

SESSION ENDING EXAMINATION 2018-19

CLASS: VII

TIME: 2 ½ HRS

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

Section A: Reading	20 marks
Section B: Writing	20 marks
Section C: Grammar	15 marks
Section D: Literature	25 marks

General Instructions:

- (i) All the questions are compulsory.
- (ii) All the answers must be numbered correctly.
- (iii) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
- (iv) Questions of each section must be answered together.

Section: A Reading**(20 Marks)**

1. Read the following poem :

8 marks**The Haunted House**

Once we went to a haunted house
Where there lived a colony of mice.
It seemed that the ghost was coming
With a noise of humming.
To touch the old clock, no one dared,
As all of us were very scared.
We were in terror,
In front of an old broken mirror.
Then came a mouse,
It was wearing a blouse.
The mouse was very nice,
It went along with the other mice
They took us to the door,
And we said bye and returned no more.

- (i) On the basis of your reading of the poem above, complete the summary with **ONE WORD** only.

5x1=5 marks

Once the poet and his friends visited a (a)..... house. There, in that house was a (b) of mice. They felt as if the ghost was coming. They wanted to touch an old clock on the wall but didn't because all of them were (c)..... They all were standing in front of a (d)..... which was very old and broken and were terrified but then a (e) mouse came and led them to the door.

- (ii) Find words in the poem which mean the following:

2x1=2 marks

- (a) A location visited by a ghost
- (b) Having the courage

(iii) Find the opposite word of 'ugly' in the poem.

1 mark

2. Read the following passage

12 marks

The bamboo is perhaps the most useful plant in the world. It grows in almost all tropical and subtropical countries. The only countries in which the bamboo does not grow are Europe and Antarctica. In India, it grows extensively in the North-East and Western Ghats. There are varieties of the bamboo that grow to a height of 40 metres and others that reach a height of only a metre. The bamboo is among the fastest-growing plants in the world. One plant recorded a growth of 121 centimetre in one day. The bamboo is a variety of grass, with a woody, many-jointed stem. The stem itself is hollow and is connected to a network that spreads out beneath the surface of the soil. It is a versatile plant. Bamboo shoots are staple diet in many Asian countries. The shoots are put in stews or eaten as pickle. When there is drought, bamboo seeds are used as a replacement for rice. Bamboo is used to produce paper. India produces over 3 million tones of bamboo every year and nearly half of it is turned into paper. Bamboo can also be used for construction of houses. In Assam, many suspension bridges have been built using bamboo.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: 1x5=5 marks

- (a) Which are the two countries where the bamboo does not grow?
- (b) In which parts of India does the bamboo grow extensively?
- (c) What is the highest single day growth recorded of a bamboo?
- (d) How is bamboo used when there is drought?
- (e) Where have suspension bridges been built using bamboo?

2.2 Fill in the blanks with appropriate words/phrases.

1x5= 5 marks

- (a) The bamboo grows in almost all ----- and subtropical countries.
- (b) Many varieties of the bamboo can grow to a height of ----- .
- (c) The bamboo is a variety of grass, with ----- .
- (d) The stem of the bamboo is ----- and is connected to a network of roots.
- (e) India produces over ----- of bamboo every year.

2.3 Find words in the passage which mean the following: 1x2=2 marks

- (a) Having varied uses or many functions
- (b) A period of unusually low rainfall, longer and more severe than a dry spell

Section: B Writing 20 marks

3. Imagine you are Ranjan/Ranjita of class 7C of Blooming Roses School, Guwahati . Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to grant you leave of absence for 3 days on account of the marriage of your elder brother. **5 marks**

4. Write a paragraph on *any one* of the following topics: (word limit: 80-100)

Importance of trees

Or

A visit to a beautiful place

5 marks

5. Develop a story beginning with: (120-150 words)

10 marks

Last Sunday ,was a good day for me.....

Section: C Grammar

15 marks

6. One word is italicised in each sentence. Find its opposite in the box and fill in the blanks:

1x4= 4 marks

spend; shut; destroy; subtract; increase
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- (a) You were required to keep all the doors *open*, not ----- .
- (b) Run four kilometres a day to *preserve* your health. Run a lot more to----- it.
- (c) The rich *earn* a lot but they ----- quickly too.
- (d) If a doctor advises a lean and lanky patient to *reduce* his weight further, be sure he is doing it to ----- his income.

7. Change the sentences given below to reported speech:

1x4=4 marks

- (a) He said, “ I’ve eaten so much.”
- (b) Mother said, “ Where are you going?”
- (c) Rishi said to Preeti, “ Do as I say.”
- (d) He says, “ You are a liar!”

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals:

1x4=4 marks

- (a) You seems to be having trouble here. -----I help you?
- (b) Rita ----- hear the speaker because the crowd was cheering so loudly.
- (c) He left home at 9 o’clock. He ----- be here any minute.
- (d) That bus is usually on time. It ----- to be here any time now.

9. Make meaningful sentences out of these jumbled words :

1x3= 3 marks.

- (a) a/region/ Andhra Pradesh/cyclone/ of/hit/the/coastal
- (b) a/ property/ was/ there/ loss/ great/of
- (c) was/ of/ life/ God/ but/thank/ there/ no/ loss

Section: D Literature

25 marks

10. Read the following extract and answer the questions :

1x3= 3 marks

“Explore the meadow houses,
The burrows in the ground,
A nest beneath tall grasses,
The ant’s amazing mound.”

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What do you mean by ‘meadow houses’?

(c) Find rhyming words in the above lines .

Or

‘It doesn’t if you don’t wobble it’

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) Who is he speaking to?
- (c) What is the ‘it’ they are talking about?

11. Give very short answers for the following: (Any five) 1x5= 5 marks

- (a) Why does the poet say the squirrel wore a question mark for tail?
- (b) Why was everyone in the Control Room greatly excited?
- (c) What did Nishad give Mr. Nath?
- (d) What is the name of the invention of Mr. Wonka?
- (e) What are some signs of approaching winter in the lesson ‘The cop and the Anthem’?
- (f) Where was the tiger cub hiding when Grandfather found him?

12. Give short answers for the following: (Any four)

3x 4= 12 marks

- (a) The Parsis were the first Indian community to take to cricket. Why?
- (b) What are the three ways in which a fire can be put out?
- (c) What makes Mridu conclude that the beggar has no money to buy chappals? What does she suggest to show her concern?
- (d) In a desert the temperature rises during the day and falls rapidly at night. Why?
- (e) What was Mr. Gessler’s complaint against ‘big firms’?
- (f) Why did the daimio reward the farmer but punish his neighbour for the same act?

13. Mention all the things that we can learn from the ‘tiny teacher’. How can we apply those in our own life ?

5 marks

OR

Imagine you are the king who met the hermit in the lesson ‘Three Questions’. Narrate how the meeting brought a great change in your life.
