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Half-Yearly Examination – 2026-27
Class: VIII | Subject: English
Time: 2½ hrs | M.M.: 35

Part I — Objective Type (Q.1–Q.7) [7×1=7]

Q.1 The cat is sitting on _____ roof.
(a) a
(b) an
(c) the
(d) none

Q.2 Which of the following is not related to 'Market'?
(a) Shopkeeper
(b) Customer
(c) Farmer
(d) Blackboard

Q.3 Which word has a different vowel sound?
(a) beach
(b) head
(c) bread
(d) real

Q.4 There _____ two buses in front of our school.
(a) is
(b) are
(c) was
(d) has

Q.5 We _____ tell the truth.
(a) should
(b) may
(c) might
(d) mustn't

Q.6 The kitten jumped _____ the box.
(a) into
(b) over
(c) under
(d) between

Q.7 I _____ finish my project last week.
(a) have to
(b) had to
(c) will have to
(d) none

Part II — Very Short Answer (Q.8–Q.17) [10 Marks]

Q.8–Q.11 Complete the passage with suitable words: **[arrested, gloves, train, hands, empty]**

A man got on the _____ and sat down. The compartment was _____ except one lady. She took her _____ off. Later the police _____ the man.

Q.12 Write plural forms: (a) Mountain — _____ (b) Country — _____

Q.13 Fill missing letters: (a) P__CT__RE (b) E V _ R _ S T

Q.14 Drivers must slow down near schools _____ the children can cross safely. [so that / while]

Q.15 Arrange words:
(a) island / an / Katchall / is — _____
(b) very naughty / is / my / little sister — _____

Q.16 Fill using: **[fit, footpath, zebra crossing, rail]**
(i) Always cross road at _____.
(ii) Yoga keeps us _____ and healthy.

Q.17 Make meaningful sentences using:
(i) brave _____
(ii) honesty _____

Part III — Short Answer (Q.18–Q.23) [10 Marks]

Q.18 [2 Marks] Read the passage and answer:

It was Christmas Day. The narrator had bought a roll-top desk from a junk shop. While repairing it, he found a small tin box hidden inside the desk. The box contained a letter written by Jim Macpherson to his wife Connie. The letter described a remarkable Christmas Day during the First World War. Shop Chairs

(i) Where did the narrator buy the desk?

(ii) What did he find inside the desk?

Q.19 [2 Marks] Read and answer:

The tsunami struck the shores of many countries on 26 December 2004. In some places, people noticed unusual signs before the waves arrived. Animals seemed to sense the danger and moved to safer places. The huge waves caused great destruction and many people lost their homes and loved ones.

(i) When did the tsunami occur?

(ii) What did some animals do before the tsunami?

Q.20 [2 Marks] Read and answer:

Major H.P.S. Ahluwalia was one of the members of the first successful Indian expedition to Mount Everest. He describes how climbing the highest mountain gave him a feeling of great achievement. He also explains that there is another kind of summit within each person, which means overcoming inner fears and difficulties.

(i) Which mountain did Major H.P.S. Ahluwalia climb?

(ii) What does the 'summit within' mean?

Q.21 [1 Mark] Opposite words:
(i) beautiful × _____ (ii) early × _____

Q.22 [1 Mark] Frame questions:
(i) He is reading a book. → _____

Q.23 [2 Marks] Re-arrange sentences:
(a) In a jungle lived pigeons.
(b) They saw grains.
(c) They were trapped.
(d) They flew away together.

Part IV — Essay Type (Q.24–Q.25) [8 Marks]

Q.24 Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to attend your birthday party. **(5)**
OR
Write an application to your Headmaster for one day's leave as your grandparents are ill. **(5)**

Q.25 Write a short paragraph (about 80 words) on *'Benefits of Morning Walk'*. **(3)**

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