

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

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS: VII M.M.70 TIME 2 HOURS
NAME OF THE STUDENT.... CLASS/SECTION ROLL NO... ...

Q1. Write a composition of about 200 to 250 words on any one of the following topics: -

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- (a) Write a story beginning with, 'I was about to sleep when.....'
- (b) Narrate the incident when you helped someone in need.
- (c) Describe a memorable vacation to your favourite destination.
- (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.



Q2. Write a letter on any one of the following topics: -

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- (a) Write a letter to your father requesting him to buy you a bicycle. Give reasons for your request.
- (b) Recently your exams were conducted. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her how you have fared in your examination.

Q3. Design a poster to start a tree plantation campaign in the area surrounding your house.

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Q4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:-

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Nepal, a small, mountainous country tucked between India and China, may seem completely foreign to many Americans. Cows walk down busy streets unharmed, 24 different languages are spoken, and people eat two meals of rice and lentils every day. Nepali holidays, many of which are related to the Hindu religion, can seem especially **bizarre** to Americans unfamiliar with the culture. However, if we look beyond how others celebrate to consider the things they are celebrating, we find surprising similarities to our own culture.

The biggest holiday in Nepal is Dashain, a ten-day festival for the Hindu goddess Durga that takes place in September or October. According to Hindu beliefs, Durga defeated the evil demons of the world. To thank the goddess, people visit temples in her honour and sacrifice goats or sheep as offerings. Throughout the year, most Nepalis do not eat much meat because it is expensive, but Dashain is a time to enjoy meat every day. Children fly colourful, homemade kites during Dashain. People also construct **enormous** bamboo swings on street corners and in parks. Every evening people gather at these swings and take turns swinging. Nepalis say that by swinging, people can relieve the earth of their weight, if only for a few minutes out of the year. Dashain is a time for people to eat good food, relax, and enjoy themselves!

Aside from eating and enjoying themselves, during Dashain, people also receive blessings from their elders. Schools and offices shut down so people can travel to be with their families. **Reuniting** with family reminds people of the importance of kindness, respect, and forgiveness. People also clean and decorate their homes for Dashain. And, like many holidays in the United States, it is a time for shopping. Children and adults **alike** get new clothes for the occasion. People express appreciation for all that they have while looking forward to good fortune and peace in the year to come.

During American holidays, people may not sacrifice goats or soar on bamboo swings, but we do often travel to be with family members and take time off work or school to relax. No matter how we celebrate, many people around the world spend their holidays honouring family, reflecting on their blessings, and hoping for good fortune in the future.

(a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage:-

[1X4=4]

- i) bizzare
- ii) enormous
- iii) reuniting
- iv) alike

(b) Answer the following questions in your own words:-

[2X5=10]

- i) Why does the author think Nepal might seem very foreign to many Americans?
- ii) Which is the biggest holiday in Nepal? When is it celebrated?
- iii) Mention any two activities people of Nepal prefer to do during the biggest holiday?
- iv) Why do people construct enormous bamboo swings?
- v) What important values do people learn by reuniting with family?

(c) Summarize the passage in not more than 50 words.

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(d) Identify the parts of speech of the following underlined words:

[½X2=1]

The biggest holiday in Nepal is Dashain, a ten-day festival for the Hindu goddess Durga that takes place in September or October.

Q5. Fill in the correct form of the verb given in the brackets:

[½X6=3]

Mr. Koch, the mathematics teacher (1) (give) John the reference he (2) (want). John (3) (call) to the head teacher's room. The head teacher told John that his work (4) (be) terrible and he (punish) if he (5) (continue) the same way. John was (6) (tempt) to say a few words, then thought otherwise.

Q6. Change the following sentences from Active to Passive Voice:

[1X4=4]

- i) I did not beat her.
- ii) The police have caught the thief.
- iii) I will order the pizza.
- iv) The cat was drinking all the milk.

Q7. Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets:

[1X4=4]

- i) This dress is new. (Change to negative)
- ii) How beautiful the moon is! (Change to assertive)
- iii) Rajan never takes tea. (Change to interrogative)
- iv) Is the Earth not round? (Change to assertive)