

CLASS VII
SUBJECT ENGLISH

TIME ALLOWED– 2&1/2 Hours

MAX. MARKS:60

SECTION A	Reading comprehension	15 MARKS
SECTION B	Writing Skills & Grammar	25 MARKS
SECTION C	Literature	20 MARKS

General instructions:

- (i) All the questions are compulsory. Attempt all the sections.
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iii) All the questions of a particular section should be attempted in the correct order.
- (iv) This paper contains 1-10 questions.

SECTION A: READING -15 Marks

Q1. Read the following extract. (1x7=7 marks)

Rainbows are often seen when the sun comes out after or during a rainstorm. Rainbows are caused when sunlight shines through drops of water in the sky at specific angles. When white sunlight enters a raindrop, it exits the raindrop a different colour. When light exits lots of different raindrops at different angles, it produces the red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet that you see in a rainbow. Together, these colours are known as the spectrum. These colours can sometimes be seen in waterfalls and fountains as well.

Did you know that there are double rainbows? In a double rainbow, light reflects twice inside water droplets and forms two arcs. In most double rainbows, the colours of the top arc are opposite from those in the bottom arc. In other words, the order of colours starts with purple on top and ends with the red on bottom. In addition, rainbows sometimes appear as white arcs at night. These rainbows are called Moonbows and are so rare that very few people will ever see one. Moonbows are caused by moonlight (rather than sunlight) shining through drops of water.

On the basis of the passage answer the following question;

- i. Rainbows are often seen_____.

 - A. After the sun sets at night
 - B. Before a rainstorm
 - C. when it snows
 - D. after a rainstorm

- ii. What colour is NOT in a rainbow?

 - A. orange
 - B. indigo
 - C. pink
 - D. yellow

- iii. What would be a good title for this passage?
 A. The basics about rainbows
 B. Moonbows!
 C. The history of rainbows
 D. None of the above
- iv. Write the word of same meaning as the word 'particular'
 A. Different
 B. Specific
 C. Sometimes
 D. All the above
- v. What colour is a moonbow?
 A. The passage doesn't say
 B. yellow
 C. Green
 D. white
- vi. The word from the passage that means "little water drops" is _____
 A. Droplets
 B. rainstorm
 C. Rainbow
 D. Indigo
- vii. The word opposite of "common" from the passage is _____

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given: (8marks)

Versailles is the site of the Palace of Versailles, one of the most storied buildings in the history of France. It was originally built as a hunting chateau by King Louis XIII in 1624. In 1669, King Louis XIV began searching for a grand site where he could conduct the affairs of France and control the government. He settled on the hunting palace and expanded it into the world's largest palace. In addition, the King hoped to build a governmental center apart from Paris.

The palace took 36,000 workers and fifty years to build. The palace is spread out over 280 acres and can house 20,000 people. The palace features over 700 rooms and 67 staircases. There are dozens of unique rooms, features, gardens, and halls. One of the most renowned rooms of the Palace of Versailles is the Hall of Mirrors. Recently restored, the Hall of Mirrors is the centerpiece of the dazzling building. Originally added to the palace in 1684, the Hall of Mirrors was built to be a dazzling display of the power and wealth of the French Monarchy. The hall, which measures 73 meters in length, features 357 gold-coated stucco mirrors, ornate paintings, crystal chandeliers, marble fixtures, a parquet floor, and ceilings with colorful murals painted by artist Charles Le Brun. The Hall of Mirrors has also played a prominent role in history. Both the Proclamation of the German Empire in 1871 after the Franco-Prussian War, and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles that formally ended World War One were signed there.

On the basis of the passage, answer the following questions.

- i. When was the palace of Versailles originally built? 1
- ii. The palace took _____ workers and fifty years to build. 1
- iii. The palace of Versailles can hold _____ people. 1
- iv. What is Versailles famous for? 2
- v. Write two historic events related with Versailles. 2
- vi. Find the word from the passage which means same as 'decorative' 1

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) 25 MARKS

Q.3 Write a letter to your friend to invite him/her to attend “Kala Mahautsav” being held in your city. Write details like date, time and venue. (7 marks)

OR

Write an application to the principal of your school requesting him/her to issue you a school leaving certificate (T.C) as your father has been transferred to Bangalore.

Q.4 . Write a paragraph on **ANY ONE** of the following topics.(100-150 words)
(8 marks)

1. Trees are our best friends
2. Games and Sports
3. Wondres of Science

Q5. Add ‘-ly’ to the underlined word in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences using the new words. An example is given below: (1x3=3 marks)

Eg: She drew the picture in a creative manner.

Ans: She drew the picture creatively.

- i. She recited the poem in a cheerful manner.
- ii. He made the statement in a firm manner.
- iii. She danced in a graceful manner.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb in bracket. (1x3=3marks)

- i. He _____ his lessons regularly (learn)
- ii. There _____ many gifts for me (be)
- iii. Mohini _____ a story now.(read)

Q.7 Use the Prepositions given in the box to fill in the blanks. (1x4=4 marks)

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- i. Shyam lives _____ 107, Gyan nagar, Bangalore.
- ii. The cat chased the mouse _____ the lawn.
- iii. The train passed _____ a long tunnel.
- iv. Send us your reply _____ Monday, the latest.

SECTION C (LITERATURE)(20 Marks)

Q8 . Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow: (4x1=4 marks)

“Meadows have surprises,
You can find them if you look;
Walk softly through the velvet grass,
And listen by the brook.

You may see a butterfly

Rest upon a buttercup
And unfold its drinking straws
To sip the nectar up.”

- i. Name the poem and poet of the above lines.
- ii. What do you mean by the word brook?
- iii. What adjective has been used for grass?
- iv. What do meadows have?

OR

I saw a snake and ran away...
Some snakes are dangerous, they say;
But mother says that kind is good,
And eats up insects for his food.
So when he wiggles in the grass
I'll stand aside and watch him pass,
And tell myself, "There's no mistake,
It's just a harmless garden snake!"

- (a) Write the name of the poem and the poet
- (b) What does the snake eat for his food?
- (c) Find the word that refers to the snake's movements in the grass.
- (d) Write two pairs of rhyming words from the above stanza?

Q9. Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (6x2=12 marks)

- a. Why does Maya think Mr.Nath is a crook? Who does she say the Sunday visitor is?
- b. Describe plan A and its consequences(Dad and the cat and the tree)
- c. What are some common uses of fire?(Mention at least three uses).
- d. What special treatment did the chain receive?
- e. How is cricket different from other team games?
- f. Where was Timothy most comfortable during the day? Where was he during the night?
- g. What did the bear eat? There were two things he was not allowed to do. What were they?
- h. Describe the stranger who came to the pet shop. What did he want?
- i. What is a flash point of a fuel?

Q10. Freedom is life. Discuss this with reference to "Chandni". Write your answer in 50-60 words. (4 marks)

OR

What are some of the things you should do to prevent a fire at home and in the school. Write your answer in 50-60 words.