

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, RIYADH

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WORKSHEET : HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

CLASS:-VIII SUBJECT:-ENGLISH

SECTION A:-(READING)

A. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows.

FROST PATTERNS

Children who live in places where the winters get very cold love to see the frost on the windows. Some of the patterns are quite beautiful and look like intricate designs on trees and leaf.

For this frost to form on the window panes as well as trees and grass, certain conditions are necessary. Frost is made up of tiny crystals of frozen water. It forms when air has a lot of moisture in it and the moisture is cooled below the freezing temperature of water. This temperature, which we call the freezing point, is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or zero degrees centigrade, at sea level.

When air becomes cooler, it cannot hold as much water as before. The excess water condenses on such objects as the window pane. Now, if the temperature falls below 0 degrees centigrade, this water becomes crystallized. In other words, it freezes into a coating of interlocked crystals of water.

What causes the patterns to appear in the frost on the window panes? For one thing, the tiny crystals have a certain structure which gives them a pattern. In addition, there may be tiny scratches on the glass, dust particles, air currents----all of which help create the designs that "Jack Frost" makes on your windows.

Frost, as you know, can be a serious danger for the farmer by killing buds or ripening fruit. Actually, it is not the frost itself, but the freezing of the plant juices that is harmful. So farmers have had to develop ways of preventing frost to save crops. One way is to cover the plants with a light cloth to prevent radiation of

heat. Smudge pots in orchards cover the trees with thick smoke, and this also helps the plants hold in their heat.

So, while you enjoy seeing the work of "Jack Frost" remember that it may mean serious damage to millions of rupees worth of crops in cold regions.

A 1.1 On the basis of your reading answer the following questions:

1. How do the frost patterns look like?
2. How is frost formed?
3. How does water become crystallized?
4. What way have the farmers developed to prevent frost and save their crops?

A1.2 Fill in the blank

1. "Jack Frost" may cause serious ----- to millions of rupees worth of crops in cold regions.

2. On the basis of your reading the poem, answer the following questions:

Piping down the valleys wild,
Piping songs of pleasant glee,
On a cloud I saw a child,
And he laughing said to me:

"Pipe a song about a Lamb!"
So I piped with merry cheer.
Piper pipe the song again
So I piped: He wept to hear.

Drop the pipe, thy pipe,
Sing thy song of happy cheer.
So I sung the same again
While we wept with joy to hear.

"Piper, sit thee down and write,

In a book that all may read.
So he vanished from my sight,
And I plucked the hollow reed.

And I made a rural pen,
And I stain'd the water clear
And I wrote my happy songs
Every child may joy to hear.

- A. What does the poet see on the cloud?
- B. What did the child say to the poet?
- C. What was the reaction of the child when the poet piped the song?
- D. What did the child request the poet to do after hearing the pleasant song?
- E. How did the poet write the poem?

SECTION --- B (WRITING)

TOPICS COVERED:

- 1) NOTICE WRITING**
- 2) FORMAL LETTER EXPRESSING GRATITUDE**
- 3) DESCRIPTION OF A PLACE**

Q.1. You are Rahul / Reema the Head boy / girl of St. Thomas School . An interschool debate competition is to be held in your school. The topic of the competition is “Should English be our national language?” Write a notice in not more than 50 words giving all the necessary details. Put the notice in a box.

Q.2. Karishma visited the famous historical monument of Dhauli last month. During her visit she made the following notes in her diary. On the basis of the notes , write a description of Dhauli in about 100 words.

*** Situated on the bank of the river Daya.**

- **8 kms from Bhubaneshwar.**
- **Ashoka the great , transformed into a spiritual monarch.**
- **11 of the 14 rocks edicts of his kingdom found here.**
- **Figure of an elephant carved above the edicts.**

- Buddhism spread to all parts of the world from here.
- Shanti stupa --- established by Japanese Buddhist mission in 1970s.

Q.3.You are Kirti / Kirtan Kumar the head girl/headboy of St Peters School , the organizer of the school excursion. Thirty students from your school had been to an excursion to Darjeeling for five days in the second week of August. Write a letter to the Manager, Darjeeling Tourist Home, Rose Bank, Darjeeling – 734101 expressing gratitude towards him for providing all the amenities during your trip.Use the hints given below:

* spacious and comfortable accommodation.

*delicious food

*friendly and hospitable guide

*Convenient conveyance

*amazing arrangements

SECTION --- C (GRAMMAR)

TOPICS COVERED:

1.PREPOSITIONS

2.ARTICLES

3. SUBJECT- VERB AGREEMENT

4.REARRANGING JUMBLED WORDS INTO MEANINGFUL SENTENCES.

Q.1. Complete the following passage with suitable prepositions.

One (a)_____ the major problems we have (b) _____ face is that (c) _____ unemployment. Employment comes (d)_____ never and more effective means (e) _____ wealth production.The whole experience and history (f) _____ the past two hundred years show that it comes (g) _____ the growth (h) _____ technological methods.

Q.2. Books are the best companions (a) _____ man. Time passes quickly (b) _____ the company (c) _____ books. They bring us (d) _____ darkness (e) _____ light. They are never our failing friends. They help us (f) _____ time (g) _____ difficulty. They are the lighthouses. They guide the course (h) _____ life.

Q. 3. In the following passage , one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

Such was the life the shepherd boys (a) -----
 The villages about Ujjain. There were (b) -----
 many them , and in the long days (c) -----
 pastures they had plenty of time (d) -----
 fun. One day they found a playground. (e) -----
 The middle was a green mound. (f) -----
 One the boys thought so at least and (g)-----
 he ran forward.

Q.4. The following has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction.

