HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

Class IX   **ENGLISH**   **Time : 3 hrs.**
                                                                                              Mark : 80

General Instructions:

1.   Question paper is divided in to three sections .

2.   Section A-Reading, Section B- Writing and Grammar , Section C- Literature

3.   All sections are compulsory

SECTION - A - READING

1.   Read the following passage carefully.

Indian Railways High speed in Indian Railways is at present limited to 150 KMPH. However, in many other countries the speed of Railways is of the order of 200 KM per hour (KMPH). In France, Japan, Germany, China, Spain and South Korea high speed traction above 280 KMPH has been introduced. India and Japan have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 12th December, 2015 on cooperation and assistance in the Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (HSR) Project referred to by many as 'Bullet Train Project'. Japan has offered an assistance of over Rs. 79,000 crore for the project. The loan is for a period of 50 years with a moratorium of 15 years, at an interest rate of 0.1 per cent.

The project is a 508-kilometre Railway line costing a total of Rs. 97,636 crore, to be implemented in a period of seven years. It has been agreed that for the Mumbai – Ahmadabad HSR Project. Japan's Shinkansen Technology, known for its speeds reliability and safety, will be adopted. Transfer of technology and Make in India will be essential part of this assistance package. Japan will also assist India in training of personnel for HSR. 'The two countries have also entered into two comprehensive technological cooperation agreements on11th December 2015, for modernization and up gradation of Indian railways.

These agreements have been signed during the official visit to India of His Excellency Mr. Shinzo Abe, the Prime Minister of Japan, during December 11-13, 2015.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any Ten questions: 10

a)   Name the countries where high speed traction above 280 KMPH has been introduced.

b)   Which project is known as Bullet Train Project?

c)   How much time and money is estimated for the Project?

d)   Which technology will be adopted for the Project?

e)   What agreements were signed during 11th December to 13th December 2015?

f)   What is Shinkansen Technology famous for?

g)   How has Japan assisted India financially for the Project?

h)   High speed in Indian Railways is at present is 200 KMPH. State True or False

i)   Find a word which means 'help' (Para 1).

j)   Find a word which means 'broad'(Para 2).

k) Find a synonym of 'essential' in Para 2:

l) Write the meaning of the word 'moratorium'.

2. Read the passage given below. 1

1. **Obesity in India** has reached epidemic proportions in the 21st century, with morbid obesity affecting 5% of the country's population. India is following a trend of other developing countries that are steadily becoming more obese. Unhealthy, processed food has become much more accessible following India's continued integration in global food markets. This, combined with rising middle-class incomes, is increasing the average caloric intake per individual among middle-class and high-income households. Obesity is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease, and NGOs such as the Indian Heart Association have been raising awareness about this issue.

2. While studying 22 different SNPs near to MC_4 R gene, scientists have identified an SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism) named rs12970134 to be mostly associated with waist circumference. In this study, more than two thousand individuals of Indian origin participated and the aforementioned SNP is highly prevalent in this group.

3. Internationally, a BMI over 25 kg/m^2 is considered overweight. Due to the genetic tendency of Indians towards abdominal obesity and its associated risk of related lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and heart disease, guidelines for the diagnosis of obesity and abdominal obesity for India have been published in JAPI(2009) that a BMI over 23 kg/m^2 is considered overweight. Further definitions: Normal BMI: 18.0-22.9 kg/m^2, Overweight: 23.0-24.9 kg/m^2, Obesity: >25 kg/m^2.

4. This is a list of the states of India ranked in order of percentage of people who are *overweight or obese*, based on data from the 2015-2016 National Family Health Survey.

States	Males (%)	Males rank	Females (%)	Females rank
India	18.9	24	20.7	22
Delhi	24.6	11	33.5	5
Chandigarh	32.0	6	41.4	1
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	22.9	15	19.2	25
Daman and Diu	30.7	7	31.7	9
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	38.2	1	31.8	8
Lakshadweep	24.1	13	40.6	2
Puducherry	37.1	2	36.7	3
Punjab	27.8	10	31.3	10
Kerala	28.5	8	32.4	7

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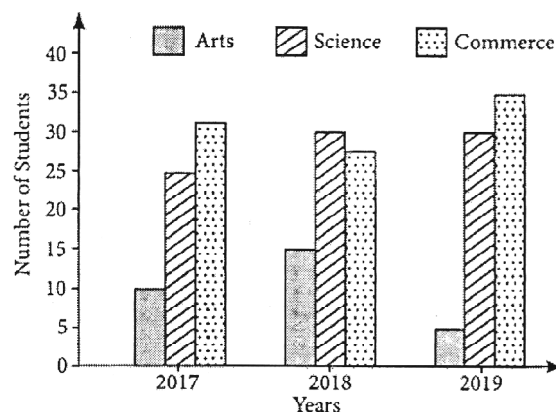**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN out of the Twelve questions given below.** **10**

i. Identify a word from line 1 indicative of an abnormal state.

ii. Write any two factors that have led to an increase in calorie consumption per individual.

iii. Why was this survey on the obesity of people undertaken?

iv. Obesity can cause risk to which organ?

v. With reference to the given table, write one conclusion about state ranking 10.

vi. What causes abdominal obesity among Indians?

vii. What is SNP?

viii. Which state has lowest obesity among females?

ix. Who is considered overweight?

x. Write name of two states having higher obesity rate among males.

xi. What is normal BMI rate?

xii. What is the female and male obesity rate of India?

