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CLASS: VII

MARKS: 60

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Time: 2hrs.30 min

This paper consists of four sections.

Section A :Reading - 15 Marks

Section B: Writing - 15 Marks

Section C: Grammar - 10 Marks

Section D: Literature - 20 Marks

General Instructions:

1. Answer all questions.
2. All the answers must be numbered correctly.
3. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
4. Questions of each section must be answered together.

SECTION A: READING

- 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given: (10 Marks)**

An Autobiography of Jawaharlal Nehru

1. In May 1905, when I was fifteen, we set sail for England. Father, Mother and I all went together. On a May day towards the end of the month, we reached London. While I was in the train from Dover to London, I read about the great sea victory at Tushima. I was in high spirits because the very next day happened to be Derby Day and we went to see the race. I remember meeting M.A. Ansari soon after our arrival at London. He was then a smart and clever young man with a record of brilliant academic achievement behind him. He was a surgeon at that time in a hospital in London.
2. I was a little fortunate in finding a vacancy at Harrow, for I was slightly above the usual age for entry, being 15. My family returned to India after some months.

3. Never before had I been left among strangers all by myself and I felt lonely and homesick, but not for long. I managed to fit myself to some extent in the life at school and work and play kept me busy. I was never an exact fit. Always I had a feeling that I was not one of them, and the others must have felt the same way about me. I was left a little to myself. But on the whole I took my full share in the games, without in any way shining at them. I believe, it was recognized that I was no shirker.
4. To begin with, I was put in a lower grade because of my poor knowledge of Latin, but I was pushed higher up soon. In many subjects probably, and especially in general knowledge I was ahead of those of my age.

Now answer the following questions:

i) Fill in the blanks with appropriate answers.

(6 Marks)

- a) Nehru went from Dover to London by _____.
- b) Nehru was in high spirits on reaching London because _____.
- c) Nehru considered himself fortunate in finding a vacancy at Harrow because _____.
- d) After his admission to Harrow, his family _____.
- e) At Harrow he felt _____ and _____.
- f) Nehru spent his time in school at _____ and _____.

ii) Fill in the blanks with one word only.

4x1/2= (2 Marks)

In May 1905, Jawaharlal Nehru and his parents went from Dover to (a) _____. There they met (b) _____, a surgeon in a London hospital. Jawaharlal Nehru got his admission in Harrow. He felt lonely but work kept him (c) _____. He learnt Latin and was (d) _____ of his peers in General Knowledge.

iii) Find words from the paragraphs given in the brackets that mean the following: (2 Marks)

- a) One who does operations: (Para 1).
- b) A person whom you do not know (Para 3).

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given:

(5 Marks)

In 1962, the year I turned ten, my grandmother retired, upon the age of sixty. She had taught in Girls High School since 1936. When she had first joined the school she had only fifty pupils and the premises had consisted of two sheds with tin roofs. During the monsoons she had often to teach in ankle-deep water—once, she claimed, it had been so bad that a girl had actually managed to spear a fish with a compass during a

geometry lesson. But over the next two decades the school had grown into a large, successful institution and had acquired a big building near Deshpriya Park. For the last six years before she retired, my grandmother had been its Headmistress. She had been looking forward to her retirement although she had grown very attached to the school in the twenty seven years she had spent there. But she no longer had the stomach for staff room problems and battles with the Board, she would tell my parents; she was growing old, she had earned her rest. And besides, my father's career was going well, so she had no real worries left.

a) In the passage the writer tells us what

- i) he saw at school
- ii) he read in a book
- iii) he remembers about his grandmother
- iv) he was told by his father

b) The grandmother once had to stand in ankle-deep water because

- i) the city was flooded by monsoon rain
- ii) she enjoyed doing so
- iii) the girls found it interesting
- iv) the school had no proper classrooms

c) 'over the next two decades' means

- i) forty years
- ii) ten years
- iii) twenty years
- iv) two years

d) She was eager to retire because

- i) she was growing old
- ii) her son's career was good
- iii) she had no real worries
- iv) all the above

e) As Headmistress, the grandmother found----- unpleasant.

