

SA-1 : CLASS-VII
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

9/2013

Time : 3 Hrs.

MM: 80

General Instructions :

- 1. Read the questions carefully.**
- 2. Number the answers as given in the question paper.**
- 3. Write in a neat and clear handwriting.**
- 4. Write the answers in complete sentences.**

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (7)

The rich merchant, Jacob was growing old and weak day by day. He knew that his end was near and he decided to distribute his legacy among his sons. He divided all his property among his three sons but kept a box full of precious diamonds with himself. He announced that the box would be handed over to its rightful owner. Then he asked his sons to travel for a while and try to perform some noble deeds. They were asked to come back on a certain day. Jacob's sons followed his instructions and returned on the fixed date. They told their father what noble deed each had done. The eldest son said, "A rich man wished to give me all his wealth. I could have kept it. But I returned it to him." Jacob said, "You acted well but you have only done what all should do." The second son described what he had done. He said, "I saw a child drowning in the roaring sea. I saved his life. I risked my life but the child was saved." Jacob said, "Well done, my son! Saving a life is indeed a noble deed." Finally, the youngest son spoke, "I was tending sheep on the hills when I saw my bitter enemy sleeping on the edge of the cliffs. If he had turned to the side a bit, he would have fallen into the deep chasm. He would have died. I walked upto him and woke him up. He was greatly surprised to see me and thanked me for saving his life." There were tears in Jacob's eyes. He said, "I am really proud of you, my son. You saved your enemy. This act deserves the highest reward. Doing good for evil is the noblest form of virtue." Saying this, Jacob handed over the box of precious diamonds to his youngest son.

- (i) Jacob divided his property among his sons but kept the box of precious diamonds with himself. Why did he do so? (1)
- (ii) What task did Jacob assign to his sons? (1)

(B-1)

(iii) What did the second son tell his father when he returned from his journey?

(1)

(iv) Which son was appreciated the most by the rich merchant and why? (2)

(v) Find words from the passage that mean the same as the given words :

(2x1=2)

(a) a good and desirable quality

(b) a deep crack in the earth

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :

(6)

My mother saw a dancing bear
By the schoolyard, a day in June
The keeper stood with chain and bar
and whistle-pipe and played a tune
The bear lifted up its head
And lifted up its dusty feet
And all the children laughed to see
It caper in the summer heat.
They watched as for the Queen it died
They watched it march, they watched it halt.
They heard the keeper as he cried,
“Now, roly-poly! somersault!”
And then my mother said there came
The keeper with a begging cup,
The bear with burning coat of fur,
Shaming the laughter to a stop
They paid a penny for the dance,
But what they saw was not the show;
Simply in the bear’s longing eyes,
a desire to go to distant forests and the snow.

(i) What did the keeper have in his hand?

(1)

(ii) What tricks did the bear perform?

(1)

(iii) Why did the children laugh?

(1)

(B-2)

- (iv) Pick out words from the poem that tell what kind of a day it was when the bear performed. (1)
- (v) Why do you think, the bear had a 'burning coat of fur'? (1)
- (vi) The last lines of the poem talk about the bear's desire that was visible in his eyes. What was this wish? (1)

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q3. Write a letter in about 125-150 words to your mother on the occasion of Mother's Day thanking her for her great support to the family. (5)
- Q4. Imagine you are a reporter working for a local newspaper. Write a newspaper report in about 125-150 words on the great devastation caused by the floods that occurred in Kedarnath in the month of June. (5)
- Q5. Today, you went to school without your assignment book. Your teacher who always appreciates you scolded you for being careless and forgetful. You felt hurt but learnt a lesson. Pen down your feelings about the same in a diary entry in about 100-125 words. (4)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q6. Rewrite the following sentences in passive form : (2x1=2)
 - (i) The children were enjoying the clown's antics.
 - (ii) The experts have not found the right candidate.
- Q7. Fill in the blanks with the verb form of the abstract nouns given in the brackets: (4x ½=2)
 - (i) My mother asked me to _____ the room before going out to play. (cleanliness)
 - (ii) 'Project Tiger' was launched in 1973 in order to _____ the tiger from extinction. (protection).
 - (iii) The train will _____ from the station at the right time. (departure)
 - (iv) The children were asked to _____ nicely in front of the chief guest. (behaviour)
- Q8. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences : (2x1=2)
 - (i) different / aquarium / full of / the / kinds / is / fishes / of
 - (ii) closed / repair / last / for / road / this / was / for / the / two / weeks

