

Date:

Class: VII

English

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 & 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 :**

Big, bold and beautiful, the Rafflesia arnoldii boasts the title of the largest flower in the world and can grow to massive proportions, with a flower diameter of up to one meter (three feet) and a hefty weight of up to 11 kilograms (24 lbs). It might seem like a great gift for that special someone except that it's nicknamed the corpse flower and smells like rotting meat, so may not be quite as endearing as expected. Resembling the coiled tentacles of an octopus up close, the stinky flower leaves such a lasting impression that it was once described by Swedish zoologist Eric Mjöberg in 1928 as having “a penetrating smell more repulsive than any buffalo carcass in an advanced stage of decomposition.” Nice. Technically a plant, although it has no leaves, stems or roots that the eye can see, the corpse flower relies on its strong perfume to attract insects that help with pollination. The other not so pleasant qualities of the flower are its parasitic tendencies; by living off the water and nutrients from the hapless Tetrastigma vine, the corpse flower is able to grow as large as it does. And whether it's considered a beauty, beast, or both, the lure of this bewitching flower is hard to resist. However, to be successful in a quest to find it, a few stars need to align. Found only in the dwindling rainforests of Sumatra and Borneo, pollination is rare and the bud death rate is high at 80-90%. The few buds that actually bloom take many months to do so, and when they do they last no more than a few days before dying. The good news is that there are great conservation efforts in place to protect the habitat of the Rafflesia species so future generations can experience the sight and smell of the largest flower on Earth.

 - (a) Why is Rafflesia called the largest flower in the world? 1
 - (b) What is the nickname given to Rafflesia and why? 1
 - (c) How is its smell useful for the flower? 1
 - (d) Rafflesia is called a parasite as _____ 1
 - (e) Rafflesia flowers are generally found _____ 1
 - (f) Why efforts are being made to protect the flower? 1
 - (g) Why cannot Rafflesia be used as a gift for someone? 2
 - (h) Why is a Rafflesia in full bloom a rare sight? 2

- (i) Give the synonym of the word „bulky“ from the passage. 1
 (j) Give the antonym of the word „delightful“ from the passage. 1

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

The Saint, we are told
 once lived a life of sin –
 nothing spectacular, of course,
 just the usual things.
 We smile, we are not surprised.
 Unlikely though it seems,
 We too one day
 may grow up like him
 dropping out follies
 like old clothes or creeds.
 But then we learn
 the saint is still a faithless friend,
 obstinate in argument
 ungrateful for favours done,
 hard with servants and the poor,
 discourteous, to disciples, especially men, condescending, even rude
 to visitors(except the foreigners)
 and overscrupulous in checking
 the account of the ashram,
 He is also rather fat.
 Witnessing the spectacle,
 we no longer smile.
 If saints are like this
 what hope is there then for us?

- (a) What kind of life did the saint live? 1
 (b) According to the poet, even an ordinary person can also become a saint by _____ 1
 (c) The line „He is also rather fat“ means that the saint- _____ 1
 (i) is healthy and strong
 (ii) is fat because he lacks exercise
 (iii) is fat because he eats the earnings of others
 (d) Mention any two bad qualities of the saint 1
 (i) he is fat and robust
 (ii) he does not do exercise and is fat
 (iii) he is a sinner and ungrateful
 (e) The last lines „If saints are like this what hope is there then for us?“ are full of- 1
 (i) contempt (ii) praise (iii) respect
 (f) Give the synonym of the word „impolite“ from the poem. 1
 (g) The opposite of the word „overscrupulous“ would be- _____ 1
 (inscrupulous / unscrupulous)
 (h) Give one example of „simile“ from the above poem- 1

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 there are more than eight students 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 words)

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

5. **Change the following into passive voice-** 3
a) She eats candies during lunch break.
b) Ravi was playing guitar.
c) The frog jumped over the pavement.

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

	Incorrect	Correct
We have an black cat	a) _____	_____
which is oftenly sleeping	b) _____	_____
Its name is Pluto who it is	c) _____	_____
jet black. She came in our	d) _____	_____
life last year in the mysterious	e) _____	_____
way. She was lying in the road	f) _____	_____
when my father caught suddenly	g) _____	_____
sight over her.	h) _____	_____
My father brought the poisely cat	i) _____	_____
home and offered much milk to her.	j) _____	_____

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

ourselves, was, in, at, into

- (a) Neither of the two dancers _____ given the award.
(b) The dog jumped _____ the car.
(c) We have to do this work _____.
(d) The party _____ the club was amazing.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

"Fancy paying a pound for something you swallow in one go!"

- a) Who said the above lines and in reference to whom? 1
b) What does the speaker mean by the above lines? What is the complaint about? 2

9. **Answer the following questions briefly in about 30-40 words.** 2x4=8

- a. Do you think the swallow made a wise decision in not leaving the prince? Give reasons.
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
Give an account of Jim’s first meeting with Long John Silver. 5

ANSWER KEY

1.
 - a). as it can grow to massive proportions, with a flower diameter of up to one meter (three feet) and a hefty weight of up to 11 kilograms (24 lbs).
 - b) corpse flower as it smells like rotting meat,
 - c) used to attract insects that help with pollination.
 - d) as it survives on water and nutrients from the hapless Tetrastigma vine, the corpse flower is able to grow as large as it does
 - e) only in the dwindling rainforests of Sumatra and Borneo
 - f) so that future generations can experience the sight and smell of the largest flower on Earth.
 - g) as it smells like rotting meat, so may not be quite as endearing as expected and has a penetrating smell more repulsive than any buffalo carcass in an advanced stage of decomposition
 - h) as pollination is rare in Rafflesia flower and the bud death rate is high at 80-90%. The few buds that actually bloom take many months to do so, and when they do they last no more than a few days before dying.
 - i) hefty
 - j) repulsive
2.
 - a) Lived an ordinary life of sin
 - b) dropping out follies like old clothes or creeds**
 - c) (iii) is fat because he eats the earnings of others
 - d) (iii) he is a sinner and ungrateful
 - e) (i) contempt
 - f) discourteous
 - g) unscrupulous
 - h) 'follies like old clothes or creeds'
3. Content-3, Accuracy-2, Expression-2
4. Content/Relevance-3, Accuracy -3, Expression-2
5. a) Candies are eaten by her during lunch break
b) Guitar was being played by Ravi.
c) The pavement was jumped over by the frog.
6. a) an – a
b) oftenly - often
c) who – and
d) in - into
e) the – a
f) in – on
g) suddenly – sudden
h) over – of
i) poissely – poise
j) much – some
7. a) was
b) into
c) ourselves
d) at
8. a) The mother and in reference to the old umbrella man
b) The mother feels ridiculous that the man swallowed down the drink which he had purchased from the pound given to him by the lady to help him. She feels cheated as he wasted one pound just for the sake of his drink.

9. a) Yes, as it could help the suffering people and be a messenger to God.

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.