

# PT-2/HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2022-23

## ENGLISH

Time - 7:15 AM to 10:20 AM

Class - VIII

M.M. : 80

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Name of the student \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

### General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into four sections.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these sections very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### Section-A (Reading) - 15 Marks

**Q1. Read the following comprehension and answer the questions that follow.**

Early in 2003 Woody Witezak got some good news: a new job as Vice President of sales with a start up energy-efficient lightning company in Heart Land U.S. City Minneapolis, in Minnesota. But with the position came stress and difficulty in sleeping. Jane Woody Witezak, 37 was seen by his family doctor, a general practitioner who gave him samples of Zoloft an anti-depressant that also treated anxiety .

Within a few days, though, Woody experienced several side effects of the drug such as night sweats, diarrhoea, weight loss and trembling hands. His anxiety worsened, he became uncharacteristically irritable and restless. One evening he came home crying after driving around all day when the samples ran out after three weeks, Woody’s doctor doubled his dose to 50 mg and urged him to give the drug time. The instructions from Pfizer Inc., the U.S. Manufacturer of Zoloft, said it could take four to six weeks to be effective. But two weeks later, Kim recalls Woody walked in the back door in his blue business shirt drenched in sweat. He curled into a foetal position on the kitchen floor, his hands pressing around his head like a vice, and begged “Help me. I don’t know what’s happening to me. I think I am losing my mind. I feel my head is outside my body looking in.”

Less than a week later Woody seemed to be springing back. He ran almost 5 kms, bought flight tickets for a bachelor party in Las Vegas and when he spoke on phone one morning to Kim, how can Kim be wife and account executive, he suggested, they should celebrate their tenth Wedding Anniversary in Thailand. That evening, though, things had changed, “His voice sounded hollow.” She remembers, “I just assumed he was busy and distracted.” The last few words he said to Kim to show his love for her. Woody was dead. He had hung himself from the rafters. By cruel coincidence the Minneapolis star Tribune ran had a front page story that day: “UK Finds Link Between Anti-depressant And Suicide.”

**A. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: 1x5=5**

- i. "Woody" was a
  - a) Teenage boy
  - b) Middle aged man
  - c) Superannuated person
- ii. The doctor doubled up the dose because \_\_\_\_
  - a) He curled in foetal position.
  - b) Woody seemed to be springing back.
  - c) His anxiety worsened and he became more restless.
- iii. Woody Witezak was a patient of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) energy deficiency
  - b) anxiety and depression
  - c) mental disorder
- iv. A word that means the same as 'vice' is
  - a) rude
  - b) virtue
  - c) evil
- v. Which one of the following words doesn't relate to Jane Woody?
  - a) bronchitis
  - b) depression
  - c) Zoloft

**Q.2 Read the following comprehension and answer the questions that follow:**

'Su' means number and 'Duko' means single. The game of Sudoku has many similarities with the game of life. Sudoku is a puzzle game designed for a single player, much like a crossword puzzle. The puzzle itself is nothing more than a grid of little boxes called 'cells'. They are stacked nine high and nine wide, making 81 cells total.

The roots of the Sudoku puzzle are in Switzerland. Leonhard Euler created 'carré latin' in the 18th century which is similar to a Sudoku puzzle. The first real Sudoku was published in 1979 and was invented by Howard Garns, an American architect. The real world wide popularity started in Japan in 1986 after it was published and given the name Sudoku by Nikoli.

In life, too, you start with a given set of notions and then work from there on. In Sudoku, you need to follow a set of rules to build up the grid, filling each row, column and box with numbers ranging from one to nine, so much like in life where you have to go on your way without hurting anyone else. Respect every number (person), and things would be fine.

While playing, you never think of the end (the result); you just keep working on the numbers and the final result (fruits of action) comes on its own. Extremely difficult puzzles may take hours. Similarly, to achieve the desired results in life may also take years. The game of Sudoku and the game of life are best played in calm but in a focused state.

Everything has to go together in a Sudoku grid: the rows, columns and squares. Exactly as in life. Your duties towards your family, teachers, society and country, all go on simultaneously. In Sudoku, the arrangement of the given numbers is symmetrical. This is instructive in life, on how to maintain steadfast faith, poise and equanimity despite situations when everything turns topsy-turvy.

There is a subtle difference between the two, as well. Make a mistake and you can erase it and begin all over again in Sudoku. Not so in life. You can learn a lesson through it, and avoid making the same mistake in future.

