

Answer key

Half Yearly Exam - 2024

Class: 9 Std Subject: English Marks: 100

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- 3) b) sermon - preach (preach)
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- 15) The visitor hid the iron cross in the Jackfruit tree.  $3 \times 2 = 6$
- 16) Mahatma Gandhi is addressed as 'Bapuji'.
- 17) Clem Jones was carrying a large Dutch cheese in the box during his second attempt.
- 18) Sachin's dirty clothes and the conductor's constant complaints and rude behaviour made him feel embarrassed.
- 19) a) The phrase 'leperous hide' means the strong thick outer skin covered with scales.  
b) Sprouting leaves come out of the leperous hide.
- 20) a) The cheetah is the fastest running animal. So, the comet is compared to a cheetah for its speed.  $3 \times 2 = 6$   
b) The comet's tail is compared here.
- 21) a) It takes much time to kill a tree because it has grown strong over the years.  
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23) Milk is being drunk by the cat  $3 \times 2 = 6$   
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25) "Brij... get a grip on yourself", uncle pleaded.

26) a) Your eyes are like the diamond bright.

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27) a) am carrying S. DURAISAMY  
 b) had happened M.A., MED., D.TED.,  
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28) (i) straight (ii) turn right (iii) walk Main Road  $1 \times 2 = 2$   
 (iv) slip the Gandhi road (v) Ramnagar street next to B.S

29) Learning the game - Sachin Tendulkar  $5 \times 2 = 10$

30) A Birthday letter - Jawaharlal Nehru

31) Old man River - Dorothy Deming

32) Seventeen Oranges - Bill Naughton

33) On killing a tree - Gieve Patel  $5 \times 2 = 10$

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35) a) Anthropomorphism (36) The Comet  
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(iv) She tried.. (41) Notes / Summary

(v) At last.. (42) Picture Description

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 Never stopping day or night,  
 A spectacle of a life time  
 A comet in full flight.  
 Faster than a cheetah  
 - Norman Littleford.

(44)  $1 \times 8 = 8$   
 (a) The Envious Neighbour  
 (b) Earthquake  
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46) a) i) Comets, meteors and asteroids are believed to be remnants of the materials that create the sun and the planets.  $5 \times 1.5 = 7.5$

ii) No, they are not planets.

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