SECTION B-WRITING & GRAMMAR

3. Indian summers are really unbearable. One day the maximum temperature shot up to 47°C. It was most miserable day of the year for you. Record the experience in your diary. **5**

OR

Study the graph given below. The bar graph depicts and compares the number of students of class eleventh opted for stream of arts, science and commerce in the year 2017 to 2019 in a school in Gurugram Analyse the graph and write your observation in a paragraph.

4. You went to see the Indian International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi Write a paragraph on what you saw and experienced there. **5**

OR

Complete the story given below by using the clues provided :

> The parent-teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow – scared of informing them – had been scolded for missing school – no way out – cooked a story …

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. Attempt any three

I have been (a) ....to learn English for the last three years. But, I haven't (b) .... yet. My teacher is very patient with me and he (c) .... me every time I fail. I am trying (d) .... best.

a. i) tried   ii) try   iii) tries   iv) trying

b. i) succeeded   ii) succeed   iii) succeeds   iv) succeeding

c. i) encouraging   ii) encourage   iii) encourages   iv) encouraged

d. i) your   ii) her   iii) my   iv) their   **3**

6. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the spaces given. (Any Four)

	incorrect	correct
At a certain village, in the province of	e.g. at	in
La Mancha at Spain, there live	(a) _____	_____
the gentleman of about 50 years of age.	(b) _____	_____
He was tall and thin and has giant features.	(c) _____	_____
At one time he is rich, but now he was poor,	(d) _____	_____
because he had sold each his lands to buy books.	(e)_____	_____

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7. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows :   **3**

Ali: Omar, why don't you leave this place? I can drop you on my way back home.

Omar: I have no home.

Ali: Where have you come from?

Omar: From Tunisia.

Ali asked Omar (a)………………..and offered to (b)……………….. Omar replied that he had no home. Then Ali asked where he had come from. Omar told him that(c)………………

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any one only.   **5**

i) Every child is born, with some inherited characteristics, into a specific socioeconomic and emotional environment, and trained in certain ways by figures of authority. I inherited honesty and self-discipline from my father; from my mother, I inherited faith in goodness and deep kindness and so did my three brothers and sister. I had three close friends in my childhood - Ramanadha Sastry, Aravindan and Sivaprakasan. All these boys were from orthodox Hindu Brahmin families. As children, none of us everfelt any difference amongst ourselves because of our religious differences and upbringing. In fact, Ramanadha Sastry was the son of Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry, the high priest of the Rameswaram temple.

a) From where did the author inherit honesty and self-discipline?

b) What did he inherit from his mother?

c) Write the verb form of 'authority'.

d) What was special about his friendship with Hindu boys?

e) What kind of nature did his mother have?

ii) She never stuttered with other people - had quite given it up - but only with Father, because then she was trying so hard to say the words properly. "What's the matter? What are you looking so wretched about?"Mother, I wish you taught this child not to appear on the brink of suicide... "Here, Kezia, carry my tea cup back to the table carefully." He was so big - his hands and his neck, especially his mouth when he yawned. Thinking about him alone was like thinking about a giant.

a) Whom did the author compare to a giant?

b) Write the noun form of appear.

c) What did her father ask her to do?

d) Why did she stutter in front of her father?

e) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

9. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any one only.** **5**

i) I will arise and go now,

for always night and day

I hear the lake water lapping

with low sounds by the shore;

While I stand on the roadway,

or on the pavements grey,

I hear it in the deep heart's core.

a) For how long time will the poet go there?

b) Where will the poet go?

c) How the poet will hear this sound?

d) What will the poet hear?

e) What does "It" in the last line stand for?

ii) He came to the door of a cottage,

In travelling round the earth,

Where a little woman was making cakes,

And baking them on the hearth;

a) Where did St. Peter come?

b) Whom did Saint Peter meet?

c) What was she doing?

d) Who does He refer to?

e) Why do you think Saint Peter was travelling round the earth?

10. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each: **9**

i) "Beneath all uniforms" What uniforms do you think the poet is speaking about?

ii) Why does the author describe the music of the flute as the most universal and most particular of sounds?

iii) What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office? Why?

iv) What thoughts crossed the doctor's mind when he saw the snake looking into the mirror? Write your answer in the context of 'The Snake and the Mirror'.

11. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each: **9**

i) His heart went cold' when he reached his village. Why? Write your answer in the context of 'The Happy Prince'.

ii) What did the thief do when he broke into the rich merchant's house? What happened to him?

iii) Why was Iswaran called Mahendra's asset? Write your answer in the context of 'Iswaran the Storyteller'.

iv) How can you say that the child was scared of his father?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words each: **6**

i) The Science teacher Sivasubramani Iyer, though an orthodox Brahmin with a very conservative wife, an important influence in Abdul Kalam's life. Justify the statement

ii) What is the role of a teacher in the life of a student? How is a human teacher better than a mechanical teacher? Write your answer in the context of 'The Fun They Had'.

13. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words each: **6**

i) When the Happy Prince was alive he could never come to know anything of sorrow and misery. What do you think he could not learn from his life then? Describe.

ii) Toto's mischiefs were beyond imagination. Support your answer.