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ENGLISH

Class: VI

Time: 3 hrs

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General Instructions:

1. This paper consists of THREE sections :

Section A	Reading	20 marks
Section B	Writing/Grammar	25 marks
Section C	Literature/Long Reading Text	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 by choosing the correct option: 5**

Perhaps the most important and useful invention of Thomas Alva Edison was the electric bulb. He worked for nearly two years to invent the first electric bulb. He spent about 40,000 dollars to find out the best material for making the filament. He tried many kinds of material for the filament. At last, in 1879, he was able to produce the first electric bulb. Three years after, many homes in „New York“ had electric lights.

Edison worked hard till the very end of his life to make the world a happier place to live in. He improved telegraphy, Bell's telephone, and the Remington typewriter. He invented the electric fan and, in 1913, he also produced the first „talkie“ or talking picture. And before his death in 1931, this wonderful inventor had produced or improved about a thousand things. When he died, the electric lights were turned off for a while in many American homes as a mark of respect for the man who had given them those lights.

- a) **How much time did Thomas Alva Edison take to invent the first electric bulb?**
i) Five years ii) Four years iii) Three years iv) Two years
- b) **He produced the first electric bulb in the year**
i) 1869 ii) 1879 iii) 1889 iv) 1899
- c) **Which country did Edison belong to?**
i) France ii) America iii) Japan iv) Germany
- d) **Which of the following sentences is not correct about Edison?**
i) He invented the electric fan ii) He produced the first talking picture
iii) He produced the hearing aid for the deaf iv) He improved telegraphy
- e) **The phrase „turned off“ means**
i) Taken to ii) fell off iii) switched off iv) set off

- 2. Read the following extract of the story and answer the following by choosing the correct option: 5**

It was Monday morning. Swaminathan was reluctant to open his eyes. He considered Monday specially unpleasant in the calendar. After the delicious freedom of Saturday and Sunday, it was difficult to get into the Monday mood of work and discipline. He shuddered at the very thought of school: that dismal yellow building; the fire-eyed Vedanayagam, his class teacher, and the Head Master with his thin long cane....

By eight he was at his desk in his „room“, which was only a corner in his father's dressing

room. He had a table on which all his things, his coat, cap, slate, ink-bottle, and books, were thrown in a confused heap. He sat on his stool and shut his eyes to recollect what work he had for the day; first of course there was Arithmetic – those five puzzles in Profit and Loss; then there was English – he had to copy down a page from his Eighth Lesson, and write dictionary meanings of difficult words; and then there was Geography.

And only two hours before him to do all this heap of work and get ready for the school! Fire-eyed Vedanayagam was presiding over the class with his back to the long window. Through its bars one saw a bit of the drill ground and a corner of the veranda of the Infant Standards. There were huge windows on the left showing vast open grounds bound at the other extreme by the railway embankment.

Source: Swami and Friends by R K Narayan

- a) **Monday was the most unpleasant day for Swaminathan because**
 - i) There was no game period on this day
 - ii) There was no computer class on this day
 - iii) It marked the beginning of work and discipline
 - iv) There was no class of his favourite teacher on this day
- b) **Vedanayagam was Swaminathan's**
 - i) Class teacher ii) art teacher iii) math teacher iv) P.T. Teacher
- c) **The above passage makes it clear that Swaminathan**
 - i) Was very interested in going to school
 - ii) Was very regular in doing homework
 - iii) Did not want to go to school
 - iv) Loved his class teacher
- d) **Swaminathan could not see through his classroom window because**
 - i) It was closed
 - ii) His class teacher was standing with his back to it
 - iii) A thick curtain was hanging over it
 - iv) A fat boy was sitting near it
- e) **The word „dismal“ means**
 - i) Happy b) active c) sad d) slow

3 Read the following passage and answer the following questions:

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Rabindranath Tagore was a poet, writer, musician and philosopher. He was born in 1861 in Kolkata to Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi. Young Tagore was popularly called „Rabi“. Music was an important part of the Tagore family. Rabi too liked poetry and music. He wrote his first poem „Banphool“ when he was just 15. It was later published in a magazine.

