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<b>HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2018-19</b>					
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<b>SUBJECT:ENGLISH</b>				<b>MM:</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b>					
<p>a) This paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.</p> <p>b) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.</p> <p>c) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.</p>					
<b>Section A (Reading)[30MARKS]</b>					
Q1.	Read the following passage attentively and answer the questions that follow				12
	<p>Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilised society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion; everything would be in a state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community it is possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some abstruse problem, has everything coordinated and organised for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting things fine. It is hard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are more often industrious useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.</p> <p>If you are catching a train, it is always better to be comfortably early than even a fraction of a minute too late. Although being early may mean wasting a little time, this will be less than if you miss the train and have to wait an hour or so for the next one. And you avoid the frustration of arriving at the very moment when the train is drawing out of the station and being unable to get on it. And even a harder situation is to be on the platform in good time for train and still to see it go off without you. Such an experience befell a certain young girl the first time she was travelling alone.</p> <p>She entered the station twenty minutes before the train was due, since her parents had impressed upon her that it would be unforgiveable to miss it and cause the friends with whom she was going to stay to make two journeys to meet her. She gave her luggage to a porter and showed him her ticket. To her horror he said that she was two hours too soon. She felt in her handbag for the piece of paper on which her father had written down all the details of the journey and gave it to the porter. He agreed that a train did come in the station at the time on the paper and that it did stop, but only to take on water, not passengers. The girl asked to see a timetable, feeling sure that her father could not have made such a mistake. The porter went to fetch one and arrived back with the station-master, who produced it with a flourish and pointed out a microscopic 'o' beside the time of the arrival of the train at his station. This little 'o' indicated that the train only stopped for water. Just at that moment the train came into the station. The girl, tears streaming down her face, begged to be allowed to slip into the guard's van. But the station-master was adamant; rules cannot be broken. And she had to watch that train disappear towards her destination while she was left behind.</p> <p>1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the choices .</p> <p>(a) A person arriving late for a dinner party is forgiven if he .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is from a rural background</li> <li>is intellectual, working on some abstruse problem</li> <li>has been an industrious and useful citizen</li> <li>is in the habit of arriving half an hour before time</li> </ol> <p>(b) The girl had arrived at the station 20 minutes earlier .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>as her parents had instructed her likewise</li> <li>she wanted to be there to see the train go off</li> <li>to give her luggage to the porter</li> <li>she wanted to slip into the guardroom</li> </ol>				1X4=4

	<p>(c) The 'o' in the timetable indicated .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the train would not halt at that station</li> <li>it was just stopover to pick up railway staff</li> <li>the train only stopped for water</li> <li>the station master could apply the rules</li> </ol> <p>(d) If you are catching a train, it is always better to be .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>late by a few minutes</li> <li>on time always</li> <li>early by a couple of hours</li> <li>late by only a fraction of a minute</li> </ol> <p>1.2 Answer the following questions briefly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is punctuality necessary in a civilized society?</li> <li>What are the dangers of leaving the bare minimum of time for appointments?</li> <li>The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. Why?</li> <li>Why do energetic, quick-minded people arrive late for appointments?</li> <li>What instructions did the young girl get from her parents?</li> <li>Why had the girl to watch the train disappear towards her destination while she was left behind ?</li> </ol> <p>1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as :</p> <p>(a) blamed (para 1)                      (b) stubborn      (para 3)</p>	<p>1x6=6</p> <p>1x2=2</p>
Q2	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.	10