We are living at an age (a) -----
 When most from us seen (b) -----
 into be crazy about films. (c) -----
 Movies have become a great
 source in attraction. We take (d) -----
 fancy into films for songs (e) -----
 and dances. Afew go there for (f) -----
 forget worries to life. But the (g) -----
 cine—goers go there into see (h) -----

their favourite hero and heroines to (i) -----
the screen.

Q. 5. Use appropriate articles wherever necessary. Put X wherever they are not required .

1. It took almost _____ hour to reach home.
2. I was taught _____ French by _____ French lady.
3. _____ English is my favourite subject.
4. On my way, I met _____ European and _____ American.
5. _____ patience is _____ virtue.
6. Please give me _____ salt from the yellow packet.
7. I invited him for _____ dinner.
8. _____ sun rises in _____ east.
9. Draw _____ map of _____ India.
10. Teacher taught us _____ fourth chapter today.
11. He always speaks _____ truth.
12. _____ peacock is _____ beautiful bird.
13. I always like to read about sports in _____ Times Of India.
14. He was waiting for _____ opportunity to start his own business.
15. Rita found _____ one-rupee coin.

Q.6.Fill in the blanks with suitable verbs (subject – verb agreement)

1. Bread and milk _____ his only food.
2. One of you _____ mistaken.
3. Neither bus _____ to Varanasi.
4. _____ Hari and Gopal here?
5. The jury _____ unanimous in _____ decision.
6. The cat or the dog _____ messed the place.
7. Everybody _____ enjoying themselves.
8. Several swimmers _____ come to the beach.
9. This house _____ up for sale.

10. Both the couples _____ arrived.

Q.7. Choose the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets and fill in the blanks.

1. I _____ swimming. (like / likes)

2. We _____ dancing (love / loves)

3. He _____ singing. (don't / doesn't) like.

4. She _____ gossiping (really like / really likes)

5. My mother _____ solving crosswords. (enjoy / enjoys)

6. My inquisitive neighbours _____ cycling (adore / adores)

7. My baby brother _____ eating. (doesn't mind / don't mind)

8. Johnny _____ a sister. (has / have)

Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.

1. Annie and her brothers (is, are) at school.

2. Either my mother or my father (is, are) coming to the meeting.

3. The dog or the cats (is, are) outside.

4. Either my shoes or your coat (is, are) always on the floor.

5. George and Tamara (doesn't, don't) want to see that movie

6. Benito (doesn't, don't) know the answer.

7. One of my sisters (is, are) going on a trip to France.

8. The man with all the birds (live, lives) on my street.

9. The movie, including all the previews, (take, takes) about two hours to watch.

10. The players, as well as the captain, (want, wants) to win.

11. Either answer (is, are) acceptable.

12. Every one of those books (is, are) fiction.

13. Nobody (know, knows) the trouble I've seen.

14. (Is, Are) the news on at five or six?

15. Mathematics (is, are) John's favorite subject, while Civics (is, are) Andrea's favorite subject.

Q8. Arrange the words in the correct order to form meaningful sentences

1. dog Rahul with his pet playing enjoys.

2. to the company goods Vietnam exports.
3. she interested that was in proposal said she the.
4. was performance impressed with quite his I.
5. the please not do on grass step.
6. every delicious father cooks evening pasta.
7. brother an wants be my astronaut to.
8. everything will sense make perfect someday.
9. at top voice, the man his son of demanded the admission shouting.
10. you where have this all while been

SECTION --- D (LITERATURE)

TOPICS COVERED:

Poem : The Listeners

Prose : After Twenty Years

Poem: Geography Lesson

Prose : Half A Gift

Q. 1. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions :

1. "Tell them I came, and no one answered,

That I kept my word"

- a) Who do you think heard the words of the travel
- b) Why did no one answer the traveller?
- c) Name the poem and the poet.

Q. 2 . And he felt in his heart their strangeness,

- a) Whom does he refer to ?
- b) Whom does their refer to ?

c) Why were they behaving as strangers ?

Q. 3 . And he smote upon the door again a second time.

a) Whom does he refer to ?

b) Give the meaning of the word smote .

c) What had happened to the people inside the house ?

Q.4. “You have been under arrest for ten minutes”

a) Who says the above line?

b) Why did the police man arrest him?

c) Name the lesson and the author.

Q.5.” Rather a long time between the two meetings , though it seems to me.”

a) Who is the speaker here ?

b) Whom are these words spoken to?

c) How long is the time between the two meetings ?

Q.6. I have a position in one of the city departments.

a) Whom does I refer to ?

b) Whom are the above words spoken to ?

c) In which department does the speaker works?

Q.7“When the jet reached ten thousand feet.”

1. Who says the above line?

a. Zulfikar Ghose

b. Walter De La Mare

c. c. Oliver Gold Smith

d. d.O.Henry

Q.8.What was clear when he reached ten thousand feet?

- a. It was clear why country had cities where river ran.
- b. It was clear why ground looked haphazard.
- c. It was clear why the earth was round.
- d. It was clear why people hate each other.

Q.9. When we secretly told our father, he was very pleased

- a. Whom does we refer to?
- b. What was the secret?
- c. Name the lesson & the author

Q.10. "We might get the same thing," I wailed

- a. Whom does I refer to?
- b. Why did the speaker say the above sentence.

Writing Task - Literature

a. Write the summary of the following poems:

- i) Geography Lesson
- ii) The Listeners

b. Write a brief character sketch of the following characters:

- i) Bob
- ii) Jimmy Wells
- iii) Joe
- iv) Nick
- v) Mother
- vi) Father

c. Imagine yourself as Jimmy Wells and make a diary entry about what happened when you met your dearest friend Bob after twenty years. Also

write about how did you manage to keep the balance between your duty and friendship .

Dairy entry may be asked from any lesson of literature.