



V & C Patel English School
Half Yearly Examination

Std: X
Subject: English

Max.Marks: 80
Date: 15-09-17
Time: 3hr.

General Instructions:

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections.

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

- (i) All Questions are compulsory
(ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
(iii) All questions of that particular section may be attempted in the correct order.

Reading Section

1. Read the following passage carefully: (8)

1. Exchange an apple for an orange and you still have one of each, but if you exchange an idea for another, you have two. Ideas are worth something when expressed and exchanged.

2. Ideally, our classrooms are deemed to be laboratories to explore and experiment with ideas. But how many teachers encourage inquiry, discussion and exchange of ideas? or when was it that our students learned to learn' through exploration and research? How many have thought "why do students ask what they ask?" or simply put, how many are glad when they ask the right questions? 3. A student with a research Bent of mind once raised a question in my class discussion: "why is it called re-search? Will 'search' not suffice? Well, we all raise such questions at different stages of progress. Every question of intellectual curiosity is a serious mental adventure and a potential catalyst for search and re-searches. And when every learner starts working on such an ethos to treat learning, as not yet wholly solved problems we are in a research mode 'We start inquiring-researching and learning!

4. Typically, it is argued that traditional teaching is dominated by cerebral, abstract, overly-analytical models that characteristically rely on teacher-talk and learners' writing. Such a chalk-walk-talk learning is often based on a teacher-dominated 'information transmission' with emphasis on understanding research findings rather than research process. And if a teacher continues to teach how they themselves were taught as learners "with the assumption that what worked for them will work every time, for everyone", learning becomes obsolete. So the question is" when was the last time we encouraged our students to ask or do something for the first time?"

5. If we aim at improving the quality of teaching learning and accept that current practice is probably based on questionable data: a clear alternative solution lies in research embedded learning. When the element of a participatory approach between the teacher and the taught is set with a common pursuit of linking research, we are set for Research Informed Teaching (RIT). 'In fact, a research-based or a research-informed teaching is far superior to teachers mugging from textbooks.

Answer the following questions briefly.

- (a) Bring out the difference between exchanging fruits and exchanging ideas.
- (b)) What should teachers do in the classroom?
- (c) Generally, how do teachers feel when students ask questions?
- (d) Find the word in the passage that means the same as cerebral.
- (e) Find the word in the passage that means the same as 'transmission'.

2 Read the following passage carefully:

(12)

1. Vegetarianism promotes a natural way of life. But despite its implicit message of universal love and non-violence, it has not spread, as it should have. This may be because it is usually an inward and looking habit and is best cultivated in the mind.
2. Leading a vegetarian way of life helps the animal kingdom to coexist with man. The animals supply milk, manure and energy. This has been central to the Indian culture for thousands of years. A vegetarian lifestyle is natural, multifaceted and helps prevention of ailments in a healthy way. Food and health are closely related.
3. In India, a vegetarian usually a lacto vegetarian. In the western world vegetarians are subdivided as "vegans", lacto vegetarians who use dairy products of the vegetable kingdom and lacto-ova vegetarians. The last category includes eggs in addition to dairy products.
4. The western science considers food as something to **sustain** only the human body, whereas the Indian science considers food as something which sustains not only the body, but also maintains the purity of heart, mind and the soul. Thus an item of food which is injurious the mind is not considered to be fit for consumption, even if it is otherwise beneficial to the body or satisfies the taste. Indian food science does not give much importance to protein or even to the balanced diet but it gives importance to food that increases the strength of the body and its virility.
5. Vegetarian food provides an infinite variety of flavours, whereas no vegetarian food has hardly any test of its own. In fact, non vegetarian food has to be seasoned with ingredients from the vegetable kingdom to make them palatable.
6. In most sports disciplines, vegetarians leading endurance tests "You are what you eat" and it is a fact that it is the food that makes the man. The food we eat, its quality, quantity, its timing and combination is of utmost importance to healthy life.
7. More and more intellectuals in UK , France and Israel are turning to vegetarian diet not only on ethical and humanitarian grounds, but also for health and ecological reasons. (MCB – Health and Medicine)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions given below:

- (a) Why has vegetarianism not spread?
- (b) How are vegetarians classified in the western world?
- (c) What does Indian scientists consider necessary for food intake, besides sustaining the body?
- (d) Why are intellectuals turning vegetarians?
- (g) What is the implicit message of vegetarianism?

(h) Write the synonyms of 'sustain'.

(f) Find the word in the passage that means same as "pleasant to taste"

Section – B (Writing and Grammar)

3. There is a river near your house and lately people are dumping waste into it. This has polluted the river and there has been increase in health problems in the area. Write a letter to the editor of a news paper requesting them to publish this in their paper. (120words). (8)

OR

You are kiran/ kavyam , a resident of A-21 Sardar marg, New Delhi. You are deeply troubled by the sale of alcohol to underage people. Write a letter to the editor of "The Hindu" drawing attention to this problem.

4 **Complete the following story. Some lines are given to help you start.** (10)

Once there was an old man. He had four sons. They always quarrelled with one another.....
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5 **Read the following passage. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word.** (4)

On the Annual Day celebration, the principal delivered a speech "Good Evening children, you all (a) be the future policy makers, hence you (b) obey your teachers. You (c)..... always try to win over the confidence of your superiors. You (d)..... take whatever stream you like but excel in the path chosen.

6. **There is a word missing in each line. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you.** (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
(a) Sachin Tendulkar is a besta.....the.....
(b) cricketer in India. He play for
(c) more then 20 years for a country
(d) He take retirement from the game
(e) this year. He is know for his bating skill

7 **Rearrange these words /phrases to make meaningful sentences.** (4)

- (a) Pleased /god/brings/prosperity/rain/when
- (b) over pleased/he/when/havoc/but/causes
- (c) one of the/rain is/blessings/of/and/wonders/nature
- (d) on/rain/the/for all/lifeline/and/living/earth/non-living/is/earth

Section-C (Literature and long Reading Text)

8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (Any one) (4)

1. The old man shivering at times but fixed of purpose, plodded on till he came out of the town-gate on to a straight road. Along this he now went at a somewhat slower pace, supporting himself on his old staff.

- (a) Who was the old man?
- (b) Where was he going early?
- (c) What does the phrase 'plodded on' mean?
- (d) What was the fixed purpose of the man?

OR

2. "Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me,
Searching my reaches for what she really is.
Then she turns to those liars, the candle or the moon.
I see her back, and reflect it faithfully".

- (a) Why the mirror is called a lake?
- (b) Which poetic device is used in the first line?
- (c) What does the phrase by 'my reaches' mean?
- (d) Why does the mirror say 'I reflect it faithfully'?

9 Answer any four in 30-40 words of the following. (8)

- 1. Describe how the monuments and statues brave the ravages of time.
- 2. What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on Monday?
- 3. What impression do you form of the postmaster after reading the story 'The Letter'?
- 4. What errands did Nicola and Jacopo do to earn their living?
- 5. Briefly describe the character of Victoria in the Dear Departed.

10 The play Dear Departed' brings out the negative qualities of humans such as greed and avarice. These are qualities that we humans need to shun. Do you agree? If Yes/no Justify. (8)

OR

We cannot destroy a person by power but we can destroy him by crushing his morale. Elaborate.

11 Answer the following in 200-250 words (Any One) (10)

What was the most exciting aspect of Christmas for Helen?

OR

Write a brief character sketch of Miss Sullivan.