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Half-Yearly Revision Assignment (2026–27)

Subject: English

Class: VIII

Topics:

Literature: Chapter 1 - Macavity: The Mystery Cat & Chapter 2 - Luck

Grammar: Nouns & Pronouns

Section A – Macavity: The Mystery Cat

A. Multiple Choice Questions:

- 1) Macavity is also known as:**
 - a) The Clever Cat
 - b) The Hidden Paw
 - c) The Black Cat
 - d) The Flying Cat
- 2) Scotland Yard is puzzled because:**
 - a) Macavity confesses his crimes.
 - b) Macavity is always present at the crime scene.
 - c) Macavity disappears before anyone arrives.
 - d) Macavity helps the police.
- 3) According to the poem, Macavity breaks:**
 - a) Only human laws
 - b) The law of gravity only
 - c) Human laws and the law of gravity
 - d) No laws
- 4) Which literary device is used in "Macavity, Macavity"?**
 - a) Simile
 - b) Repetition
 - c) Metaphor
 - d) Personification
- 5) The tone of the poem is:**
 - a) Sad
 - b) Humorous and mysterious
 - c) Serious
 - d) Fearful

B. Short Answer Questions:

- 1) Why is Macavity called the "Hidden Paw"?
- 2) Why is Macavity a bafflement to Scotland Yard?
- 3) Describe Macavity's appearance.
- 4) Explain the meaning of "He breaks the law of gravity."
- 5) Why can nobody catch Macavity?

Section B – Luck

A. Multiple Choice Questions:

- 1) Who wrote Luck?
 - a) O. Henry
 - b) Mark Twain
 - c) Ruskin Bond
 - d) Charles Dickens
- 2) Lieutenant-General Scoresby became famous after:
 - a) Winning a debate
 - b) The Crimean War
 - c) World War II
 - d) The American Civil War
- 3) Who reveals the truth about Scoresby?
 - a) A soldier
 - b) A clergyman
 - c) The narrator's friend
 - d) His commander
- 4) Scoresby's success was mainly due to:
 - a) Intelligence
 - b) Hard work
 - c) Luck
 - d) Experience
- 5) The central idea of the story is:
 - a) Luck sometimes plays a major role in success.
 - b) War is exciting.
 - c) Hard work never matters.
 - d) Rich people are lucky.

B. Short Answer Questions:

- 1) Why did the narrator admire Lord Arthur Scoresby?
- 2) Why was the clergyman worried about Scoresby?
- 3) How did Scoresby's mistakes become his achievements?
- 4) What was the reaction of the Russian army to Scoresby's unexpected move?
- 5) State the message of the lesson Luck.

Section C – Grammar: Nouns & Pronouns

A. Nouns

Choose the correct answer:

- 1) Which is an abstract noun?
 - a) Flower
 - b) Honesty
 - c) River
 - d) Tiger
- 2) The word "team" is:
 - a) Proper noun
 - b) Common noun
 - c) Collective noun
 - d) Material noun
- 3) Which sentence contains a proper noun?
 - a) The boy is reading.
 - b) Delhi is the capital of India.
 - c) Birds can fly.
 - d) I bought a pen.

- 4) Which is a material noun?
a) Cotton b) Army c) Teacher d) School
- 5) "Childhood" is a:
a) Common noun b) Abstract noun c) Collective noun d) Proper noun

B. Identify the type of noun.

- 1) Gold
- 2) Honesty
- 3) Committee
- 4) Kolkata
- 5) Doctor

C. Pronouns

Choose the correct pronoun.

- 1) _____ is my best friend.
a) He b) Him c) His d) Himself
- 2) The books are _____.
a) their b) theirs c) they d) them
- 3) She made the dress by _____.
a) herself b) itself c) ourselves d) yourself
- 4) Everyone should do _____ homework.
a) his or her b) their c) its d) our
- 5) This pen belongs to _____.
a) me b) I c) mine d) myself

D. Rewrite using suitable pronouns.

- 1) Riya and Rohan are friends. _____ study together.
- 2) The dog wagged _____ tail happily.
- 3) My brother and I went to the market. _____ bought fruits.
- 4) This bag belongs to Ananya. It is _____.
- 5) The children enjoyed _____ during the picnic.

Competency-Based Questions:

- a) Imagine you are a detective. Give two reasons why catching Macavity would be difficult.
- b) Do you think luck alone can make a person successful? Give two reasons to support your answer.
