

School Name -----

Half Yearly Examination

Session – 2025-26

Class – 8

Subject – English

M.M.

All questions are compulsory

**(1) Choose the correct answer :**

- (A) Standing on Everest, the writer was .....  
(i) overjoyed. (ii) very sad.  
(iii) jubilant and sad. Choose the right item. ( )
- (B) This one was.....a bad condition.  
(a) on (b) under  
(c) in (d) into ( )
- (C) It ..... be a risk, a challenge.  
(a) would (b) will  
(c) must (d) can ( )
- (D) One.....the Germans was waving a bottle.  
(a) in (b) on  
(c) of (d) for ( )

**(2) Say whether the following are true or false :**

1. Ignacious lost his wife, two children, his father-in-law and his brother-in-law in the tsunami.
2. Sanjeev made it to safety after the tsunami.
3. Meghna was saved by a relief helicopter.
4. Almas's father realised that a tsunami was going to hit the island.

**(3) Fill in the blanks in the sentences below (the verbs given in brackets will give you a clue.)**

- (i) The earth trembled, but not many people felt the..... (tremble)
- (ii) We heard with.....that the lion had been recaptured (relieve)
- (iii) The zoo-keeper was stuck in a tree and his.....was filmed by the TV crew. (rescue)
- (iv) There was much.....in the village when the snake charmer came visiting. (excite)

**(4) Read the given passages carefully and answer the questions that follow**

spotted it in a junk shop in Bridport, a roll-top desk. The man said it was early nineteenth century, and oak. I had wanted one, but they were far too expensive. This one was in a bad condition, the roll-top in several pieces, one leg clumsily mended, scorch marks all down one side, It was going for very little money. I

thought I could restore it. It would be a risk, a challenge, but I had to have it. I paid the man and brought it back to my workroom at the back of the garage. I began work on it on Christmas Eve.

1. What did the author spot in a junk shop?
2. Why couldn't the author buy roll-top oak desks earlier?
3. Why did the author think that he could restore the desk?

**(5) Read the given passages carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

Jody allowed his thoughts to drift back to the fawn. He could not keep it out of his mind. He had held it, in his dreams, in his arms. He slipped from the table and went to his father's bedside. Penny lay at rest. His eyes were open and clear, but the pupils were still dark and dilated. Jody said, "How are you feeling, Pa?" "Just fine, son Old Death has gone thieving elsewhere.

But wasn't it a close shave!" "I agree." Penny said, "I'm proud of you, boy, the way you kept your head and did what was needed." "Pa....." "Yes, son." "Pa, do you recollect the doe and the fawn?" "I can never forget them. The poor doe saved me, that's certain." "Pa, the fawn may be out there yet. It might be hungry and very scared."

1. About whom was Jody thinking?
2. Where, from the table, did Jody go to?
3. Who is Penny? of it ?

(6) Write a short paragraph of about 100 words on 'My Favourite Teacher'.

(7) You are Kailash reading in Govt. Secondary School, Hanspur. Your father has been transferred to import. Write an application to your Principal sir requesting him to issue you your transfer certificate (T.C.)

(8) Write a story in about one hundred words with the help of the given outlines.

A lion ..... sleeping under a tree ..... a mouse comes ..... starts jumping on lion's body ..... wakes up ..... catches ..... gets angry ..... prays for mercy ..... leaves ..... attriter ..... Flight in a net ..... roars ..... mouse comes ..... cuts the net..... freed ..... happy.