

Budha Dal Public School Patiala (15 September 2015)

UNIT - I
Class-VIII
Sub: English

Time: 3hrs.

Marks: 90

General Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. All questions of particular section must be attempted in correct order.

Q1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. 8

ASSASSINATION OF BENAZIR BHUTTO

On December 27, 2007, Bhutto was killed while leaving a campaign rally for the PPP at Liaquat National Bagh, where she had given a spirited address to party supporters in the run-up to the January 2008 parliamentary elections. After entering her bullet-proof vehicle, Bhutto stood up through its sunroof, to wave to the crowds. At the point, a gunman standing behind and to the left of the vehicle fired three shots at her with a pistol (still photographs exist which show a man in dark glasses holding up a handgun, and film footage has also been shown in which a pistol is seen firing a number of shots whose muzzle-flashes are clearly visible). Immediately afterwards, someone in the area (perhaps the white-robed individual visible in several still photographs standing close to the gunman) detonated explosives stored about their person, killing approximately 20 people. Bhutto was critically wounded and was rushed to Rawalpindi General Hospital. She was taken into surgery at 17:35 local time, and pronounced dead at 18:16.

Bhutto's body was flown to her hometown of Garhi Khuda Bakhsh in Larkana District, Sindh, and was buried next to her father in the family mausoleum at a ceremony attended by hundreds of thousands of mourners.

There was some disagreement about the exact cause of death. Bhutto's husband refused to permit an autopsy or post-mortem examination to be carried out. On December 28, 2007, the Interior Ministry of Pakistan stated that "Bhutto was killed when she tried to duck back into the vehicle, and the shock waves from the blast knocked her head into a lever attached to the sunroof, fracturing her skull". However, a hospital spokesman stated earlier that she had suffered shrapnel wounds to the head and that this was the cause of her death. Bhutto's aides have also disputed the Interior Ministry's account. Al-Qaeda commander Mustafa Abu al-Yazid claimed responsibility for the attack, describing Bhutto as "the most precious American asset". The Interior Ministry said that the suicide bomber belonged to Lashkar i Jhangvi. The government of Pakistan claimed Baitullah Mehsud to be the mastermind behind the assassination of the 54-year-old Bhutto along with approximately 20 bystanders. However this is vigorously disputed by the Bhutto family, by the PPP and by Baitullah Mehsud. On January 3, 2008, President Musharraf officially denied participation in the assassination of Benazir Bhutto as well as his failure to provide her proper security. (About 350 words)

1. On the basis of the reading of the above passage answer the following questions briefly: $1 \times 8 = 8$

- (a) When was Benazir Bhutto assassinated?
- (b) What the still photographs and film footage reveal?
- (c) Where was Benazir Bhutto buried?
- (d) What are the different versions/explanations offered by the Interior Ministry of Pakistan?
- (e) Where was Benazir brought when she was seriously wounded?
- (f) Who claimed the responsibility of attacking Benazir?
- (g) Why President Musharraf denied his involvement?
- (h) What do you mean by assassination?

Q 2. Read the following passage carefully.

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I went up to a counter marked 'Accountant'. The accountant was a tall, cool fellow. The very sight of him made me nervous. My voice was deep and hollow.

'Can I see the manager?' I said, and added solemnly, 'alone.' I don't know why I said 'alone.' 'Certainly,' said the accountant, and fetched him.

The manager was a grave, calm man. I held my fifty-six dollars clutched in a screwed-up ball in my pocket.

'Are you the manager?' I said. God knows I didn't doubt it.

'Yes,' he said.

'Can I see you,' I asked, 'alone?' I didn't want to say 'alone' again, but without it the thing seemed obvious.

The manager looked at me in some alarm. He felt that I had a terrible secret to reveal.

'Come in here,' he said, and led the way to a private room. He turned the key in the lock.

'We are safe from interruption here,' he said : 'sit down'. We both sat down and looked at each other. I found no voice to speak.

'You are one of Pinkerton's men, I suppose,' he said.

He had gathered from my mysterious manner that I was a detective. I knew what he was thinking and it made me worse. (206 words)

(Excerpt from 'My Financial Career' by Stephen Leacock)

Answer the following questions by choosing an appropriate option from those given below:

- (a) On looking at the accountant, the narrator felt
- (i) happy
 - (ii) tense
 - (iii) confident
 - (iv) nervous
- (b) What sort of person was the manager?
- (i) a tall, cool fellow
 - (ii) a grave, calm man
 - (iii) an irritable person
 - (iv) a fat, jovial fellow
- (c) The manager looked at the narrator in some alarm because
- (i) the latter wanted to see him alone
 - (ii) the narrator seemed worried
 - (iii) he felt the narrator had a secret to reveal
 - (iv) he thought him to be an important person
- (d) The manager took the narrator to be a detective from Pinkerton's agency because
- (i) he spoke in a deep and hollow voice
 - (ii) he insisted on seeing the manager
 - (iii) he looked smart and confident
 - (iv) his manner was mysterious
- (e) The noun form of 'reveal' is
- (i) revelation
 - (ii) revelatory
 - (iii) revealing
 - (iv) revealingly

Q3. Read the following passage carefully.

