

Half Yearly Examination - 2017

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

HSE XI

Maximum Score: 60

Time: 2 hrs

Instructions

- There is a cool off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 hours.
- Use the cool-off time to get familiarised with the questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of the questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.
- When you select a question, all sub questions (if any) must be answered from the same question itself.

1. You are a leading politician of the locality. You are asked to state your opinion on the issue, 'Voting age should be lowered'. Express your opinion using *I think / I don't think*. Make 2 statements. (2)
2. Give a suitable headline to the following news report that was featured as one of the major news items of an English news daily. (2)

Nov 14, 2017 Ernakulam: Approximately 15 members of the Social Action Committee at Ramavarma Higher Secondary School spent a portion of last Saturday washing the cars parked at Jyothis Avenue, Ernakulam raising money for various charitable efforts.

3. You are going to make a presentation on the topic 'Global warming- turning God's own country into the devil's own country'. Prepare the outline of the presentation. You may choose from the presentation verbs given below. (3)

talk	discuss	outline	fill
share	bring	highlight	tell

4. Match the sign post expressions appropriately. (3)

1	When you want to make your next point	A	To digress
2	When you want to change direction	B	To recap
3	When you want to refer to an earlier point	C	To move on to

5. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic-All students should have a part-time job. Support the motion using the following expressions. Write at least four statements. (4)

I rise to support the motion that....
Firstly.....
Secondly.....
I therefore urge.....
To sum up.....

6. Fill in the blanks choosing appropriate words or phrases from those given. (2)
(too many, enough, too little)

Election Commission announced the poll date all of a sudden. Political party leaders say that they have not got time for the election campaign. They also added that there are issues to be discussed with the voters.

7. Read the news clip given below. (2)

PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN KERALA FOR MAIDEN VISIT

Oct 08, 2017 Thiruvananthapuram: President Ram Nath Kovind , who arrived here on Sunday on his first state visit, took the salute at the Guard of Honour given to him at the airport amid pouring rain and preferred to stand without any umbrella.

The President who is the supreme commander of the Indian Armed Forces, arrived here at around 9.30 a.m. The President was received by the Kerala Governor Justice P. Sathasivam and the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan besides others.

- a) Identify the topic sentence.
b) Identify the type of the given news item and state whether it is local/national/international.
8. The school level sports and athletic meet is to be held in the first week of November 2017. Draft the text of the radio news bulletin. (3)
9. The following points were raised in a debate on the importance of Continuous Evaluation. (3)
- CE Scores help to improve grades.
 - It will help average and below average students to score higher.

Do you agree with these opinions? Suggest 3 opinions of your own .You may use the expressions given.

In my opinion

I do believe that.....

In my view

Questions 10-17. Attempt any SIX of the following questions. Each question carries 5 scores. (5 x 6=30)

10.



The given picture is typical of the current generation of mobile phone junkies. As the school leader, you want to make the students aware of the dangers of addiction to technology. Prepare the text of the speech to be delivered at the school assembly.

11. The local club is conducting a football match in your residential area. You are asked to make a running commentary on the match. Draft the text of the running commentary in a paragraph.
12. The Social Science club of your school is organising a study tour to Agra. Being the student co-ordinator of the tour you are asked to book 7 rooms in the Agra Govt. Guest House. The tariff rates are given below. Make a telephonic conversation with the receptionist. (5 to 6 exchanges.)

Room Tariff
Standard
Single : Rs. 1,500.00
Double : Rs. 1,600.00
Premier
Single : Rs. 1,800.00
Double : Rs. 2,000.00
Extra Person : Rs. 500.00
GSTApplicable 24hrs Check In / Check Out

13. You are invited by the tourism department to promote tourism by writing attractive descriptions of tourist destinations. Write a description of Athirappilly waterfalls, the Niagara of India, using the details given below.



- Location: Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam, Kerala, India
- Height: 25 m (82 ft)
- Width: 100 m (330 ft)
- Watercourse: Chalakkudi River
- Situated at: Ayyampuzha Panchayat in Aluva

14. Mr. Guru Das Gupta, the famous Yoga teacher is coming to your locality to propagate Yoga and to create awareness of the benefits of Yoga. As the youth co-ordinator of Nehru Yuvak Kendra you are asked to interview him. Prepare 5 appropriate questions for the interview.
15. Telco Company discriminated women by advertising 'Lady candidates need not apply' and this provoked Sudha Murthy. Even now such situations continue to prevail. Express your views on the issue in a write up.
16. Keralites have *Sambar* as one of our favourite curries. Prepare a recipe of the same using the given ingredients

- Mixed vegetables cut into medium sized pieces - 3-4 cups
- Toor dal- ½ cup
- Sliced onion - 1 medium
- Green chillies slit - 2
- Garlic cloves - 4 or 5
- Turmeric powder - ½ tsp
- Tamarind - gooseberry sized ball
- Chopped coriander leaves - 2 tsp



18. Read the advertisement given below . You are qualified to apply for the post. Prepare a CV in support of your application.

FACULTY OPENING

Dynamic, committed and motivated faculty required for Arts and Science colleges of Reddy Group of Institutions which is the largest educational group in South India.

- Post : *Asst. Professor*
- Subject : *Communicative English*
- Qualification : *PG with Ph.D.*
- Experience : *Minimum 5 years*
- Salary : *As Per UGC norms*

19. As part part of the various activities of the Career Guidance unit of your school, you are asked to speak on the importance of career development. Draft the text of the speech based on the career development model given below. (6)



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SCORING KEY XI COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

NO	SCORING KEY	SCORE
1	2 meaningful sentences using apt expressions to state opinion (2 X1=1)	2
2	A suitable and appropriate headline(2)	2
3	Appropriate and meaningful sentences to give outline of the given topic(3)	3
4	1.C (1) 2.A (1) 3.B (1)	3
5	4 meaningful sentences using apt expressions to support a motion(4 X1=4)	4
6	a.enough (1) b.too many (1)	2
7	a.Identifying the topic sentence (1) b.National News (1)	2
8	Text of radio news with appropriate language and expressions(3)	3
9	Any 3 opinions using the given expressions(3)	3
10	Speech with proper language,expression,content and style(5)	5
11	Running Commentary with proper language,expression,content and style(5)	5
12	5 or 6 Exchanges with language and style suitable for telephonic conversation (5)	5
13	Short description of the given tourist place with proper language and style(5)	5
14	Formal letter with appropriate style and content (5)	5
15	5 Relevant and appropriate questions for the interview (5)	5
16	Write up on the given issue with proper language and style (5)	5
17	Recipe with appropriate language and style (5)	5
18	Curriculum vitae with proper style and language (5)	5
19	Speech with proper language,expression,content and style(6)	6