

Class: - VIII  
Subject: English

Full Marks: 75  
Time: 3 Hr

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All questions are compulsory  
SECTION-A

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: 2x5=10
- Ant is the best interesting of all insects because they are so like human beings in many ways. They live in families, build their own houses and have a king and a queen. Each ant has its own work to do and it does its work well. The very young ants, who have just come out of their cocoon, are generally the nurses. When they are older and their skins are harder, they are ready to leave the nest and do other kinds of work. Some of the ants hunt for food. Most other kinds of insects go about looking for food, but the ants think of the nest. They bring in food for the queen and other workers as well as for themselves?
- How are ants similar to human beings?
  - What jobs are done by the very young ants?
  - When do these very young ants leave the nest?
  - Which word in the passage means tiny/small creature?
  - How are ants different from most other kinds of insect?
2. "Your fields are empty now. 1x5=5  
Only your ghost dance while cranes of other kind, Dance cities into being."
- Who is addressed here?
  - Name the poem and its poet
  - Whose ghost dance in the field?
  - Whose fields are empty now?
  - What other kind cranes dance in cities?

**SECTION-B**

3. Answer the following question in 50 words: 3x10=30
- What shows that the principal at first think the boy is just nervous and tries to win his confidence?
  - Which sentence in Para-I show that in Gogol's mind, a new name is a new person different from him?
  - There are two dances mentioned in the first stanza, which are they? What does each of them represent?
  - Frantz was worried about two things as he hurried to school. What are they?
  - What is amazing about the process of opening up?
  - Which animal gives evidence of logic? What is the evidence?
  - Of the three abilities which is the most advanced?
  - What do the children enjoy most during the train journey?

- i. How did the author when she was a school girl, get her lunch? Which words tell you?
- j. What other animals are similar to chimpanzees in the respect?

4. Answer the following question in 100 words:-

3x5=15

- i. How many members of the family lived in grand's father house? How can you tell? How many of them were children?
- ii. How does Ashoke show the principal that Gopal is bilingual? What does he in doing that reveal to the principal?
- iii. Does the water lily "open up" quickly over a night or day, or gradually over a few days? What supports your answer?

SECTION-C

5. Write an essay on any one of the following:

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- a. A discipline in life
- b. A student life

6. Write an application for school leaving certificate.

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Or

Write a letter to your father for money.

7. What is Adjective? Name its kind?

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