



**INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION**  
**ENGLISH**



Class: VI

Max. Marks: 80

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**General Instructions:**

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
- (iii) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

**Section A : Reading Comprehension(20 Marks)**

**1 Read the passage given below carefully.**

**Don't Take English For Granted**

1. English is the most widely read language in the world. One in every seven human beings can speak it. English has the largest vocabulary in the world- perhaps two million words.
2. English is also a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant. Neither pine nor apple in pineapple and no ham in hamburger. Sweetmeats are candy, while sweetbreads, which are not sweet, are meat. Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig nor from Guinea.
3. And why do writers write, but fingers do not fing?, grocers do not groce? and hammers do not ham? If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?
4. Perhaps, all English speakers should be sent to an asylum for the verbally insane. In which language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Why do a 'wiseman' and a 'wiseguy' differ in meaning? Why are 'overlook' and 'oversee' antonyms? Why are 'quite a lot' and 'quite a few' alike?
5. Don't you marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which your alarm clock goes off by going on!
6. English was not invented by computers. It has the creativity of human race (which is not a race at all). That is why when stars are out when they are visible, but when lights are out when they are invisible. And that's when I wind up my watch I start it, but when I wind up this essay I end it.

**A. Write three points in praise of English.**

**1X3**

1. ....

2. ....

	<p>3.....</p> <p><b>B. Answer the following questions briefly.</b></p> <p>1. Where should all English speakers be sent? .....</p> <p>2. What would have happened if computers have invented English? .....</p> <p><b>C. Find words in the passage for those given below.</b></p> <p>1) Find the two meanings of ‘wind up’ (a)..... (b).....</p> <p>2) Find any synonym for the ‘same’ (a).....</p> <p>3. Find another expression for <b>shining</b>. .....</p> <p>4) Find another word for <b>insane</b> .....</p>	<p><b>2X2</b></p> <p><b>1X5</b></p>
<p>2</p>	<p><b>Read the passage given below carefully</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>My Mother’s Sari</b></p> <p>1. To others it is merely an attractive and unusual sari: an abstract pattern of soft grays surprised into sprays of muted olives and petals of ivory here and there, against a background of gold with a hint of peach in the shading.</p> <p>2. To me it is a sari my mother bought in Mombasa over 30 years ago. She was fond of it but wore it only occasionally, the golden glow she usually cast around her being made a shade more luminous. This same material flows around me now occasionally, unfaded still and changelessly elegant.</p> <p>3. My mother’s sari takes me back to silver sands and set of the sun. On a lush tropical night, waves are lapping the shore and palm leaves stir in the breeze. Names, faces, happenings and snatches of dialogue burst in upon the mind, from far distances and depths; and are gone suddenly as form.</p> <p>4. My mother’s sari has neither border nor <i>pallu</i>, the decorated end portion. One cannot tell where it begins and ends. I tie it as she used to, with a knot: the first knot firm as a family tie; and the first pleat, as always, tricky as first times.</p>	

	<p><b>Answer the following questions briefly. Write your Answer in your answer sheet against the blank numbers.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Where was the sari bought and by whom?</li> <li>2) Did the writer wear her mother's sari? Quote the lines from the passage which tells us that she did.</li> <li>3) What features made the sari different from others?</li> <li>4) What did the sari remind the writer of?</li> <li>5) The first firm knot is compared to.....</li> <li>6) Do you think that the mother was alive at the time of her writing this article? Why do you think so?</li> <li>7) The writer likes the sari because (a).....</li> <li>8) The writer and her mother were fond of the sari and both wore it..... ( write only one word).</li> </ol>	<b>1X8</b>
<b>SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR (30 Marks)</b>		
3	Write a letter to your father asking his permission to go for an educational tour to Rajasthan along with your friends and the class teacher.	<b>6</b>
4	You are surprised to see a sports bike near your bed when you woke up on your birth day as was promised by your parents for getting A1 in all your subjects. Write a diary in about 50 words.	<b>6</b>
5	Write a dialogue between two friends about the preparation for the Half Yearly Examination.	<b>6</b>
6	<p><b>A) Read each sentence and choose the correct verb in the brackets. Write them in your answer sheet against the blank numbers.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The players (is/are) going to the canteen after the game.</li> <li>b) Stephen (is/are) one of the test players of the team.</li> <li>c) They (is/are) one of the highest scoring teams.</li> <li>d) Where (do/does) your parents live?</li> <li>e) Alex (have/has) two older brothers.</li> <li>f) How (do/does) you feel now?</li> </ol> <p><b>B) Read the following sentences and identify the subject and predicate and write them in your answer sheets against the correct blank numbers.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The horse appeared at the starting line.</li> <li>2. My friend John looked out to check the sky.</li> <li>3. Dual air bags make cars safe.</li> <li>4. The cut on Harry's foot kept him out of the game.</li> <li>5. Consumers don't like to spend too much on petrol</li> <li>6. Some owners of large cars have traded them for small ones.</li> </ol> <p><b>C) Choose the correct article in each sentence and write them in your answer</b></p>	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> x6</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> x6</p>

	<p><b>sheet against the correct blank numbers.</b></p> <p>a) Did you bring----- (a/an/the)umbrella?  b) Are you looking for -----(a/an/the) shampoo?  c) I checked for -----(a/an/the)mail box again.  d) Can I have -----(a/an/the) spoon please?  e) I was born into -----(a/an/the) poor family  f) She will come back in -----(a/an/the) hour.</p> <p><b>D. Identify the given group of words as Phrase or Clause. Write P for Phrase and C for Clause in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.</b></p> <p>i) The top of the mountains  ii) It rained heavily  iii) Loud and clear  iv) The balloons burst  v) They left quietly  vi) With an umbrella</p>	<p>½ x6</p> <p>½ x6</p>
<b>SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 Marks)</b>		
7	<p><b>A. Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow.</b>  “Twas a dry, deserted desert and a trackless land to tread;  He wished that he was home again and tucked up tight in bed”.</p> <p>a) Name the poem and the poet?  b) What did the ant resolve before reaching home?  c) Why did the ant decide to go back home?</p> <p><b>B. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.</b>  “ Get a job! Get a job”</p> <p>1. Name the story and the author.  2. Who is the speaker of the words?  3. Why did they demand so?</p>	2X3
8	<p><b>Read the following questions and answer <u>any six</u> of them in about <u>25 words</u>.</b></p> <p>a) What were the two reasons that made Triveni a popular writer?  b) What was the ‘great law of human action’ that Tom had discovered?  c) What was believed about the prôt’s behavior at night?  d) Why did Sinbad feel ‘so melancholic that he was ready to die with grief’?  e) Why did the narrator visit Miss Beam’s school?  f) How did trouble tempt Pandora into opening the box  g) Things were running very smoothly but for one irritant. What was that?</p>	6X2
9	<p><b>Answer <u>any one</u> of the questions in about <u>60 to 80 words</u>.</b></p> <p>A) How did the prôt cause mischief during the day while he lived on the peepul tree?  B) What is the purpose of having a system of education like that of Miss Beam’s school?</p>	6
10	<p><b>Answer <u>any one</u> of the questions in about <u>60 to 80 words</u>.</b></p> <p>A. What value (lesson) do you learn from the story of ‘Pandora And The Mysterious Box’?</p>	6

