

LOYOLA SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR
Half Yearly Evaluation -September 2025

Class: X

Subject: English Language

F.M. = 80

Time: 2 Hrs.

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

MCQ answers must be written with the correct option and the correct sentence or phrase or word given .

You will **NOT** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)

Write a composition(300-350 words) on any one of the following.

[20]

- a. Write an original short story ending with the words , '..... enemies do not betray, friends do '.
- b. India is too obsessed with NEET and IIT at the cost of other careers. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- c. Narrate the adventure of finding something that you lost ,describing how important the object was ,your search for it and obstacles you faced, the moment of discovery and the lesson you learnt.
- d. Describe a day without Internet highlighting how the day began and your first reaction , things you missed the most, alternative activities you did instead and the lesson you learnt.
- e. Study the picture given below. Write a story or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it.



Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20minutes on this question)

[10]

Select any one of the following

- a. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting the organisation of Model United Nations (MUN) Conference . Describe why you feel the event should be conducted, how it would benefit the students, the kind of opportunity it would create and the overall impact it could have on the school.
- b. Write a letter to your cousin sharing your experience of acting in a Street Play Competition on social issue , describing the performance, the reaction of the audience, theme and how it impacted your thinking.

Question 3**[5+5]**

- a. Your school is organizing a Marathon Competition to promote fitness and awareness about a healthy lifestyle. Draft a notice for the school notice board informing students about the event.
- b. As the Sports Captain of your school, write an email to a famous Indian athlete requesting him/ her to be the Chief Guest at the event.

Question 4 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**[20]**

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Anne Wilbraham Bayes. This story is about Anne and her perfectly appalling good nature.

Where Anne's good nature came from no one ever could guess, for her father had little enough, always insisting on silence at breakfast while he read the paper and ate the biggest egg. Her mother had little enough, too, never seeing her children without being reminded of something which she wanted from the top left-hand drawer in her bedroom. Anne's brothers and sisters had so little that they always forced Anne to be the one who should go on these boring errands. It looks, therefore, as if Anne either inherited her wonderful and embarrassing good nature from a distant ancestor too far back to be inquired into, or that it was a totally new kind, beginning with herself. For she would do the most dreadful things-things to make the hair of ordinarily good-natured people stand on end.

For instance, this is what she did once. She heard her mother complain to a visitor one January afternoon that there were no flowers in the garden at that time of year, and it made the view from the sitting-room window very depressing. After lying awake most of the night thinking how she might improve this view and make it more cheerful for her mother's eyes, Anne got up very early, while it was still dark, and went to the conservatory. She chose from it by candlelight, a number of gay flowers, and carefully planted them in the bed just in front of her mother's window. It was raining a little, and bitterly cold, and Anne's fingers became numb, and her feet like stones, and her nose pink, but she went right through with it without faltering until the bed was as gay as summer.

That was good nature, if you like, but no one seemed to think so. Mrs. Bayes, when she looked out of the window, instead of being cheered, screamed out 'Oh!' and sent for her smelling salts, and then became quite tearful over the ruin of her pet geraniums, freesias, carnations, and genistas. Mr. Bayes was perfectly furious, and said so several times in different ways, each more cutting than the last; while Anne's brothers and sisters thought it the greatest joke against Anne possible.

'You did not really think they'd live, did you?' they asked her. "How absolutely dotty!!

Right after breakfast the gardener dug them all up again and put them back in the conservatory. Other than a lack of appreciation, Anne was not punished in any other way. However, if anyone had seen her crying by herself in her bedroom, they might have thought that she had been.

However, when Valentine's Day came round, all the little Bayeses found a parcel on their plates at breakfast. These had been sent by their Aunt Margaret. Anne's package was found to be twice as good as any of the others, containing not only the ordinary present, but a gold bangle as well, and this inscription on a tiny label: 'From St. Valentine to the little girl who tried to make her mother's garden bright in winter and was only laughed at and chided for her pains.

A. For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: [3]

1. cutting

a. chopping

b. reduce

c. icy

d. hurtful

2. dotty

a. doting

c. practical

b. eccentric

d. optimistic

B. Which word from the passage is the opposite of wonderful?

1. appalling

3. dotty

2. depressing

4. embarrassing

C. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

1. Why does the author say that Anne's mother did not have a good nature? [2]

2. Do you think Anne's brothers and sisters were unkind? Give reasons. [2]

3. What 'act of good nature' did Anne do on a winter morning? [1]

4. How did Anne's mother and father react to her 'act of good nature'? [2]

5. Anne was a sensitive young woman. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer with instances from the passage. [2]

D. In not more than 50 words, describe how Anne was punished as well as rewarded for her act of kindness. [8]

Question 5

- a. Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example (0) Answer was

Just about when Feluda's cousin Topshe felt that it.....0.....(be) time for a new case, they1.....(approach) by Dinanath Lahiri2.....(find) his blue travelling case – his bag3.....(exchange) with an identical bag while travelling to Calcutta from Delhi on the Kalka Mail . His bag ,Lahiri told Feluda ,contained an old and valuable manuscript he -----4----- (find) in a box belonging to his father's uncle Satinath . The manuscript ----5----- (write) by Satinath's friend Shambhoo Charan Bose , a famous writer , traveller and hunter. Bose -----6----- (also gift) a diamond by a Nepali Rana and his manuscript7..... (fetch) a huge sum if found!

