



## Half-yearly Examinations









**Section A: Prose (50 Marks)**

**Q.1) Write the meaning of the given words or phrases: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- Sturdy
- Vivid
- Clattered
- Dwindle

**Q.2) Write the antonyms of the given words: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- Transparent
- Despair
- Dense
- Idle

**Q.3) Write the synonyms of the given words: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- Hasten
- Tranquil
- Fragment
- Courage

**Q.4) Frame sentences in your own words: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- Invincible
- Diligent
- Marvel
- Ingenious

**Q.5) Answer the following questions in one word: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- What was the name of the ship in the story "The Unexpected"?
- Who was the main character in the story "The Selfish Giant"?

- In which story does the character 'Hawkins' appear?
- Who built the Taj Mahal?

**Q.6) Complete the following sentences:**

(1 × 4 = 4)

- The Selfish Giant put up a notice that said \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the poem, "The Nightingale and the Glow-worm," the glow-worm represents \_\_\_\_\_.
- The old man in the story "The Cherry Tree" advised the boy to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The two sisters in the story "The Magic Garden" lived in a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q.7) State whether the following statements are true or false: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- The cherry tree was planted by Rakesh's grandfather.
- In "The Treasure Hunt," the children found gold coins hidden in the garden.
- The Giant allowed the children to play in his garden after the Spring refused to come.
- The old man in "The Cherry Tree" was very strict with the boy.

**Q.8) Refer to the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1 × 4 = 4)**

a) "You are welcome here, children. This is your garden now."

- Who said these words?
- Why did the speaker say these words?

b) "The ship's captain looked at the horizon with



concern."

- What was the captain concerned about?
- How did the captain resolve the issue?

**Q.9) Underline the adjectives and state their kinds in the given sentences: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- She wore a beautiful dress.
- He is a wise old man.
- They visited several historical places.
- This is the best solution to the problem.

**Q.10) Answer the following questions in brief: (2 × 4 = 8)**

- What lesson does the story "The Selfish Giant" teach us?
- Describe how Rakesh took care of the cherry tree.

- What was the main conflict in the story "The Treasure Hunt"?
- Why was the Glow-worm in the poem "The Nightingale and the Glow-worm" important?

**Q.11) Critical thinking: (2 × 3 = 6)**

- Why do you think the Giant in "The Selfish Giant" was initially selfish?
- How did the arrival of the Spring change the Giant's perspective?

**Section B: Poetry (20 Marks)**

**Q.12) Refer to the extract given below and answer the following questions: (1 × 8 = 8)**

a) **"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high; Where knowledge is free;"**

- What does the poet pray for in these lines?

- What does "knowledge is free" mean according to the poet?
- Why is it important for the mind to be without fear?
- Who is the poet?

b) **"The road not taken And that has made all the difference."**

- What does the poet mean by "the road not taken"?
- How did the poet feel about the choice he made?
- What does "made all the difference" imply?
- Who is the poet?

**Q.13) Write rhyming words for the given words: ( $0.5 \times 4 = 2$ )**

- Night
- Gold
- Sweet
- Bright

**Q.14) Critical thinking: ( $2 \times 2 = 4$ )**

- Why does the poet use imagery in the poem "The Nightingale and the Glow-worm"?
- How does the poem "The Road Not Taken" reflect on the choices we make in life?

**Q.15) Answer the following questions:**

( $2 \times 3 = 6$ )

- Who is the poet of the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear"?
- What is the central theme of the poem "The Nightingale and the Glow-worm"?
- What does the poet mean by "The road less traveled by"?

### Section C: Novel (10 Marks)

**Q.16) Complete the following sentences:**

(1 × 2 = 2)

- In "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," Tom's best friend is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The novel "Black Beauty" is about a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q.17). State whether the given statements are true or false: (1 × 2 = 2)**

- Tom Sawyer was an obedient and well-behaved boy.
- Black Beauty was raised with six other colts.

**Q.18) Answer the following questions in one word: (1 × 2 = 2)**

- Who wrote the novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"?
- What is the name of Black Beauty's first owner?

**Q.19) Answer the following questions: (2 × 2 = 4)**

- How did Tom Sawyer convince his friends to help him paint the fence?
- What hardships did Black Beauty face during his early years?