Q9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (6x ½=3)

Shakuntala was the adopted daughter _____ King Kanva. One day while she was _____ a forest, she saw a stranger staring _____ her. On enquiring _____ him what he wanted, he replied that he wished to pay respect _____ Sage Kanva who was known _____ his wisdom and bravery.

Q10. Complete the given passage using suitable articles : (6x ½=3)

_____ lady who lives in _____ neighbouring house is _____ architect by profession. She is _____ Australian married to _____ European. The two are leading quite _____ contented life.

Q11. Fill in the blanks with suitable quantifiers : (4x ½=2)

- (i) _____ plants can survive even in places where there is hardly _____ rainfall.
- (ii) There is not _____ hope of his selection as _____ candidates have already been appointed.

Q12. Complete the following sentences by using 'infinitive to' : (2x1=2)

- (i) He was very poor. He could not buy food for himself.
- (ii) It is the need of the hour. All should follow non-violence.

Q13. Complete the sentences using suitable oxymorons : (4x ½=2)

- (i) The magician turned the lamp upside _____.
- (ii) The boy was left all _____ in the dark.
- (iii) I have never _____ been to the 'Pink City'.
- (iv) We were asked to attempt any five questions from the section of 'Modern _____'.

Q14. Fill in the blanks with suitable uncountable nouns : (4x ½=2)

- (i) The President of India rewarded five children for their acts of _____ on Republic Day.
- (ii) The ornaments made of _____ which were displayed in the jewellery shop were very expensive.
- (iii) My mother asked me to fill the jar kept on the table with _____.
- (iv) The teacher asked the participants to collect _____ on the given topic from the library.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

(A) "For 'twas the self-same power divine, (3x1=3)
Taught you to sing, and me to shine;
That you with music, I with light,
Might beautify and cheer the night."

(i) Who is referred to as 'the self same power divine' in the above lines?

(ii) How does the nightingale beautify the earth?

(iii) Who beautifies the earth at night and how?

(B) "She said, "I have no jewellery-nothing to wear on my dress. I'll look like a pauper." (3x1=3)

(i) Who is referred to as 'I' in the above lines?

(ii) Mathilde had bought a new dress to attend the party, still she was sad. Why?

(iii) What did her husband suggest her?

Q16. Answer the given questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)

(i) It took the Loiseles ten long years to pay their debt. How did they do it?

(ii) Phatik's aunt was not at all pleased to see him at her doorstep. How did she treat him?

Q17. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)

(i) What argument did the glow-worm present to the nightingale to refrain him from destroying his life?

(ii) The old lady described the boy as somebody's 'pride and joy'. Why?

Q18. Answer the given question in 80-100 words : (5)

Phatik was neither happy in school nor at his uncle's house. What disturbed him more? Give reasons to support your answer.

OR

In the poem 'The Nightingale and the Glow-worm' the nightingale has been portrayed as considerate and a patient listener. Prove the above statement with reference to the poem.

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Q19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words each : (2)

Why did the manager think that the narrator was a detective in the story 'My Bank Account'?

Q20. Answer the given question in 70-80 words : (4)

By the end of the story 'Do you Want to Play Football' both the girls got their wishes fulfilled? What were their wishes and how were they fulfilled?

OR

The two men helped the speaker in the poem 'Sympathy' in entirely different ways. How did their ways differ?

Q21. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (3)

Robinson Crusoe proved his skill as a tailor when he was left all alone on the island. What did he stitch for himself and how?

Q22. Answer the following question in 80-100 words : (5)

Robinson Crusoe had to live as a 'slave' for few years. How did he become a slave and how did he finally manage to escape?

OR

Why did Robinson Crusoe build a house for himself all over again? What were the four points he had to remember when building his home?