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CLASS VII

TIME: 2 1/2 HRS.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MAX MARKS: 80

SECTION A : READING

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

The good old man humbly asked for the ashes. Though the covetous couple turned up their noses at him and scolded him as if he were a thief, they let him fill his basket with the ashes. On coming home, the old man took his wife into the garden. It being winter, their favourite cherry tree was bare. He sprinkled a pinch of ashes on it, and, lo ! It sprouted blossoms until it became a cloud of pink blooms which perfumed the air. The news of this filled the village, and everyone ran out to see the wonder.

The covetous couple also heard the story, and, gathering up the remaining ashes of the mill, kept them to make withered trees blossom.

Questions :

(8 x 1 = 8 Marks)

1. What did the good old man get and from whom?
2. How did the withered cherry tree sprout blossoms?
3. What did the villagers do?
4. What did the covetous couple do after hearing the story?
5. Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'abused'.
6. What does the word covetous mean?
7. Give the antonym for word 'Sprinkled'
8. Give the antonym for word 'Sprouted'.

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully

A big alligator floated in the greenish water of a canal in Florida. Only its bulging eyes and bumpy nostrils stuck up above the surface.

Under the water the alligator's stubby legs paddled slowly. Its long, powerful tail swished gently back and forth, pushing the ten-foot (3m) gator silently forward.

Then with a burst of power, the gator rose up in the water. Its tail whipped hard to the right. This threw its body into a curve and made a big wave in the water. The gator's mouth opened wide as the wave swept an empty soft drink can into it.

As its teeth crunched down on the metal, the alligator sank back down into the water. Still crunching, it paddled towards the shore.

“There goes old Trash Masher,” said Forest Ranger George White as he lifted his canoe paddle out of the water. His new helper Ranger Glenn Carlson also stopped Paddling. Both men were on patrol for the US Forest Service in southern Florida. They watched the alligator crawling up onto the muddy bank.

Ranger George knew alligators well. It wasn’t unusual for an alligator to eat chunks of drifting wood, floating cans and bottles and even rocks. He knew that junk helped grind up an alligator’s food, which it swallows nearly whole. But this old female never seemed to get enough trash. She attacked floating garbage with the same hunting skill that she would use on a turtle, fish or water bird.

Read the Questions given below and answer them:

(5*2 = 10 Marks)

1. How does the alligator move?
2. Why did the gator rose up?
3. Who is old female?
4. Why alligators eat junk?
5. ‘They’ watched the alligator. They refer to

ii. Give the meanings of :

(2*1=2)

6. What does “still crunching” mean?
7. What is the meaning of the word ‘patrol’?

SECTION B : WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. You are Natraj, School captain of Holy Child School, Indore. Write a notice to inform the students about a debate competition to be held on 25th of next month. **(4 Marks)**

Q4. You are Meena/Mithun, living in Mysore. You celebrated your birthday last week. Your Aunt sent you a set of books as a gift. Write a letter in about 100-200 words thanking her for sending such a valuable gift to you and also describe your celebration. **(6 Marks)**

Q5. Using the hints below write a story in not more than 200 words. Give a suitable title for the story. (8 Marks)

Two friends—a bear after them—one climbs a tree—the other can’t—he lies on the ground with bated breath—the bear smells him and leaves—the first friend asks—what the bear did—the reply : you have a false friend.

Q.6 Do as directed

(6 x 1 = 6 marks)

- a) We have no right to People who collect the garbage from our neighborhood. (Use look up /look down on)
- b) Do you know to drive a car? (Use what/how/where)

- c) Gopal told King that he accepted the challenge. (Use a/an/the)
- d) Don't go to cinema if you want to (Use didn't/ don't)
- e) Hermits are men. How they acquire their none can tell (Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the word 'wise')
- f) Gopal's wife asked Gopal, "Why is your face half Shaven? (Rewrite reported speech)

Q.7 The following passage has not been edited. There is a word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word which comes before it and the one that comes after it as shown in the example. (3 x 1 = 3 marks)

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| a) The nawab insisted that task | e.g. that the task |
| b) bad to done come what may. | (a) |
| c) The minister worrying | (b) |
| d) himself sick, | (c) |

Q.8 Re-arrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences: (3 x 1 = 3 Marks)

- a) is /a /picture/and/ beautiful/it/colourful
- b) made /my/was /great-grand mother/ it/by
- c) were/available/days/colours/ during/ not/those

SECTION C : LITERATURE

Q9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows: (4*1=4)

"My brother says there's a ghost in the shed
Who hides under the rotten floor boards
And if I ever dare to set foot inside
He'll jump out and chop off my head."

- a) Who is the speaker in the poem?
- b) Where does the ghost hide?
- c) Why did the brother tell that there is a ghost in the shed?
- d) Pick out the word from the extract which means 'spoiled'/ 'bad smell'

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

He lost everybody. And there he'd sit, going on and on. I will say that for him not a man in London made a better boot.

Questions: (4 x 1 = 4 Marks)

1. Who is the speaker of these lines?
2. What do 'he took long time to execute his order' show?
3. What do 'everybody' refer to?

4. Who is 'he' here ?

Q11. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(4*2=8)

- a) Why did the king want no more talk about hilsa fish?
- b) Why did the neighbors kill the dog?
- c) Give the central idea of the poem Chivy.
- d) What was the author's opinion about Mr. Gessler as a boot maker?

Q12. Answer any two of the following questions briefly :

(4*2=8)

- a) What was Soapy's hope for winter?
- b) How was Golu's bulgy nose different from the trunk of the elephant?
- c) Why is Purcell compared to an owl?
- d) How did Kari's owner clean him?

Q13. "There was a sudden and wonderful change in his soul". What brought about the change in Soapy's soul.

OR

Describe the music teacher as seen from the window.

(6 Marks)