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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION- OCTOBER
CLASS – VII

TIME: 2 ½ HRS.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MAX MARKS: 80

SECTION A (READING)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Fleas feast on anything containing blood. Like a shark in the water or a wolf in the woods, fleas have everything necessary for their job, and are difficult to defeat. The bodies of these tiny parasites are extremely hard. They have exoskeletons which are made of tough plates called sclerotic. The plates are waterproof and shock resistant and protect them from being squished. They cannot be killed with chemicals. Little spines are attached to this plate. But if anyone tries to pull a flea off, these spines will extend and stick to the fur like Velcro. A flea can jump seven inches, or 150 times its own length, either vertically or horizontally. Fleas can jump 30,000 times in a row without stopping. The adult female flea mates after her first blood meal and begins producing eggs in just 1 to 2 days. One flea can lay up to 50 eggs in one day and over 2,000 in her lifetime. Flea eggs can be seen with the naked eye, but they are about the size of a grain of salt. Shortly after being laid, the eggs begin to transform into cocoons. In the cocoon state, fleas are fully developed adults, and will hatch immediately if conditions are favorable.

Answer the following questions:

(1 * 8 = 8 Marks)

- a) Fleas are resistant to sprays and chemicals because they _____
- b) Fleas are difficult to squish because they _____
- c) Why is it difficult to pull off the fleas?
- d) Fleas can jump _____ times in a row.
- e) Fleas have _____ which are made of tough plates called sclerotic.
- f) How can flea eggs be seen?
- g) In which state are fleas fully developed?
- h) Give the meaning of favourable.

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow –

He saw a most wonderful sight. Through a little hole in the wall the children had crept in, and they were sitting in the branches of the trees. In every tree that he could see there was a little child. And the trees were so glad to have the children back again that they had covered themselves with blossoms and were waving their arms gently above the children's heads. The

birds were flying about and twittering with delight, and the flowers were looking through the green grass and laughing. It was a lovely scene. Only in one corner, it was still winter. It was the farthest corner of the garden, and in it was standing a little boy. He was so small that he could not reach up to the branches of the tree, and he was wandering all around it, crying bitterly. The poor tree was still covered with frost and snow, and the North Wind was blowing and roaring about it. "Climb up ! little boy", said the tree and it bent its branches as low as it could, but the boy was too tiny.

I. Answer the following:

1. Why couldn't the little boy climb up the tree? (2 Marks)
2. Why were the trees so happy? (2 Marks)
3. Why was there still winter in one corner of the garden? (2 Marks)
4. **Find out the words from the passage which mean :** (1x2 = 2 Marks)
 (i) chirping (ii) joy.
5. Where were the children sitting? (2 Marks)

II. Fill in the Blanks:

(1 x 2 = 2 Marks)

- a. He saw a most _____ sight.
- b. Flowers were looking through the _____.

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMAMR)

Q3. You are Mohan / Radha, the Head Boy /Girl of GVM School, Pune. Your school is organizing a tour to Goa. Write out a notice inviting students who want to join the tour. Put the notice in the box. (4 Marks)

Q4. Write an application to the Principal of your school for fees-concession. (6 Marks)

Q5. Taking clues from the given outline complete the story and provide appropriate title and moral of the story. (8 Marks)

Cricket spends time in merry making----- remains glued to television for the whole day
 ----- visits restaurants ----- dances – sings – no work ---- spring, summer pass
 ----- winter sets in ----- nothing to eat ----- starts begging from other insects ---- all of
 them refuse to give him food ----- nothing to eat ----- goes to his friend ant ----- ant
 makes him realize his mistake and helps him.

Q6. Do as Directed

(6 Marks)

Complete the sentences given below taking one word each from the given box to fill in a gap.

People, mother, mothers, news, Legs,
 phvsics

1. Johan gave a present to his

2. Children must respect their
3. is good.
4. are good.
5. His are weak.
6. His is weak.

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. Underline your correction. (1 * 3 = 3 Marks)

It is on small matters the people passed judgment (a)
 Upon ourselves and declared that we are (b)
 Civilized or not. The great opportunities comes rarely. (c)

Q8. Rearrange the following to change them into meaningful sentences: (1 * 3 = 3 Marks)

1. superior / Japanese / are / goods
2. caps / expensive / are / these / very
3. Ram / nice / a / is / person

SECTION C – LITERATURE

Q.9 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 * 1 = 4 Marks)

I know that there isn't really a ghost,
 My brother tells lies to keep the shed for his den;
 There isn't anyone staring or making strange noises
 And the spider has been gone from his web
 Since I don't know when,
 I'll go into that shed one day soon,
 But not just yet...

Questions:

1. What does the speaker's brother tell him?
2. Why does he tell a lie?
3. Do you think that the speaker has really no fear or is he simply trying to be courageous?
4. Give the meaning of courageous.

Q.10 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (4 * 1 = 4 Marks)

"I knew him from the days of my extreme youth because he made my father's boots. He lived with his elder brother in his shop which was in a small by-street in a fashionable part of London."

Questions:

1. What was Gessler known for?
2. Where was Gessler's shop situated?
3. With whom did Gessler work in his shop?
4. Pick a word from the extract which means 'stylish'.

Q.11 Answer the following questions (30-40 words)

(4 * 2 = 8 Marks)

- a) What three things did Gopal do before he went to buy hilsa-fish?
- b) Why did Daimio reward the farmer but punish the neighbor for the same?
- c) Do you think Mr. Gessler was a failure as a boot maker or as a competitive businessman?
- d) Why did the King want to know answers to three questions?

Q.12 Answer the following questions : (30-40 words)

(4 * 2 = 8 Marks)

- a) Why did Soapy move restlessly on his seat in the park?
- b) What jobs are new ants trained for?
- c) Did Kari enjoy his morning bath in the river? Give a reason for your answer.
- d) Where did Golu goes and why?

Q. 13 Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words: (Any one)

(6 marks)

One should never be greedy and envious of others. Explain with reference to the lesson "The Ashes that Made the Trees Bloom".

Or

What do you know about ants after reading the lesson "The Tiny Teacher"?