**2.I. Answer the following questions:**

**2x2=4**

- (i) What is Sudoku?
- (ii) How did Sudoku evolve?

**2.II. Do as directed.**

**1x2=2**

- (i) Find out the word from the passage which means 'composure'.  
a) steadfast      b) equanimity      c) simultaneously
- (ii) The antonym of the word 'subtle' is  
a) crude      b) marvellous      c) hasty

**2-III. Complete the following sentences:**

**1x2=2**

- (i) When everything turns topsy-turvy in life, Sudoku is educative to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Sudoku gained popularity globally \_\_\_\_\_.

**2-IV. What is similarity between Sudoku and life?**

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**Section- B (Writing Skill) - 15 Marks**

- Q3.** You are Sandhya/Sohan an active member of the Animal Lovers Club which works for the welfare of animals by preventing cruelty to them. Recently you visited Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home. You were pleasantly surprised to see the good treatment given to the animals. **Write a newspaper report in 120 words** on your visit. **(5)**

**Hints:** injured dogs and cats – abandoned pets – very old animals – all very well cared for – well-equipped medical room – veterinary surgeon – green surroundings.

**OR**

**Write a newspaper report in 120 words** on a road accident which you witnessed.

**Hints-** brake failure of a bus – collided with a truck – 6 injured including a child and a woman – injured sent to hospital – traffic disrupted – police intervened-normalcy restored.

- Q4.** You were a member of a team of students campaigning against the spread of smoking in your city. **Make a diary entry** describing your participation and success achieved in your mission. **(within 120 words)** **(5)**

**OR**

It was the happiest day of your life when your class teacher informed you that you have been selected as the 'Best Sportsman of the year'. You are thrilled as now you will receive the award at the Annual Day celebrations. **Make a diary entry** recording your feelings in it. **(within 120 words)**

- Q5.** You are Sumit/Sumita. Imagine that you have a British pen-friend who wants to know how different life and customs are in India from those in his/her country. **Write in a letter** telling him/her about your country, culture and people. **(Within 120 words)** **(5)**

**OR**

The Nature Club of your school wishes to visit the Botanical Garden in Kolkata. **Draft a letter** to the Director of Botanical Garden, Kolkata seeking permission to visit the garden and to enquire about their research projects on food crop cultivation.**(Within 120 words)**

## Section-C (Grammar) – 20 Marks

**Q6. Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences.**

**(1x3=3)**

- a) to be a/ kind/ this was/ of protest/ considered/ unique
- b) could not/ the soldiers/ Alexander/ to move/ persuade/ ahead
- c) finally/them/ he/asked/ to retreat

**Q7. The following passage is not edited. Each line is having an error. Write the incorrect word and write the correct word in the given blanks:**

**(½x6=3)**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
A living creatures not only human	A	All
beings but plants and animals also wants	(a) _____	_____
freedom. They want to live the free life.	(b) _____	_____
But the animals in the zoos is captured	(c) _____	_____
and put into cage for our	(d) _____	_____
entertainment. Animals and birds whose	(e) _____	_____
are captured, are train for the circuses.	(f) _____	_____

**Q8. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs.**

**1x4=4**

i) Mohit \_\_\_\_\_ all the programmes in his school; he is very obedient.

- a) was attended                      b) have attended                      c) attends

ii) At one time people \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth was flat.

- a) thought                              b) use to think                              c) had thought

iii) The gardener \_\_\_\_\_ all these plants by this evening.

- a) will have trimmed                      b) will trim                              c) trims

iv) The housewife \_\_\_\_\_ cakes burning, and ran to switch off the oven.

- a) smell                                      b) smelt                                      c) smelling

**Q9. Choose the correct verb that agrees with the subject from the given options:**

**1x4=4**

i) Neither you nor Gaurav \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for this mistake.

- a) are    b) were    c) is

ii) Mr. Roy as well as his friends \_\_\_\_\_ unhurt.

- a) has escaped                              b) are escaped                              c) have escaped

iii) Fifteen years \_\_\_\_\_ a long time to remember everything so distinctly.

- a) are    b) will    c) is

iv) Each of these packets \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-four pencils.