Rabindranath had a keen interest in the folk music of Bengal. He used it in many of his songs. Our National Anthem, „Jana-Gana-Mana“ was composed by him.

Tagore wrote nearly 50 books and more than 3000 poems. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913 for his book „Gitanjali“.

Rabindranath believed that education was the only means through which India could progress. He founded a school at Shantiniketan in 1901. It is now known as the Vishwa Bharati University. Tagore devoted a great deal of his time to this school. He lived there till he passed away in 1941.

Rabindra Sangeet, the music of Tagore, is very popular today. It is sung and enjoyed by people all over the world.

- a) Who was Rabindranath Tagore? What did he like?
- b) Which was his first poem? When did he write it?
- c) Which award was given to him in 1913 and for what?
- d) What was Rabindranath Tagore's opinion about education?

e) When was Shantiniketan founded? What is it known as today?

4. **Read the following poem and answer the questions:**

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The polar bear never makes his bed;
He sleeps in a cake of ice instead.
He has no blanket, no quilt, no sheet.
He drifts about on a white ice floe
While cold winds howl and blizzards blow
And the temperature drops to forty below.

The polar bear never makes his bed;
The blanket he pulls up over his head
Is lined with soft and feathery snow.
If ever he rose and turned on the light,
He would find a world of bathtub white,
And icebergs floating through the night.

- a) Where does the polar bear sleep?
- b) What does the polar bear never do?
- c) Write two pairs of rhyming words from the poem:
- d) Write the antonyms of the words from the poem:

i) hard -

ii) sinking -

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR

5. Taking ideas from the following hints together with your own ideas write a debate against the topic **“Games and sports in Student Life”** in about 100-120 words.

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[students forget their limits and spends more time in play – without proper training and evaluation all cannot become Sachin , Saina or Abhinav – neglect of studies impacts one’s life.]

OR

Taking ideas from the following hints together with your own ideas write a debate in favour of the topic **“Every home should have a pet”** in about 100-120 words.

[Family member-learn day to day things-teaches values-sense of responsibility-relaxes mind-companion in times of loneliness-develop relationships]

6. On the occasion of Teachers’ Day, you have to speak on the topic: **“Why we Celebrate Teachers’ Day”**. Making use of the following ideas, together with your own ideas, write your speech in about 80-100 words.

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[When we celebrate- why we celebrate – importance of teachers – how Teachers’ Day is celebrated – how it is felt by teachers and students]

7. During the summer vacation your school has organized a 5 day trip to Nainital. You were taken to different places such as Naini Lake, Snow View point, zoo, Mall Road etc. Write a report in about 80 words describing these places. Hints are given below:

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[Nainital, Himachal Pradesh- a beautiful hill station – surrounded by hills and mountains – cool climate – many beautiful places – Cheena Peak – Naina Devi Temple – Naini Lake – Snow View Point-mountains covered with snow – mall roads- filled with markets]

8. **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the incorrect word. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the space provided. The first one has been done for you.**

½ x6=3

Many hundred years ago, there living
in Japan the fisher-boy called Taro.
He was a cleverer fisherman, and he
was also very good but kind. When he
had better luck and caught more fish to
his friends, he always shared his fish
with him. And he loved all living
things: he did not liked to see anyone
hurt an animal or a bird.

INCORRECT

living

CORRECT

lived

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

(f) _____

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct words given in brackets:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

- i) Neither of the men _____ found guilty. (was / were)
- ii) The cost of these items _____ risen. (has / have)
- iii) Both of the students _____ intelligent. (is/are)
- iv) The villages of our country _____ very backward. (is/are)
- v) The poor of our country _____ a lot. (suffer/ suffers)
- vi) Every adult citizen of our country _____ the right to vote. (enjoy/enjoys)

10. Do as directed:

$1 \times 4 = 4$

- i) The teacher says, "Honesty is the best policy." (Change into indirect speech)
- ii) She said to her, "She will come again soon." (Change into indirect speech)
- iii) Lion/ beast/ the / a / prey / is / of (Rearrange to make a meaningful sentence)
- iv) The / hardest / diamond / minerals/ of/ is / all (Rearrange to make a meaningful sentence)

