



Half Yearly Examination - 2017

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

HSE XII

Maximum Score: 60

Time: 2 hrs

Instructions

- There is a cool-off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 hours.
- Use the cool-off time to get familiarised with the questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of the questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.
- When you select a question, all sub questions (if any) must be answered from the same question itself.

1. Find the odd one on the basis of pronunciation. (2)
 - a) kick, tick, bike
 - b) pot, spot, tomb
2. You have applied for the post of a news reporter in a leading English daily. You have been asked to appear for the interview. Introduce yourself to the interview board. (3)
3. Identify whether the following sentences would require rising tone or falling tone and mark the tone appropriately. (4)
 - a. Did you finish your homework?
 - b. What a crazy show!
 - c. Which book is the best for you?
 - d. You should listen to your mother when she's talking to you.
4. Identify the diphthongs in each group of words. (4)
 - a. fly, cry, buy
 - b. tour, poor, sure
 - c. table, cable, fable
 - d. fair, care, stare
5. Usain Bolt, the Jamaican sprinter who won gold medals in three Olympic Games is shown in the picture. Describe his appearance. (4)





6. Some informal expressions are given below. Change them into formal expressions. (2)
- a) Went to Barcelona for the weekend. Lots to tell you.
 - b) Yeah, I found it kind of hard to follow.
7. Write the phonetic transcription of the words given below. (4)
- a) listen
 - b) knee
 - c) exact
 - d) pin

Qns. 8-12. Answer all questions. Each question carries two scores. (2 x 5 = 10)

8. Yesterday you met your old friend Rahul at Science Fair programme and he spoke incessantly about twitter and tweeting. Could you identify similar internet terminologies? Write any two such terms.
9. Mark the stressed syllable in the following words
- a) student
 - b) happy
10. Respond to the following situations appropriately.
- a. Excuse me, can you show me the way to the principal's office?
.....
 - b. Miss Anupama, Congratulations! You are selected the best student of the year!
.....
11. Explain how the sound 'u' is used differently in the words given below using phonetic symbols.
- Pure, plum, plural
12. Replace the underlined words, choosing from phrasal verbs given.
- (called on, turned off, talked over)

The Indian Prime minister visited the Chinese President for a discussion on the India-China Doklam boarder dispute..They discussed different ways for an amicable solution. They could talk out the issues and come to the final solution of peace.

Qns. 13-14. Attempt any ONE of the following questions. (3)

13. A public debate is taking place in your local library on the topic -People should use public transport more. Make three statements to oppose the motion selecting expressions from those given below.

I oppose the motion that....
My first reason for opposing this motion....
In summary, to sum up....
I repeat....



14. **Complete the sentences using suitable linking words.**

This is Pradeep's new mountain bike, _____ he got as a present from his parents. He locks it up every evening _____ nobody can steal it, it was stolen last night.

Questions 15-20. Attempt any FOUR of the following questions. Each question carries 6 scores. (6 x 4 = 24)

15. Imagine that the following advertisement appears in the newspaper and you are ready to participate in the Trekking Expedition organised by Youth Hostel Association, New Delhi. Write a letter to the secretary of the association seeking more information about the programme.

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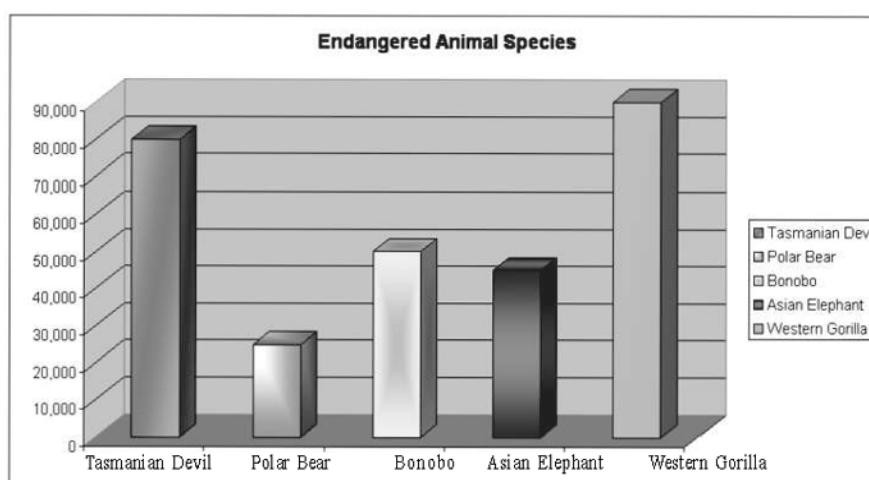
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16. The graph given below provides data of endangered animal species in different parts of the world. You happen to see the same and are worried about the plight. Draft an e-mail to the editor of the newspaper urging him/her to make readers aware of the need of protecting wildlife.





17. "The youth need to be enabled to become job generators from job seekers", the former President APJ Abdul Kalam once opined. If today's youth is ready to follow this precept, what would be the future of India by a few years? Comment in a paragraph.
18. Burning and dumping of plastics are the very prevalent issues in your area. The local government is trying to reduce this by organising campaigns and by adopting awareness programmes. As part of the same you are asked to prepare a leaflet. Here are some common ill effects of plastic dumping. Draft the leaflet. You may use the hints given.

Plastic dumping-nature turns to a plastic dust bin- decomposition of plastics- persistent organic pollutants - effects on the environment

19. You plan to arrange a job fair in your village to provide opportunities for the less privileged by collecting financial assistance from the wealthy residents of the area. Eminent personalities of your area will be the official guests. Draft a formal letter of invitation for the function.
20. 'In one drop of water is found all the secrets of the oceans'
You happen to read this saying and to see the picture given below. You became alarmed at the impending calamities of future. Deliver a speech on World Environment Day to make the people in your locality aware of the situation.

