

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER, 2023-24

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: VII

M.M.70 TIME 2 HOURS

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

Question 1. Write a composition of about 250 to 300 words on any one of the following topics. [20]

- a) Narrate a frightening experience that you had in the past.
- b) Give a description of the area where you live. Also, give reasons why your parents had chosen this area to settle down. Cite two areas where the government needs to work towards making the area better.
- c) Write a short story that begins with the statement, "I woke up in the morning and was full of excitement because....."
- d) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture, or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2. Write a letter on any one of the following topics: [15]

- a) Write a letter to your cousin in another city, telling him/her about the puppy you rescued some days ago and have adopted as your pet.
- b) Your friend is the captain of the Volleyball team of your school. He/she lost the first match in an inter school competition. Write a letter to him/her encouraging him/her not to lose heart and to try again with a renewed spirit.

Question 3. Design a poster to illustrate, 'The importance of Yoga' in maintaining physical and mental health. [4]

Question 4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: [20]

Happy is the man who **acquires** the habit of reading when he is young. This is the time when his mind can be moulded well. He has secured a lifelong source of pleasure, instruction, and inspiration. If he has his beloved books, he need never feel lonely. He always has a great way of spending his leisure moments and never feels bored. He is the possessor of wealth, more precious than gold. Ruskin Bond calls books, "King's Treasures" - treasures filled not with gold and silver and precious stones, but with riches much more valuable than these- knowledge, noble thoughts, and high ideals. Poor indeed is the man who does not read, and empty is his life.

The blessings which the reading habit **confers** on its possessor are many; provided we choose the right kind of books. Reading gives the highest kind of pleasure. We read some books simply for pleasure and amusement- for example, good novels. When we are tired or the brain is weary with serious study,

it is a healthy **recreation** to lose ourselves in some absorbing story written by a master hand. However, to read nothing but books of fiction is like eating nothing but cakes and sweetmeats. As we need plain wholesome food for the body, so also, we must have serious reading for the mind. Thus, we can choose our books according to our taste. There are many noble books on history, biography, philosophy, religion, travel, and science, which we ought to read, and which will give us not only pleasure, but education. We can develop a taste for serious reading, so that, in the end, it will help us to build a stronger vocabulary and enhance our communication skills. Poetry should also not be neglected for the best poetry gives us noble thoughts and beautiful imaginations clothed in lovely and musical language. All these aspects of reading make a person well-read.

Thus, books are the most faithful of friends. Our friends may change but our books will always patiently wait to talk to us. They are never **cross** with us or unwilling to converse, as our friends sometimes are. No wonder a reader becomes a book-lover.

a) Give the meaning of each of the following words, as used in the passage: [1X4=4]

- (i) acquires *obtains*
- (ii) confers *grants bestows*
- (iii) recreation *enjoyment*
- (iv) cross *angry*

b) Answer the following questions in your own words.

- (i) When should anyone develop the habit of reading? *when he is young / mind moulded well* [2]
- (ii) What does Ruskin Bond call his books and why? *King's treasures - his knowledge and experiences* [2]
- (iii) For what purpose do people often read books? *pleasure & amusement* [2]
- (iv) What have reading books of fiction been compared to? *eating anything but cakes & sweetmeats* [2]
- (v) According to the author, why does a reader become a book-lover? [2]

c) Summarize the passage in not more than 50 words. [5]

d) Identify the part of speech of the following underlined words. [1/2X2=1]

- (i) We read some books advent *adverb* happily *adverb* simply *adverb* for pleasure *adverb* and amusement- for example, good novels.

Question 5. Fill in the correct form of the verb given in the brackets: [1/2X6=3]

Once a king asked (1) (ask) a hermit for a powerful talisman. The hermit gave (2) (give) him a ring containing (3) (contain) a slip of paper and asked him to open it when he faced (4) (face) a sad situation or a happy one in life. Do you know what he wrote (5) (write) on the paper? It had the simple line, "This too shall pass (6) (pass).

Question 6. Change the following sentences from Active to Passive Voice: [1X4=4]

- a) He gave her a pen. *Pen was given to her by him / She was given a pen by him*
- b) Three men were loading the cart. *The cart was being loaded by 3 men*
- c) He littered the school campus during break. *The school was littered during break*
- d) We have completed our work on time. *Our work has been completed on time by us*

Question 7. Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets: [1X4=4]

- a) No one knows what to do next. (Interrogative) *Does anyone know?*
- b) The opening ceremony was spectacular. (Exclamatory) *What a spectacular ceremony!*
- c) What an incredible discovery! (Assertive) *It was an incredible discovery.*
- d) None but he can solve this problem. (Affirmative) *Only he can.*

- Q1. What do we regard insects as? *pests*
- Q2. What is man continuously waging war on the insects? *pests*
- Q3. Why were the leaves of the tree beginning to dry in summer? *Hot sun & dry weather*
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