



**INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**



Class: VII
Date:

Max. Marks: 80
Time: 3 hrs

General Instructions:

- i. All questions are compulsory.*
- ii. You may attempt any section at a time.*
- iii. All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

Section A : Reading	20 marks
Section B : Writing and Grammar	30 marks
Section C : Literature	30 marks

**SECTION-A
Reading-20 Marks**

- 1 Max Mueller was a distinguished German poet. Some of his poems were set to music by Austrian composer, Franz Schubert. **(8 marks)**

As a youth, Max Mueller took to the study of the Sanskrit language with great devotion and started learning that language. He took his Doctorate in Philosophy in 1843. In Berlin University, he did research work on Sanskrit and Philosophy under eminent scholars.

In 1846, Max Mueller went to London in England to copy and collect manuscripts in Sanskrit. He translated Rig Veda which consists of 1028 hymns addressed to different gods. As it was being printed at the London University Press, he migrated to Oxford in 1848 and spent the rest of his life there.

The first volume of Max Mueller's edition appeared in 1849, the sixth and the last volume in 1874. This printed Rig Veda caused great enthusiasm in India. Several publications on Indian religion and literature appeared in quick succession. Max Mueller became the greatest interpreter on India to the western world.

His book "India- What It Can Teach Us" has a special place among his publications. But Max Mueller never visited India!

Complete the following sentences with the correct words from the passage.

- 1 Some of Max Mueller's poems were set to music by an_____.
 - a) American composer
 - b) Austrian composer
 - c) English composer
- 2 The two subjects he did his research were on _____ and _____.
 - a) Philosophy and Music
 - b) Music and Arts
 - c) Sanskrit and Philosophy

- 3 Max Mueller went to London to _____.
- copy and collect manuscripts in Sanskrit
 - spent the rest of his life there
 - take his Doctorate in Philosophy
- 4 The first volume of Max Mueller's edition appeared in _____.
- 1874
 - 1849
 - 1846
- 5 Find one word for "a book or document written by hand rather than typed or printed."
- doctorate
 - manuscript
 - hymns
- 6 Find one word for "dedication and commitment."
- devotion
 - succession
 - eminent

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A vegetarian diet provides a variety of proven health benefits. Vegetarians have significantly reduced rates of obesity, heart disease, hypertension, diet related cancers, constipation and gall stones. (12 marks)

Many people are semi vegetarians who have eliminated red meat, but may eat poultry or fish. Kids or families may follow a vegetarian diet for a variety of reasons. A doctor or a dietician can help to plan and monitor a healthy vegetarian diet. Parents should give their kids a variety of healthy food that provides enough calories and nutrients to enable them to grow normally.

On the contrary, non vegetarian foods are rich in protein of high value and vitamin B complex, especially B12 which is not available in plant food. Fish, especially the small varieties are a rich source of calcium.

The incidence of high BP, heart disease, obesity and high cholesterol levels is found greater in non vegetarians. Elders who suffer from these problems should reduce the intake of fleshy food in their diet. Egg white and most varieties of fish contain less fat, but are rich in protein, vitamins and minerals.

Vegetarians or non vegetarians, the decision depends on various factors such as cultural or dietary habits of the family, personal preferences, taste and averting of certain food for various health reasons. Whatever the case, a well balanced diet supplying proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals should be taken.

Complete the following sentences with the correct words.

- The vegetarian population has a low risk of _____ and _____.
- _____ and _____ are not available in plant food.
- Heart disease and obesity are found greater among _____.

- d) The semi vegetarians are those who eat _____.
- e) Whatever the case, a _____ diet should be taken.
- f) _____ contains less fat but is rich in proteins.
- g) Find one word for “relating to diet” (para 5)
- h) Find another word from the passage with the meaning, “avoiding.” (para 5)
- i) Find one word for “keep an eye on.” (para 2)
- j) Find the antonym of “increase” from the passage. (para 4)

SECTION B

WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

30 MARKS

3. You are Sakshi / Sam. Your friend has stood first in Science Exhibition. Write a letter congratulating him/her on his/her achievement. (80-100 words) **6 marks**
4. Describe a funny incident that happened in your class. (100-120 words) **8 marks**
5. You are Rahul/ Ria. Write a diary entry expressing your feeling before the exam.(40-50 words) **4 marks**
6. **State whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive.** **3 marks**
 - a. He poured the tea into the mug.
 - b. Ravi goes to school by car.
 - c. Jason is sleeping.
 - d. Heat expands metals.
 - e. Metals expand on heating.
 - f. The driver stopped the car.
7. **Fill in the blanks using the right conjunction** **3 marks**
 - a. John is kind _____ helpful.
 - b. _____ he was angry with her, he didn't utter a word.
 - c. _____ you win the first place, you will receive a prize.
8. **Choose the right conjunction from the brackets and fill in the blanks.**
 - a. She's honest _____ everyone trusts her.(if, so, when) **3 marks**
 - b. Pay attention to your work _____ you will not make mistakes. (unless, or, so that)

- c. We are leaving Wednesday _____ or not it rains. (if, though, whether)

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences 3 marks

- a. his / belief / Gandhiji's / greatest / was / in / strength / God
b. was / clever / Birbal / extremely / witty / and
c. place / our lives / music / important / has / in / an

SECTION C: LITERATURE

30 MARKS

11. Reference to context

- 1 “Last night I saw the draft posters,
The Khan is calling many troops,
The army list is in twelve scrolls,
On every scroll there's Father's name.” **3 marks**

- a. Who is 'I' in the above lines?
b. Who is calling the troops?
c. Whose name is displayed on the scrolls?

- 2 “Standing in the veranda, he turned back and looked into the hall and felt slightly uneasy.” **3 marks**
a. Who is referred to as 'he' in the above line?
b. What is he uneasy about?
c. Why is he standing in the veranda?

12. Answer any six of the following questions in 40-50 words. 12 marks

- a. What do you think made Mr Keesing allow Anne to talk in the class?
b. What were the two major achievements that got Wangari Maathai worldwide recognition?
c. What was the favour that the man in the story “The Umbrella Man” asked of the mother
d. How did Wangari Maathai wish to spend her prize money?
e. What do the flowers do in their holidays?
f. How did Montmorency 'contribute' to the packing?
g. Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby for the seamstress?

13. **Answer any one of the following in 90-100 words.** **6 marks**
- a. What truth did the mother and the daughter learn in the story “The Umbrella Man”?
 - b. Why does God consider the leaden heart and the dead bird as the two most precious things in the city?
14. **Answer any one of the following in 90-100 words.** **6 marks**
- a. What was the chief cause of malnutrition in Kenya? How it was also linked to environment degradation?
 - b. Swami spent the last half hour drawing a complicated pattern on his paper. Why did he do this?