SECTION C: LITERATURE

11 Reference to Context:

- a) "*By means of this storm, my enemies – are cast ashore upon this island,*"
 - i. Whose „enemies“ are referred to in the above line and who are the enemies? 1
 - ii. From where is the above line taken? $\frac{1}{2}$
- b) "*There are pretty curtains drawn around; the sheets are fine and thin, And if you like to rest awhile, I'll snugly tuck you in!*"
 - i) Who is the speaker in the above lines? $\frac{1}{2}$
 - ii) Who is the speaker requesting to rest and why? 1

12 Answer any four of the following in about 40-50 words:

$2 \times 4 = 8$

- a) What does the speaker compare the leaves of the tree to? What is the figure of speech used here?
- b) Who was Caliban? How did Ariel torment him?
- c) What makes the Fly change her mind and enter the Spider's trap?
- d) Why was Mrs. Shaw tidying up the house? What did she expect of her daughter?
- e) Mention two ways in which the Spider tries to lure the fly.

13 Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words:

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- a) Imagining yourself as Miranda, write a letter to your uncle telling him about your experiences on that island.

OR

Write a brief character sketch of Mrs. Shaw from the play, „Say the Right Thing“

14. Answer the following questions given below:

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) How did Huck manage to escape from the clutches of the Duke and the King?
- b) Write the character sketch of Aunt Sally, from the story „The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn“.

SECTION A:**ANSWER KEY**

1. a) iv b) ii c) ii d) iii e) iii
 2. a) iii b) i c) iii d) ii e) iii
 3. a) Rabindranath Tagore was a poet, writer, musician and philosopher. He liked poetry and music.
 b) He wrote his first poem 'Banphool' when he was just 15.
 c) He was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913 for his book 'Gitanjali'.
 d) Rabindranath believed that education was the only means through which India could progress.
 e) He founded a school at Shantiniketan in 1901. It is now known as the VishwaBharati University.

4. a) He sleeps in a cake of ice, on ice .

b) The polar bear never makes his bed.

- c) bed-head, bed-instead, white-night, blow-below
 d) i) hard ii) floating

SECTION B

5. Formal Letter

Content: 2 marks

Fluency – 2 marks

Accuracy – 2 marks

6. Article/Speech Writing

Content – 2 marks

Fluency – 2 marks

Accuracy – 1 mark

7. Report Writing

Content – 2 marks

Fluency – 1 mark

Accuracy – 1 mark

8. a) the – a

b) cleverer – clever

c) but - and

d) to – for

e) him – them

f) liked – like

9. i) was

ii) has

iii) are

iv) are

v) suffers/suffer

vi) enjoys

10. a) The teacher says that honesty is the best policy.

b) She told her that she would come again soon.

c) The lion is a beast of prey.

d) Diamond is the hardest of all minerals.

SECTION C

11. a. i) The enemies were of Prospero and they were Antonio, King of Naples and his son, Ferdinand.

ii) The above line is taken from the story, "The Tempest"

b. i) The speaker is the spider in the above lines.

ii) The speaker is requesting the fly to rest so that he could trap him into his den and eat him.

12. a) The speaker compares the leaves of the tree to the banners which move freely. The figure of speech used here

b) Caliban – son of Sycorax. Ariel – come slyly – pinch – tumble him – make faces- scare him.

c) When the spider started admiring the beauty of the fly and commented on her wings and eyes, she felt flattered. The words of the spider changed her mind which let her fall into the spider's trap.

d) expecting guests- Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Lee – expected her daughter to behave well be polite.

e) any two of the four ways mentioned in the poem.

13. a) open-ended

b) Mrs. Shaw – disciplined, polite, loving, friendly.

14. a) When the King and the Duke had a fight at the Pikesville village and they were completely into it, Huck ran down the river road like a deer as he saw a chance to escape along with Jim. He got down there out of breath but in his happiness immediately asked Jim to set the boat free but there was no answer as Jim had disappeared somewhere. Huck ran across the woods, whooping and screeching, but, in vain as Jim had gone, therefore, he decided to look for Jim.

b) loyal, sincere, patient, helpful, honest, hard working.