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English

Class: VII

Time: 3 hrs

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*General Instructions:*

1. *This paper consists of THREE sections :*

<i>Section A</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section B</i>	<i>Writing &amp; Grammar</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
<i>Section C</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
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. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

### SECTION A – READING

1. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :**

#### **ATITHI DEVO BHAVAH**

New Delhi: Atithi Devo Bhavah. To make visitors to the city feel welcome during the Commonwealth Games, India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is set to train taxi and auto drivers, CISF personnel posted at monuments, dhaba owners, hotel staff etc. Participants will be taught English as well as courtesy and ways to communicate with tourists. At present, there is a shortage of trained guides in the city and with Commonwealth Games drawing close; the issue has to be addressed promptly.

With hundreds of historical sites to visit and each monument boasting its own unique history, foreign nationals are often left to fend for themselves and depend on tourist books and brochures for information. Language is another problem. Quite a contrast to facilities offered in tourist sites in western countries, where trained guides-proficient in several languages-are easily available to aid visitors apart from group-guided trips at regular intervals. Although the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) plans to introduce audio guide services in five languages at some world heritage sites, our experts point that not a single monument or tourist place in the city has an interpretation centre where tourists can come and get all information pertaining to a particular site. ASI is also in the process of bringing out more brochures and guides for foreign visitors in the city. Experts say such facilities are crucial if the government wants to promote Delhi as a 'heritage city'. Various agencies like INTACH are also involved in the plans.

Under ITDC's plans, etiquette training for the Games will also be provided to residents who offer rooms to foreigners under Delhi government's bed and breakfast scheme.

"House-owners will be given hospitality related training and a brief of Indian tourism scenario. Most visitors generally question their hosts on information about the city so they will be provided information on the golden triangle- Delhi, Agra and Jaipur as

well as where tourists should go visiting in Delhi," said an official.

- (a) What are the initiatives to be taken up by the India Tourism Development Corporation to make the visitors feel welcome during the Commonwealth Games? 2
- (b) How have the western countries managed to offer aid and better facilities to their tourists? 2
- (c) What steps have been taken by ASI to promote Delhi as a heritage site? 2
- (d) What are the plans of ITDC for training residents who offer rooms to foreigners? 2
- (e) Apart from the guides and the guided tours, Archeological Survey of India has expressed the need for establishing \_\_\_\_\_ at historical sites to help tourists. 1
- (f) Give the synonym of the word „leaflets“ from the passage. 1
- (g) Give the antonym of the word „negligently“ from the passage. 1
- (h) Give the noun form of „promote“. 1

2. **Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**The Lotus And The Black Mud**

The lotus in its beauty and brilliance smiles  
And dares the sun  
To whom it compares its shape and shine.  
“Thou hast not my tenderness,  
Thou hast not my fragrance,” it says.  
The sun just glares  
And utters not a word.  
Either of censure or of praise !  
The poor black mud  
Nourishing the roots  
With soft cool protective touch  
Keeps silent too.  
It is beyond compare  
To either the lotus or the sun  
Nor recognition does it crave !  
Let the world rave and revile  
At the vile stench of mud;  
The mud knows the Dark Reality  
It just wants to Be !  
It just wants to Be !

- (a) **The lotus surpasses the sun in \_\_\_\_\_** 1  
(i) beauty (ii)brilliance (iii)glory (iv)both (i)and(ii)
- (b) **The mud is significant because it stands for \_\_\_\_\_** 1  
(i) reality (ii) harshness (iii) ugliness (iv) contrast
- (c) **“Thou hast not my tenderness”. Who says these words?** 1
- (d) **„Nor recognition does it crave !“ means the mud is: \_\_\_\_\_** 1
- (e) **What does the mud do \_\_\_\_\_?** 2
- (f) **Give the synonym of the following words from the passage-** 2  
(i) frown  
(ii) condemn

## SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

3. The children of today rarely see eye to eye with their parents or elders. Arguments frequently rise over clothes, eating habits and a choice of friends. Write an article for your school magazine highlighting the „Generation Gap“. (120-150 words) 7

**Value points:** change in relationships between parents and children, everything turned materialistic(money-oriented), children have become hi-tech, preferences changed, peer group and social networking sites make them more demanding, parents rigid, differences in opinion

**Or**

You have recently attended a Dance Cultural Festival organized by an orphanage home. Write a page in your diary expressing your happiness and admiration for the performances made by the little orphan girls. ( 120-150 words)

4. Write a short story with the help of the given picture, in about 150-200 words 8



**Or**

You go to your school in an auto- rickshaw daily. There is hardly any room/space in the auto-rickshaw as more than eight students are made to huddle up. Travelling like this is not only difficult but also dangerous. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police (Traffic) to take strict steps to stop this practice. You are Ashwin / Ashna. (Word limit- 150)

**Value points-** describe the situation, difficulty in commuting, dangerous over-loading of auto-rickshaw

5. **Change the following into passive voice-** 3

- a) She poured milk into the pot.
- b) Shiya was drinking water.
- c) The boy ate jellies.

6. **There is an error in each line in the passage given below. Write the incorrect and the correct word in the blanks provided:** 5

There was once the man called Hassam. He was one of the most greatest lords at a court of a Persian King. Hassam had the great wish to find any way of making himself invisible. To his best luck, he met a magician who convenient agreed to sell him the magic wand for little gold. The wand could make Hassam invisible for enough duration of time.

Incorrect	Correct
a) _____	_____
b) _____	_____
c) _____	_____
d) _____	_____
e) _____	_____
f) _____	_____
g) _____	_____
h) _____	_____
i) _____	_____
j) _____	_____

7. **Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases from the box:** 2

in, hair, was, were, into, towards, hairs, down

- (a) I don't like your attitude \_\_\_\_\_ studies  
(b) Go \_\_\_\_\_ the slope slowly.  
(c) Your \_\_\_\_\_ are looking beautiful!  
(d) Me and my friends \_\_\_\_\_ playing in the ground.

