

First Term Examination (23 September 2017)

Subject - English

Class - VII

SET - A

Time: 3 hrs.

M.M.80

The question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A: Reading - 15 Marks

Section B: Writing - 20 Marks

Section C: Grammar - 15 Marks

Section D: Literature - 30 Marks

Section - A (Reading)

Q1. Read the given poem and answer the questions that follow: (8)

FATHERS ARE WONDERFUL

- (1) Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should ...
- (2) For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills.
- (3) And Father struggles daily
To live up to "his image"
As protector and provider
And "hero of the scrimmage"...
- (4) And perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion,
That Father are not subject
To the thing we call emotion,
- (5) But if you look inside Dad's heart,
Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental
And as "soft" as he can be...
- (6) But he's so busy every day
In the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
To his partner and his wife....
- (7) But Fathers are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
And accolades of praise.

A) Answer the given questions briefly:

(4×1=4)

- i) What image does a father have to live upto?
- ii) What kind of heart do most dad's have?
- iii) Why do fathers often have no time for sentiments?
- iv) What do fathers expect from the children?

A-1

B) Write the option you consider the most appropriate one: (1×2=2)

1. 'We sometimes get the notion' (stanza 4). The 'notion' the poet refers to is that

- a) Fathers have to provide for and protect their families
- b) Fathers are often very sentimental
- c) Fathers often lack emotions
- d) Fathers are wonderful in a million ways

2. Fathers seek fortune and success so that they

- a) avoid being sentimental
- b) remain as busy as they can be
- c) prove that they are wonderful people
- d) make their families happy & proud of them

C) Pick out the words from the passage which mean the opposite of: (1×2=2)

- a) similar (stanza 7)
- b) attacker (stanza 3)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully:

(7)

1. A great majority of students live in their own houses. But there are many students who have to live in hostels because they come from distant areas to complete their education in a school, college or university.
2. Hostel life is a free life in certain respects. One can get up whenever one wants. One can go to bed late at night as one has not to be afraid of one's old grandpa or one's middle-aged parents who get up in the early hours of the morning to go out for a walk or to get ready for office.
3. The students who are serious and are not fond of gossiping or wandering with their friends, often find themselves isolated and detached in the hostel. The strict discipline of their life according to hostel rules makes them feel sad and depressed.
4. The students who have jolly friends or have a delinquent behaviour are mostly boisterous and also have a flamboyant mood. They enjoy life to their heart's content in hostels.
5. In the hostel life there is much for a student to learn that may help him on the way to success in life. One can learn how to be self-dependent. It is because one has to arrange so many things of daily use with one's own efforts. This makes a student self-confident and he also learns the manners how to talk and behave with others in society.
6. Hostel life is larger than family than family life. One can learn here how to live together with other friends of one's own in good as well as bad times. Thus one gets the lessons of mutual help and team-spirit.

7. Here the students of different categories—the intelligent and the dull, the poor and the rich and of different castes live together and thus they drive home the notable point that every man has the blood of the same red colour in his veins. Thereby these hostellers give a slap on the faces of those anti-social elements who want to disintegrate our nation and society in the name of caste, colour, language, region, or creed.
8. Hostel life teaches co-operation. Here the students dine together, sit together and enjoy themselves together in the common room. They also play indoor games like table tennis, badminton, carom, etc. together. They organise debates and also stage plays. They take part in various functions which they themselves manage. Hence they learn how to be responsible citizens of a great nation.

A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: (5)

- (a) Why do many students have to live in hostels?
- (b) Why is hostel life called free life?
- (c) How do the serious students feel?
- (d) What kind of mood do jolly students have?
- (e) What are the advantages of hostel life?

A-2

B) Pick a word from the passage which means 'cut off from others' (1)

(para 3)

C) Pick a word which means the opposite of (1)

dependent (para 5)

Section - B (Writing)

Q3. You are Taranjit Bhatia, the School Captain of D.A.V., New Delhi. Write a notice informing the students of your school about a theater workshop being organized in your school in the month of September by Indian Drama Academy. Invent other necessary details on your own.

Q4. Use the given clue and frame an interesting story. Do ensure to give a suitable title to your story. Let your story begin with: **(8)**

Rohan looked at his watch. It was exactly midnight. He heard the town clock ring. He thought

Q5. You are Aakash/Akshita from class VII of Daffodils Public School, Panipat. You have been selected to represent your school at the District Level Athletic Meet.

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting her to exempt you from regular school classes and to grant you permission to participate in the Athletic Meet. Make use of the given clues.

- Your past achievements
- Specify the number of days and dates for which you seek exemption
- Request for a permission

(8)

Section - C (Grammar)

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$)

| | Incorrect | Correct |
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| Rama was a naughty boy lived | eg. that | who |
| in the village of Tenali. Her mother | (a) | |
| did not know what to do at him | (b) | |
| since he refused to study or did any | (c) | |
| work. One day she take him to see | (d) | |
| a guru. She told an holy man | (e) | |
| that she were washing her hands | (f) | |
| off her son since he should | (g) | |
| make something about him | (h) | |

A-3

Q7. Do as directed:

(1×8=8)

1. human health/fitness/water/vital/is/and/for (re-arrange into a meaningful sentence)
2. Today is the _____ day of the year. (correct degree of the adjective 'cold')
3. ____ higher me go ____ cooler it is. (fill in with correct articles)
4. Samar _____ (play) outside when he _____ (hear) a loud noise. (correct form of verb)
5. Mohan is designing my dress. (passive voice)
6. A _____ of beautiful ladies was dancing. (fill in the blank with a collective noun)
7. His anger lead to a quarrel between the two. (write the synonym of the underlined word)
8. There was an awkward silence when he appeared. (write the antonym of the underlined word)

Q9. Use the given idiomatic expressions in sentences of your own to bring out their meanings: **(3)**

- a) to look forward to
- b) to take down
- c) to turn up

Section - D (Literature)

Q10. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

(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,
But I'll take a peek one day.*

- a) What does the narrator's brother tell him?
- b) Where is the ghost hidden?
- c) What will the ghost do if the narrator would enter the shed?
- d) Name the poem and the poet.

Q11. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

(4)

"Do you not know me, but I know you. I am that enemy of yours who swore revenge on you, because you put my brother to death and seized my property".

- a) Who was the enemy?
- b) Why did he swear revenge?
- c) Why did he ask for king's forgiveness?
- d) Name the chapter and the author.

Q12. Answer the following questions briefly.

(3×4=12)

- a) Why did Soapy start arguing with the cop?
- b) How did the hermit react when the king asked him three questions?
- c) What fate did the old farmer's neighbor meet in the end?
- d) How does Nushad feel about Mr. Nath?

A-4

Q13. 'Mr. Gessler, the shoemaker was a man of integrity and of complete dedication to his work'. Do you agree with the statement? Bring out your views about Mr. Gessler in about 80-100 words. **(4)**

Q14. Suppose you are Daimio. How did you feel when the old farmer welcomed you with all pomp and show. Express your feelings in your diary in about 100-120 words. **(6)**