

Date

Class: VI

ENGLISH – SET E

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M : 70

Instructions:

1. This paper consists of **THREE** sections :

Section A Reading

20 marks

Section B Writing & Grammar

25 marks

Section C Literature

25 marks

2. Attempt all questions.

3. Do not write anything on the question paper.

4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the Answer sheet provided to you.

5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

**SECTION A: READING**

1 Read the following passage and answer the following questions:

Many scientists believe that music soothes the plant. It also helps it to grow. This is now a scientific fact. Lee Harsten, a sound engineer from New York, carried out some exciting experiments. Here is one of them.

Harsten's theory was that plants definitely react to music. In his experiment, he used two banana plants. He gave both plants the same light, heat and water. But for about an hour a day one of the plants „listened“ to some music. This music was in fact a high – pitched humming sound. He found that this plant grew faster. It also grew 70 percent faster than the other plant. Harsten explained this in a very scientific way. He said the hum (or similar music) stimulated the plant's breathing cells and made them stay open for longer periods. Because of this the plant took in more nutrients from the air than it normally would, and thus it grew faster. He also said that if the sound was played continuously, the breathing cells would not be able to close. Therefore the plant would grow so fast that it would kill itself.

Lynn and Joe Rapp, the authors of a book called „Indoor Plants“ say that plants respond to all sound, whether it is music or voices. These sound waves make vibrations which stimulate growth. They say plants have definite likes and dislikes in music. They certainly like classical music and they dislike bad, harsh, rock music.

**Answer the following questions taking help from the passage above:**

a) What is the scientific fact mentioned in the passage?

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b) Why do the banana plants grow faster?

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c) Who wrote the book “Indoor Plants” and what did they find out?

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d) Whose theory concluded that plants definitely react to music?

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e) Complete the following with the help of the passage above:

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Harsten explained that if the sound is \_\_\_\_\_ continuously, the \_\_\_\_\_ cells would not be able to close. Therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ would grow so fast that it would \_\_\_\_\_ itself.

f) Choose and write the correct expression of the word “harsh” from the passage above: 1

harsh

disagreeable i

unpleasant ii

cruel iii

g) Given below are phrases that points to a specific word in the passage. Guess the words. 2

i) \_\_\_\_\_: act in response to something. ( 5 letter word)

ii) \_\_\_\_\_: an instance of trembling. (9 letter word)

2. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

I took a stroll down Cypress Street  
The hot sidewalk beneath my feet.  
The one thing that stood out the most  
Where trees once stood there were lamppost.

I’d never seen so much concrete  
No Cypress left on Cypress Street.  
According to my Great Aunt Gem  
There used to be a lot of them.

They cut them down. They took their wood  
A treeless street is plum no good!  
Just like a treeless neighborhood  
So tell the Mayor next time they meet...  
To change the name to Lamppost Street!

Answer the following questions:

- a) Where does the poet move out for a walk? 1
- b) What has replaced the trees in the street? 1
- c) Who are referred to as „They“ in the above lines? 1
- d) Why the poet asks the readers to tell the mayor to change the name of the street to the Lamppost Street? 1
- e) Mentioned the adjectives used for the words given below from the poem above. 2
- i) \_\_\_\_\_sidewalk. ii) \_\_\_\_\_street.
- f) Write two pairs of rhyming words from the poem above. 2

### SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

3. You were the emcee of a popular programme for children which was telecast yesterday. Write a diary entry of the day when you came to know that children liked your programme and you have now become a public figure. 7

(Word Limit :120-150)

Value points:

- Day and date of the programme
- Your experience and feelings
- Your plan to enjoy your success



OR

You and your friends found a little puppy with a collar outside the school gate. You would like to find the owner of the puppy. Write a notice to be put up in some public places like the milk booth and community centre.

(Word Limit: 50 words)

Value points:

- Where and when the puppy was found
- A brief description of the puppy
- Where the owner can come to claim it



4. Junk food is an unhealthy option as compared to a healthy diet. With this thought in mind and using the help of the visuals, write an article in about **120-150 words** on the topic “A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body.” 8



OR

You are Arushi/ Ankit. Your grandmother presented you with a bicycle on your birthday. Write a letter thanking her for the gift. (Word Limit 120-150)

Value points:

- Why you are writing the letter.
- How the gift is useful to you.
- What you will do to maintain it.



5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect and the correct word in the blanks provided below. The first one has been done as an example. 3

Reena was study in the room  
when her mother came. She see that

INCORRECT

study

a) \_\_\_\_\_

CORRECT

studying

\_\_\_\_\_

Reena had fell asleep on her table and the glass of milk was spill on the floor. She quickly wake her up and tell her to take a break. Reena felt happy and ask permission to visit her friend who stayed next door.