- a) contain                                      b) contains                                      c) have contained

**Q10. Choose the correct answer from the given options:**

**1x3=3**

- i) Who gave you the ice cream?
- a) By whom was the ice cream given to you?
  - b) By whom is the ice cream given to you?
  - c) By whom you are given the ice cream?
- ii) She would have read the mythological book.
- a) The mythological book will have read by her.
  - b) The mythological book shall have been read by her.
  - c) The mythological book would have been read by her.
- iii) The children were enjoying the clown's antics.
- a) The clown's antics were being enjoyed by the children.
  - b) The clown's antics are being enjoyed by the children.
  - c) The clown's antics have been enjoyed by the children.

**Q11. Change the sentences from active to passive voice:-**

**1x3=3**

- a) She sings a sweet song.
- b) The CNN-IBM election forecast has predicted the fall of the present government.
- c) They will issue the interview letters by this evening.

**Section-D (Literature) – 30 Marks**

**Q12 (A) Read the lines carefully and choose the correct answer.**

**1x3=3**

"I hear in the chamber above me  
The patter of little feet,  
The sound of a door that is opened,  
And voices soft and sweet."

- (i) Whose voices have been referred here?
- a) the children
  - b) the poet
  - c) Edith
- (ii) "And voices soft and sweet" is an example of
- a) onomatopoeia
  - b) anaphora
  - c) alliteration
- (iii) The children were \_\_\_\_\_ for their father.
- a) crying
  - b) planning a surprise
  - c) quarrelling

**OR**

"Do you wish the world were wiser?  
Well, suppose you make a start  
By accumulating wisdom  
In the scrapbook of your heart."

i) These lines are written by-

- a) H.W. Longfellow      b) Ella Wheeler Wilcox      c) R.L. Stevenson

ii) Which poetic device is used in the first line of this extract?

- a) simile      b) metaphor      c) alliteration

iii) The word 'accumulating' means

- a) collecting      b) praising      c) complaining

**(B) Read the extract carefully and choose the correct answer from the given options: (1x3=3)**

***"Let's not waste any more time."***

i) Who is the speaker here?

- a) the young nurse      b) the surgeon      c) the narrator

ii) What did the speaker ask for?

- a) mop      b) gauze      c) needle and catgut

iii) The young nurse was \_\_\_\_\_

- a) careless      b) sincere      c) arrogant

**OR**

***"I'll try and be what he loves to call me..."***

i) Who is the speaker?

- a) Jo      b) Beth      c) Meg

ii) Who is 'he' referred to here?

- a) a soldier      b) God      c) Mr. March

iii) This line shows \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) deep love and respect for Mr. March      b) utter unhappiness      c) dilemma

**Q13. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 20 words. 1x4=4**

- a) What should we get our minds rid of?  
b) In what ways were Saba and Rehan similar?  
c) How do the invaders enter the castle?  
d) Why is an OT nurse respected by doctors and surgeons?  
e) Who was 'Little Miss Tranquility'? Why did her father call her so?

**Q14. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 60-80 words. 3x2=6**

- a) Describe how Ella Wilcox describes the act of spreading happiness in the last stanza of the poem 'Wishing'.  
b) Describe the scene that unfolded in the OT after the surgery was completed.  
c) Describe the March family.

**Q15 Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 80-100 words:**

**2x4=8**

- a) Explain with examples how the Delhi Hunt planned by Saba was informative and enjoyable.
- b) How does the poet describe the invaders through images in his poem "The Children's Hour"? How do we know that the speaker was affectionate to his children. Explain.
- c) Write a short note on any one thing about the poem "Travel" that you like most.

**Q.16 Answer the following by selecting the best option:**

**1x6=6**

i) What does the given idiom mean – 'see eye to eye'?

- a. be nervous
- b. agree with someone
- c. all the different aspects of something

ii) Complete the word with the help of given hint.

The first indications of any kind of illness are called this.

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iii) The discussion should be restricted to development of our economy; the content of TV programme is not quite \_\_\_\_\_ here.

- a) optimistic
- b) relevant
- c) oversight

iv) There has been no \_\_\_\_\_ after the meeting last month.

- a) turnover
- b) follow-up
- c) takeover

v) Fill in the blank by choosing correct compound adjective.

A lot of electrical appliances in homes are \_\_\_\_\_, so they are cheaper to use.

- a) solar-powered
- b) low-cost
- c) far-reaching

vi) Which of the following words means the same as 'a conical structure on the top of a building'

- a) anchor
- b) spire
- c) octagonal