	<p>1. With an abundance of beaches and sunshine, the state of Tamil Nadu is an attractive destination for tourists who come to India search of fun, frolic in the waves and to spend a languid hour on the sands. In addition, these tourists are now being lured to these destination with an additional attraction, as every beach has a place of pilgrimage in its proximity, so visitors can go with flow and follow it up with prayers.</p> <p>2. Easily amongst the most crowded beaches in Tamil Nadu is The Marina beach, Asia's longest beach too, two temples, one of them the 8th century Parthasarathy Temple boasts a majestic gopuram known as the Rajagopuram. The other site, Kapaleeshwar temple is a 7th century Dravidian temple close to the beach. It also has a lighthouse which has become an important landmark as it offers breathtaking views of the city and the sea, from its top.</p> <p>3. Competing with Marina in the popularity stakes is Elliot's which is lovingly referred by locals as 'Bessie'. It is big business for trinket sellers and parrots whose owners claim to tell one's fortunes with the help of these birds. Besides, there are games and horse rides, making this place entertainment special. The nearby Velankanni Church and the Ashtalakshmi Temple could also be packed into this itinerary. The must-see destination at this beach is the Schmidt Memorial, erected in memory of a Dutch sailor who lost his life while saving a girl from drowning. This is also a prominent landmark and together with the haunted Broken Bridge, tourists have their fair share of tales to carry back home from their trip.</p> <p>4. On the same circuit, the bustling temple town of Mamallapuram boasts fabulous beaches. The majestic Shore Temple looks out at the vast blue oceans and showcases 7th century Pallava architecture in all its splendour. One can spend a busy morning browsing through the shops that sell everything from sculptures to clothes, handicrafts, second-hand books, and lure the tourists with promise of rejuvenating massages, healing Ayurveda remedies and uplifting yoga postures. For those who plan to arrive there between December and March one can catch glimpses of the Mamallapuram Dance Festival, an annual feature here.</p> <p>5. For those who would rather have a beach to themselves, then Tranqubar is the place to be. While there, one can do a quick inspection of the 17th century Fort Dansborg and then spend a leisurely hour at the museum itself. The ancient 14th century Shiva Temple in the vicinity is seeped with history and mythology. For beachcombers, there is scintillating variety of shells to be gathered and taken home as a keepsake.</p> <p>6. Another beachside favourite among the devout is the Velankanni Beach better known for the Church of Our Lady of Health, located here. The architecture of the church is quite similar to the one at Lourdes in France and has earned it the sobriquet of ' Our Lady of the East'. One can also go to the dargah at Nagore, the Murugan Temple at Sikkal and the Sri Rangan Temple at Trichy. But the museum and the basilica are a complete draw by themselves for most visitors.</p>	



	<p>Mechanical Engineering, along with the criteria for admission, fee structure, hostel facilities and duration of the course. (6 marks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>You purchased a new refrigerator last month from M/s. Umang Electronics Dibrugarh. But it is not functioning properly from day one and causing one problem or the other. Write a letter of complaint to the seller categorically pointing out the glitches and asking to them replace the item at the earliest.</p>	
Q6	<p>'Down to Earth', an environmental awareness magazine is going to organise a marathon for school students to propagate the 'Clean Your City Campaign'. As the secretary of your school Eco Club, write a speech in about 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly urging the students to participate in the marathon and be a part of the campaign. (10 marks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>'Internet has spoiled the originality of thought of the present Generation'. Write a debate in about 150-200 words either for or against the motion.</p>	10
Q7	<p>Your School Assam Rifles School was the venue for the Regional Sports Meet 2016. Write a report of the same to be published in your school magazine in about 150-200 words. (10 marks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>Arti/ Anuj is the cultural secretary of D. B. Senior Secondary School Ambala and is involved as a student volunteer in 'The Adult Literacy Drive'. He/ She has to write an article on 'The Need for a Literate Nation'. Write the article in about 150-200 words.</p>	10
<b>Section C (Literature) [40 Marks]</b>		
Q8	<p>8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>.....standing a few yards  Away, I looked again at her, wan,  Pale as a late winter's moon and felt that old  Familiar ache, my childhood's fear,  but all I said was, see you soon. Amma  all I did was smile and smile and smile.</p> <p>(a) Why is the mother compared to a late winter's moon?  (b) What does that old Familiar ache refer to?  (c) Who is 'her' in the line 2 ?  (d) What is the figure of speech used in the last line?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p>Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.  Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor;  The tall girl with her weighed down head. The paper-  seeming boy, with rat's eyes. The stunted unlucky heir  Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,  His lesson from his desk.</p> <p>(a) What does the poet mean when he says Far far from gusty waves ?  (b) Why does the poet refer to the children as rootless weeds?  (c) Why is the head of the tall girl weighed down?  (d) What do you understand by the phrase a father's gnarled disease ?</p>	1X4=4
Q9	<p>9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words :</p> <p>(a) What is the lament of the young men of Firozabad? Why do they find it difficult to overcome their difficulties?  (b) What was the tramp's reaction to the kindness shown by Edla to him? What light does this throw on human nature?  (c) What was the 'thunderclap' the narrator received as M. Hamel began the lesson?  (d) What did the hunters decide to do when they realized that the tiger was not dead and why?  (e) How and why did Dr. Sadao stop the bleeding of the injured man on the beach? What dilemma did Dr. Sadao and his wife have to face soon after?  (f) What was Roger skunk's problem? How did he get rid of it?</p>	3x4=12
Q10	<p>10. Answer the following in 120-150 words:</p> <p>Douglas's tremendous effort eventually helped him not only to get over the after-effects of a Childhood experience of terror but also helped him draw a larger meaning from the experience. Comment.</p>	6

