each command?
- (e) In a desert the temperature rises during the day and falls rapidly at night. Why?

Q.13. Taking cues from the poem “Trees”, and your own ideas write a paragraph about the importance of trees for life on earth. (4 Marks)

OR

The tiny teacher ‘the ant’, the desert animals as well as Kari the baby elephant teach us many important lessons. What have you been able to learn from them?

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