

Half Yearly Examination 2019-20

Sub. : English

Class : IX

Time : 2.30 Hrs.

M.M. : 80

Reading – 8 marks

Writing & Grammar – 16 marks

Literature – 16 marks

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Section-A (Reading : 8 marks)

Q.1 Read the passage given below : 8 marks

Man's dependence on plants is indispensable. It is the dependence for food, shelter and clothing that has led him to explore all possible ways to preserve plants from being lost to the ravages of natural and man-made calamities. Accordingly, man has used different methods to overcome these calamities. While doing so, scientists hit upon a technique whereby plants cannot only be restored from being lost, but can also be developed into a complete plant from a part of small plant. This technique, called 'tissue culture', subsequently proved to be a boon for mankind. Basically, tissue culture is a technique by which small pieces of different parts of a plant body are grown on a nutritional media under completely sterile conditions. These plants divide and gradually develop either into unorganised mass of cells called callus or after a few cell divisions that differentiate to form full-fledged plants. The concept of tissue culture dates back to 1878 when a German Botanist, Vochting said, "From a small plant piece, a whole plant can be regenerated". Later, other scientists like Haberlandt in 1902 postulated that cultivation of artificial embryos is possible depending on the nutritional media.

A. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences : 1×4=4

- i) Man's dependence on _____ is indispensable.
a) clothes b) food c) animals d) plants
- ii) Tissue culture proved to be a boon for _____.
a) environment b) mankind c) mammals d) urban life
- iii) The concept of tissue culture dates back to _____.
a) 1878 b) 1902 c) 1900 d) 1898
- iv) Cultivation of artificial _____ is possible depending on the nutritional media.
a) plants b) roots c) embryos d) stem

B. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence- $1 \times 4 = 4$

- i) What has led man to explore all the possible ways to preserve plants?
- ii) What is callus?
- iii) When was the idea of tissue culture first introduced and by whom?
- iv) What did Haberlandt in 1902 postulate?

Section-B (Writing and Grammar : 16 marks)

Q.2 You are Rashmi/ Rohan, you came across a news item about the lack of fitness and stamina among children. They fall down or faint during assembly and games period. Write an article for a newspaper, highlighting the importance of games, sports and physical fitness for students, in about 100-150 words. 5 marks

OR

Indian summers are really unbearable. One day the maximum temperature shot up to 47°C . It was most miserable day of the year for you. Record the experience in your diary.

Q.3 Develop a story from given outlines :

5 marks

An old lady becomes blind _____ calls in a doctor _____ agrees to pay large fees if cured _____ doctor comes daily _____ starts stealing one piece of furniture daily _____ at last cures her _____ demands the fees _____ lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete as she can not see all his furniture.

Q.4 Study the given notes and complete the paragraph that follows by filling up any four of the gaps with the most appropriate option from those given : (Any Four)- 2 marks

Notes :

- * Rainy day
- * Busy traffic
- * Car collision with a speeding bus
- * 5 badly injured, 1 died on the spot
- * Injured taken to the hospital
- * Local help

It was a rainy day. Traffic (a) busy on the road. A (b) hit a car badly in the market. Five commuters were badly injured while one person (c) on the spot. The injured persons (d) to the nearest hospital. The local people were (e) great help.

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| a) i) will be | ii) was | iii) is | iv) has been |
| b) i) speeding bus | ii) speeded bus | iii) spd up bus | iv) speed bus |
| c) i) was died | ii) had died | iii) died | iv) is died |
| d) i) had taken | ii) was taken | iii) were taken | iv) is taken |
| e) i) at | ii) for | iii) with | iv) of |

Q.5 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and correction in each line. (Any four)- 2 marks

Children are fond to coconut. It is the
biggest of all the nuts, and are indeed a wonderful
fruit. It grows on a tall palm tree and is find
in tropical countries round a seashore. The
name was giving to it by the Portuguese because,
with the three marks or eye-spots at the end,
it looked something like a monkey's face, and 'coco'
is a Portuguese word for a bugbear or a distorted maks.