----8----- (try) to trace the owner of the travelling case , Feluda and Topshe opened it to find old newspapers and a film container with betel nuts among other things.

- b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words [4]

- i. Convocation is ---- the horizon, and graduates are already making plans for the future.
- ii. The scheme's success was attributed ----the collaborative efforts of the entire staff at the bank.
- iii. Our school is affiliated ---- CISCE Board.
- iv. Our old customs are dying-----
- v. This new portrait of Nehru is true ----life.
- vi. My foreigner friend took ----Indian cuisine quite readily.
- vii. Never hesitate to stand ----for what you think is the truth.
- viii. The approaching storm had forced everyone -----the house.

c. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and' 'but' and 'so' Choose the correct option.

[4]

1. There was a charpoy. There was nothing else to sit on.

- a. Except for a charpoy there was nothing else to sit on.
- b. Except for the charpoy there was nothing else to sit on.
- c. Except for charpoy there was nothing else to sit on.
- d. Except for the charpoy there was nothing one could sit on.

2. It may be a pleasant day tomorrow. We will not go for the picnic.

- a. Although it may be a pleasant day tomorrow, we will go for the picnic.
- b. Although it might be a pleasant day tomorrow, we will not go for the picnic.
- b. Although it may be a pleasant day tomorrow, we will not be going for the picnic.
- a. Although it may be a pleasant day tomorrow ,we will not go for the picnic.

3. Your friends are looking jolly. Can you tell me why ?

- a. Can you tell me the reason why your friends are looking jolly?
- b. Can't you tell why your friends are not looking jolly?
- c. Can you tell me why your friends are looking jolly ?
- d. Can you tell me the reason why your friends are so jolly ?

4. They had better leave now. They might miss their interview.

- a. They had better leave now else they might miss their interview.
- b. They had better leave now or they might miss this interview.
- c. They had better leave now else they miss their interview.
- d. They should better leave now lest they should miss their interview.

D. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. Choose the correct options [8]

1. If Mary catches the first bus , she will be on time for school . (Begin Unless.....)

- a. Unless Mary catches the bus first , she will not be on time for school.
- b. Unless Mary does not catch the first bus, she will not be on time for school.
- c. Unless does Mary catches the first bus , she will not be on time for school.
- d. Unless Mary catches the first bus , she will not be on time for school.

2. It is dangerous and illegal to ride a bike without a helmet. (Begin : It is not.....)

- a. It is not unsafe as well as illegal to ride a bike without a helmet.
- b. It is not good and legal to ride a bike without a helmet.
- c. It is not safe as well as legal to ride a bike without a helmet
- d. It is not safe as well as illegal to ride a bike without a helmet.

3. If there had been no flood, the crop would have been good . (But that.....)

- a. But there had been no flood, the crop would have been good.
- b. But there is no flood, the crop would have been good.
- c. But for the flood the crop would have been good.
- d. But there had been flood the crop would have been good.

4. I prefer going out with friends to staying alone at home. (Begin I would rather.....)

- a. I would rather go out with friends than staying alone at home.
- b. I would rather prefer going out with friends than staying alone at home.
- c. I would rather go out with friends than stay alone at home.
- d. I would rather prefer to go out with friends than stay alone at home.

5. We sleep on their terrace unless it is very cold (Use : if)

- a. We sleep on their terrace if it is very cold.
- b. We do not sleep on their terrace if it is not very cold.
- c. We sleep on their terrace only if it is very cold.
- d. We sleep on their terrace if it is not very cold.

6. Choose the correct option

- a. This season, the school football team has been playing well quite.
- b. Quite well has the school football been playing this season.
- c. The school football team this season has been playing quite well.
- d. The school football team has been playing quite well this season.

7. Everyone of them was an experienced mountaineer. (Begin There was no)

- a. There was no one who was an experienced mountaineer.
- b. There was no one who is an inexperienced mountaineer.
- c. There was no one experienced mountaineer among them.
- d. There was no inexperienced mountaineer among them.

8. Money would be needed to buy supplies in Tehri (Begin They would.....)

- a. They would need money to buy supplies in Tehri.
- b. They would be needing money to buy supplies in Tehri.
- c. They would have been needing money to buy supplies in Tehri.
- d. They would have needed money to buy supplies in Tehri.

*****ALL THE BEST*****