- i) the staffroom problems
- ii) the growing size of the school
- iii) the big building near the park
- iv) the indiscipline of the students

SECTION B: WRITING

3) You lost your wrist watch in the school auditorium. Write a notice for your school notice board giving a detailed description of the watch. You are Anirudh/Arundathi of St. John's Public School, Hyderabad. (4 Marks)

4) Write a paragraph of about 10-12 lines on the topic given below using the hints: (5 Marks)

Importance of trees in protecting our environment

Hints: Great friend-check soil erosion-cause rain, control temperature and pollution-increase fertility of soil-provide us many useful things like food and shelter to people, animals, birds—giving oxygen-taking carbon dioxide-maintaining ecological balance—(any other point you can think of)

5) Write a letter to the Principal of your school asking him/her to grant you leave for four days as you have to attend your Uncle's marriage. (6 Marks)

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

6) Complete the following passage by choosing the appropriate words from the options given for each blank.

4x1/2=(2Marks)

I saw him walking (a) _____ (along , across, in, out of) the street and then running (b) _____ (across, along, on ,at)the lawn. After crossing the lawn, he took off his clothes and jumped (c) _____ (into, in of, at) the swimming pool.(d) _____ (in, at , about, before) 6 a.m. he came out of the pool and went into the dressing room to change his clothes.

7) Add '-ly' to the underlined word in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences using the new words. An example is given.

Eg:She drew the picture in a creative manner.

Ans: She drew the picture creatively.

(4Marks)

- a. It is obvious that the work has not been done in a proper way.
- b. The job can be completed within a week in an easy way.
- c. You did not play in a serious manner, or else you would have won the match.
- d. She recited the poem in a cheerful manner.

8) Look at the following words and phrases. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet . (4 Marks)

- a.) in the world / the Himalayas / mountains / the highest / are
- b.) were injured/ the accident/ in/ passengers/ several
- c.) helps / those / help themselves / God / who
- d.) his courage / everybody / him / for / praised

SECTION D: LITERATURE

9 Read the lines from the poem and choose the correct option for each question:

(4 Marks)

"Fall?" scoffed Dad.
A climber like me?
Child's play, this is?
You wait and see?"
He got out the ladder
From the garden shed
It slipped. He landed
In the flower bed.

1. The father was dead sure of his

- a) managerial skills b) climbing skills c) artistic skills d) artful skills

2 .Father brought _____ from the shed.

- a) a rope b) food c) a ladder d) all the above

3 .Dad's climbing trial was

- a) a mockery b) cancelled c) dangerous d) a failure

4. The plan followed by Dad in the above lines is

- a) Plan A b) Plan B c) Plan C d) None of the above

10. Read the lines from the text and answer the questions that follow:

(4Marks)

I said to him what an experienced friend of mine told me: "If anything goes wrong with your gear- case, sell the machine and buy a new one, it comes cheaper."

"People talk like that who understand nothing about machines. Nothing is easier than taking off the gear- case."

- a) Who is the first speaker?
- b) Who is the speaker of the second statement?
- c) Did the second speaker listen to the advice given? What did he do?
- d) What happened to the screws?

11. Answer any four of the following questions:

(4x2=8 Marks)

- 1. Name some stick- and- ball games that you have witnessed or heard of?
- 2. What happens to the volunteer who swallows four drops of the new invention? What is the name of the invention?
- 3. Why does Maya think that Mr. Nath is a crook? Who does she say the Sunday visitor is?
- 4. Why did Chandini refuse to join the group of wild goats?
- 5. Where was the tiger cub hiding when the grandfather found him?

12. Answer in a short paragraph of 10-12 lines.

(4 Marks)

- 1. What are the three main ways of putting out a fire? Why should you not pour water on an electrical or oil fire?

OR

What happened one Sunday when the lady was going to her sister's house? What did the lady do? What was the bear's reaction? Why did the cook get angry with the Mistress?