- b) \_\_\_\_\_  
c) \_\_\_\_\_  
d) \_\_\_\_\_  
e) \_\_\_\_\_  
f) \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Do as directed:**

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- a) What are you serving for \_\_\_\_\_ after dinner? (desert/dessert) (**Choose the correct noun**)  
b) The committee \_\_\_\_\_ (comprises/apprises) a dozen members. (**Choose the correct verb**)  
c) He is the \_\_\_\_\_ boy in the class. (**Fill in the blank with the correct form of adjective**)  
d) My best friend is \_\_\_\_\_ Ukranian girl. ( **Insert „a“ or „an“**)  
e) It was a dreadful day. (**Change into imperative sentence**)

7. **Rearrange the following to frame meaningful sentences:**

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- a) courage/fight/he/shown/had/the/in/great  
b) need/friend/in/indeed/a/friend/is/a

**SECTION C: LITERATURE**

8. **Reference to the context:**

“ Will you walk into my parlour? 'Tis the prettiest parlour that ever you did spy.”

- a) Who is the speaker in the above lines and whom is he requesting to visit the parlour?  
b) What is the motive of the speaker when he said the above lines?

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9. **Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words:**

2x4=8

- a) Describe the world before Pandora opened the box?  
b) Mention two ways in which the spider tries to lure the fly?  
c) How is the blind day educative to both the „blind“ and the „helpers“?  
d) What is a „sunny disposition“? How would it help make friends?

10. **Friendship is a precious gift from God to mankind. Why do you think we need to value it and what are the duties of friendship as mentioned by the poet in the poem “Be a Friend”?**

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11. **Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words.**

- a) Describe Pap’s appearance? How did Huck react to Pap’s appearance?  
b) Write a short pen-portrait on Huckleberry Finn from the novel “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.”

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## ANSWER KEY

### Subject: ENGLISH (SET B)

#### Instructions:

- Q1. a) Many scientists believe that music soothes the plant. It also helps it to grow. This is now a scientific fact  
b. He said the hum (or similar music) stimulated the plant's breathing cells and made them stay open for longer periods. Because of this the plant took in more nutrients from the air than it normally would, and thus it grew faster  
c) Lynn and Joe Rapp, the authors of a book called 'Indoor Plants' say that plants respond to all sound, whether it is music or voices. These sound waves make vibrations which stimulate growth.  
d) Harsten's theory was that plants definitely react to music  
e) played, breathing, plant, kill  
f) ii  
g) i) react                      ii) vibrating
- Q2. a) Cypress street  
b) Lampposts.  
c) woodcutter.  
d) As the trees were replaced by lampposts  
e) i) hot sidewalk              ii) treeless street  
f) street, feet/ post, lamppost/ gem, them/ wood, good/ meet, street (*any two pairs*)
- Q3. Content – 3  
Expression – 2  
Fluency - 2
- Q4. Content – 4  
Expression – 2  
Fluency - 2
- Q5. a) see – saw  
b) fell – fallen  
c) spill – spilled  
d) wake – woke  
e) tell – told  
f) ask - asked
- Q6. a) dessert  
b) comprises  
c) smartest/ tallest/ most intelligent.....  
d) a  
e) What a dreadful day it was!/ Oh! What a dreadful day.

Q 8 a) He had shown greater courage in the fight

b) A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Q8. a) Spider. He requested the Fly.

b) The Spider wanted to trap the Fly and eat her.

Q9. a) The world was beautiful. Children did not need people to look after them all the time because there was no danger. Food grew on trees, there was no hard work to be done, no lessons to be studied; there were only lots of happy games and dances. The most wonderful thing was that they never fought amongst themselves.

b) i) requested her to go up the winding stairs to his parlour to show the curious things he had.

ii) requested her to take rest in the beautiful bed where the sheets are fine and thin.

iii) to visit his pantry which is stored with delicious food.

iv) admired her brilliant eyes, gauzy wings, her wisdom and requested her to look at beautiful self in the looking glass in the parlour shelf.

c) helpful to the blind – it helps the young minds to appreciate and understand misfortune.

Helpful to the helpers – they learn to assist and help the needy, be compassionate and helpful.

d) pleasant behavior ready to give a helping hand. Will help make friends

Q10. 

- Lend a helping hand whenever required
- Keep cheering others who have failed in life
- Ignore simple errors and make honest efforts to solve others' problems
- Spend time together to share joys and sufferings

Q11 a) One night, when he went up to his room, he saw Pap, his father. He was almost fifty. His hair was long and tangled and greasy, completely black without any shades of grey and so were his long, mixed up whiskers. His face was dull and white which made him look dull and sick. As for his clothes, they were all rags. He had one ankle resting on the other knee; the boot on that foot was busted, and two of his shoes stuck through. His hat was lying on the floor; an old black slouch with the cap caved in, like a lid. Huck stood looking at him. He was scared at first as he reminded him of the spankings he got from his father, but after looking at his plight he did not appear to be scared anymore and was ready to face him.

b) From the beginning of the novel, Mark Twain makes it clear that Huck is a boy who comes from the lowest levels of white society. His father is a drunk and a ruffian who disappears for months on end. Huck himself is dirty and frequently homeless.

Although Jim is a slave he makes every attempt to help him and cared for him which shows his sympathetic and compassionate nature.

He loves to be independent and enjoyed leading a carefree life. This is the reason why he hated being controlled by the widow and Miss Watson, who made every attempt to reform him and make him lead a civilized life.

His friendship with Tom Sawyer and Jim helps him to come out of difficult situations and gives him the strength to overcome all challenges.