(7 marks)

Tarantula is a large, fierce hairy spider. In the Middle Ages, it was believed that people bitten by a tarantula became ill. The patients fell into a dull, unhappy state. The only way to stir people out of this state was with music and they were supposed to dance until they were completely worn out. After that they would become well.

From this belief a dance called the 'tarantella' was developed. It is a very lively Italian dance that gets faster and faster until the end. While the bite of the tarantula is fatal to insects, there is no evidence that it is so to humans as well. But still, the fear of tarantula bite persists.

Tarantulas are found only in Southern Europe and are named after the city of Taranto in Italy. Like some other spiders, they don't spin webs. Instead, they dig deep burrows which they line with silk. They hibernate during winter.

Tarantulas wait for their prey somewhat like tigers. They lie hidden within their burrows. As soon as their prey comes along, they rush out, bite it and then drag it into their burrows. The bite either kills the insect or paralyses it so that it becomes helpless. They suck out the blood and body juices.

When it comes to their own young ones, tarantulas are very kind. They keep their cocoons in their houses, and carry them when they go out.

Based on your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate option.

- (i) A person bitten by a tarantula _____.
- (a) dies (b) becomes mad
(c) becomes dull and unhappy (d) becomes abnormal
- (ii) Tarantulas are named after the city of _____ in Italy.
- (a) Tomato (b) Taranto
(c) Turin (d) Treviso
- (iii) If an insect is bitten by a tarantula, _____.
- (a) it dies (b) it becomes unconscious
(c) it becomes restless (d) it becomes poisonous
- (iv) The only way to stir people out of this dull and unhappy state is _____.
- (a) with music and dance (b) by chanting mantras
(c) by killing the tarantula (d) by using herbal meditations.
- (v) A peculiar trait of these spiders is that they _____.
- (a) bite the insects fatally
(b) are named after the city of Taranto in Italy
(c) don't spin webs
(d) hibernate during winter
- (vi) These creatures are different from others in the sense that they _____.
- (a) carry their eggs whenever they go out of their burrows
(b) suck the body juices of their preys
(c) hibernate during winters
(d) drag their prey to their burrows
- (vii) Choose a suitable word/expression from the following that means similar to 'spending winters in a state like deep sleep'.
- (a) evidence (b) fatal
(c) hibernate (d) paralyse

Section - B (Writing)

Q4. Imagine you are the class prefect. Your class is organising a clean the classroom campaign in your school. Everyday in the following week a team of students from your class will walk into any class they please and take photographs. The students of the most untidy classroom will have to clean their own classroom for a month.

Make a notice for the notice board announcing this event. (4)

Q5. Fast food or junk food is very popular among the younger generation. They are unaware of the health hazards caused by it. You feel concerned. Express your views in an article in 100-200 words on 'Health Hazards Caused by Junk Food'. (8)

Q6. Write a letter to your friend asking him/her to see a certain movie that you liked a lot. Write about the movie, what the story is about, who the actors are, why the film is worth seeing etc. (8)

Section - C (Grammar)

Q7. The passage given below has an error in each line. Write the correct and incorrect word:

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

Dolphins are small-toothed whales. These people	a)
think that those slim and smooth skinned mammals	b)
are as we are. Since an ancient times, there has	c)
been the special friendship between humans	d)
and this playful animals. Moreover, there are	e)
much stories of dolphins saving the drowning sailors.	f)

Q8. Choose the most appropriate option from the brackets to complete the following passage.(2)

As the examination is drawing near, I (a) (shall, should, will, would) sit up and study hard. I have revised most of the portions and feel confident that I (b) (can, may, will, shall) answer the papers well. But in an examination one (c) (may, can, might, could) not be sure. There (d) (can, may, could, might) be some unexpected questions.

Q9. Fill in the blank with suitable forms of verbs given in the brackets. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

- a) History _____ us that nobody _____ peace by waging a war. (tell, ever establish)
- b) We _____ a world cup soccer match when the phone rang. (watch)
- c) I _____ so many apartments but I have not liked any of them. (see)
- d) I _____ my dinner at 9 last night. I _____ all my homework before that. (have, finish)

Q10. Change sentences into the passive forms. (4)

- a) Who composed the theme song of the commonwealth games?
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Q11. Fill in the blanks with suitable adverb. (1)

- a) The sikhs fought _____.
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Q13. Distinguish between these pairs of words by using them in sentences of your own. (1)

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