### **SECTION C - LITERATURE**

8. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

*"The nicer the man seems to be, the more suspicious you must become..."*

- a) Who said the above line and who believed in it? 1  
b) What is the idea behind this statement? Why did the speaker say the above line? 2

9. **Answer the following questions briefly in about 30-40 words.**

- a. Do you think the swallow made a wise decision in not leaving the prince? Give reasons. 2x4=8  
b. Why did the mother finally give up to the pleadings of the old man?  
c. What does the poem „Two's Company“ show about human fears and superstitions?  
d. The nurse Alice's act of disclosing the truth about Lady Clare's birth gave a dramatic twist to their love story? Do you think the nurse's act was justified?

10. You happen to be one of the swallow's friends, who had gone to Egypt and you get to hear about the swallow's death after helping the prince. Write a paragraph expressing your sorrow over your friend's death and also express your deep sense of pride and appreciation for his kind deeds. **(80 words)** 4

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

- a) Write a brief character-sketch of Billy Bones. 5  
b) Give an account of Jim's first meeting with Long John Silver. 5

## Answer Key

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### SET A

1.
  - a) training of drivers, CISF personals, dhaba owners and hotel staff.
  - b) by training guides in several languages and group-guided trips at regular intervals.
  - c) bringing out more brochures and involving other agencies such as INTACH in planning and visitor management, interpretation centres.
  - d) (i) etiquette training, hospitality treatment, information on the golden triangle- Delhi, Agra and Jaipur as well as where tourists should go visiting in Delhi
  - e) audio guide services in five languages
  - f) brochures
  - (g) promptly
  - h) promotion
2.
  - a) (iv) both (i) and (ii)
  - b) (i) reality
  - c) Lotus
  - d) it is humble
  - e) Nourishes the roots of the lotus with its soft cool protective touch
  - f) (i) glare (ii) censure
3. Content-3, Accuracy-2, Expression-2
4. Content/Relevance-3, Accuracy -3, Expression-2
5. a) Milk was poured by her into the pot.  
b) Water was being drunk by Shiya.  
c) Jellies were eaten by the boy.
6. a) the - a  
b) greatest - great  
c) a - the  
d) the - a  
e) any - a  
f) best - good  
g) convenient - conveniently  
h) the - a  
i) little - some  
j) enough - short
7. a) towards  
b) down  
c) hair  
d) were
8. a) The daughter, the mother believed in it.  
b) The idea is that people are manipulative and use diplomatic cunning words to present themselves. therefore, the more sweet the person seems to be the more cautious you should be.

- b) The mother finally accepted the old man's request as he strategically offered his umbrella worth 20 pounds in return of one pound which she could not deny.
- c)...It shows human beings are caught up in superstitions and fears and find it difficult to challenge them and move out of these fears.
- d) Ans may vary
10. did a great deed friend – worked for humanity – helped the prince – feel very bad – your death will not go waste – lived a meaningful life

11 a) **Billy Bones**

Billy Bones is the hard-drinking, sea-chanty-singing pirate who first appears at the Admiral Benbow Inn seeking a quiet, out-of-the-way place to live.

Like the other pirates, Billy is an alcoholic. He loves rum so much that, even after he has a stroke and Doctor Livesey warns him that he'll die if he keeps drinking, he can't stop. Billy Bones is also incredibly suspicious: he pays Jim Hawkins a small fee so Jim will keep an eye out for a one-legged man. He keeps a locked sea chest, and when he finally meets one of his old comrades – Black Dog – they immediately set to sword fighting.

Billy Bones is a carefree person and also the first character to sing, "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest, yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!" He tells fearsome, exciting stories that both terrify and excite Jim

Billy Bones proves the danger of a pirate's life, since he lives in fear of his own crewmates. But he also demonstrates the glamour and excitement of such a life, with his tall tales, strange way of speaking, and incredible charisma. Billy Bones serves as an introduction for the tale to come, and his sudden death provides Jim with the map he needs to set out on his own adventure.

b) After Jim has breakfast, Squire Trelawney gives him a job: he is to deliver a note to Long John Silver at the Spy-glass inn. Jim finds the inn easily. He feels shy about going inside, though: it's noisy and filled with sailors.

Soon Jim sees a man coming out of the side room: a friendly-looking fellow with one leg cut off close to the hip, moving around skillfully on a crutch. Jim had been afraid that Long John Silver might be the one-legged man his captain was so afraid of back at the Admiral Benbow Inn. But once Jim sees this nice, open-looking fellow, he's sure the man can't be a pirate. He goes up to the one-legged man and asks if he is "Mr. Silver."

It is, indeed, Long John Silver. When Long John Silver sees Squire Trelawney's seal on Jim's note, he realizes he must be the Squire's new cabin boy. Long John Silver shakes Jim's hand.

Just then a customer hurries out the side door. It's Black Dog and John Silver sends a couple of guys after Black Dog to track him down and asks what Black Dog had been talking about.

Long John Silver claims that he has seen this Black Dog before – with a blind man. Jim chimes in that this is Pew.

Long John Silver agrees that Pew is his name. He promises to run down Black Dog and keel-haul him himself. Long John Silver decides to go tell Squire Trelawney all of this business himself.

Hearing the story of the appearance of Black Dog, Doctor Livesey and Squire Trelawney both agree that there is nothing else Long John Silver could have done. After Long John Silver leaves, Doctor Livesey agrees that he seems like an honest man.