Q.6 Re-arrange the following jumbled up sentences into a meaningful one : (Any four)

2 marks

- a) on/ camel/ has/ hump/ its/ a/ big/ back
b) storehouse/ this/ of/ hump/ fats/ is/ a
c) uses/ this/ a source of energy/ long journey/ as/ in the desert/ during/ fat/ its/ the/ camel
d) the camel/ or/ when/ hungry/ the/ into/ fat/ is/ food and water/ converted/ is/ in the hump/ very thirsty

Section-C (Literature : 16 marks)

Q.7 Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : 4 marks

Packing is one of those many things that I feel I know more about than any other person living (It surprises me myself, sometimes, how many such things there are.) I impressed the fact upon George and Harris and told them that they had better leave the whole matter entirely to me. They fell into the suggestion with a readiness that had something uncanny about it. George spread himself over the easy-chair, and Harris cocked his legs on the table.

Questions :

- a) Why did the author offer his services for packing?
- b) What did his friends do when he asked them to leave the matter entirely to him?
- c) What did George do?
- d) What did Harris do?

OR

Read the stanza and answer the questions :

So she made a very little a piece of cake,
But as it baking lay,
She looked at it, and thought it seemdd
Too large to give away.

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) What did the little woman do?
- c) Who did she make a little cake for?
- d) What did she think about the cake?

Q.8 Answer any four questions in 30 to 40 words :

8 marks

- a) Why does the world remember Einstein as a 'word citizen'?
- b) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?
- c) What two 'important' and earth shaking decisions did the doctor take while he was looking into the mirror?
- d) What do you think Dinamani is the name of? Give a reason for your answer.
- e) How has Prashant, a teenager, been able to help the people of his village?
- f) What is Behrman's masterpiece? What makes Sue Say So?

Q.9 Answer in 100-150 words :

4 marks

It should be our aim to help the suffering humanity. Elucidate this statement with reference to the story 'The Happy Prince'.

OR

The poem 'No Men Are Foreign' gives the message of unity and commonality of all mankind. Explain.

Final Periodic Test 2019

Masking Schema

class IX

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READING 8 marks

Q1 A I ☐ plants

1X4 = 4M

II ☐ mankind

III ☐ 1878

IV ☐ embryos

B I the dependence of food, shelter and clothing^{1X4=4}

II unorganised mass of cells

III 1878, A German Botanist Voeltg

IV cultivation of artificial embryos

is possible depending on the
nutritional media.

Q.2

Writing And Grammar

16 marks

Note Article Writing ~~Format~~ Accuracy 1.5

DIARY

Expression 1.5

Form/content 2

Q.3

Story

Accuracy

1.5

Expression

1.5

Content

2

Q.4

(a) II was (b) I speeding bus (c) III died

(d) III were taken (e) IV of

2M

Q.5

(a) to-of (b) are-is (c) find-found

(d) a-the (e) giving-given

2M

Q.6

(a) camel has a big hump on its back. 2

(b) This hump is a storehouse of fats

(c) The camel uses this fat as a

journey in the desert:

- ④ when the camel is very hungry or thirsty the fat in the hump is converted into food and water.

- Q.7. (a) because he loved packing. 4M
(b) They accepted his proposal.
(c) George spread himself over the easy chair.
(d) Harris spread over his legs on the table.

on Stanzas

- (a) A Legend of the Northland (Poem)
Phoebe Cary (Poet)
(b) made a very little cake
(c) For Saint Peter.
(d) She thought the cake was too small (unwilling) to give away to Saint Peter.
Q.8 (a) because he believed in universal peace. When there was the rat race for making atomic power, he was worried about the aftermaths of the bomb.
(b) because he used to talk to her harshly. He was in a habit of finding out her mistakes.
(c) i He would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome.
ii He would always keep that attractive smile on his face.
(d) Dinamani is the name of a newspaper. Abdul Kalam attempts to trace the Second World War's news in the

(e) He took the initiative to rehabilitate people. He made a team of young volunteers and cleaned urine, filth, vomit and floating carcasses. He persuaded grief-stricken women to look after children.

(f) His painting of an ivy leaf was his masterpiece which saved the life of Johnny. When Behrman died painting this life-saving work of art, Sue called it a masterpiece.

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Ans. 9. The ~~poor~~ happy prince is sad on miseries of poor people. He decides to help them. The little swallow acts as his messenger and he gives away all his wealth. The intense cold killed the swallow. The swallow and the prince were perished for a noble cause. Their death was not the end. It made them immortal.

on

In spite of apparent divisions and differences, all are united together by the common bond of ~~the~~ humanity and mankind. We should understand and try to recognise that the same soul runs through all the people. Conflict and wars bring destruction and violence. The poet reminds us to remember, recognise and strengthen the common bond that unites mankind.