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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: VIII

M.M.: 70 TIME: 2 HOURS

NAME OF THE STUDENT CLASS/SECTION ROLL NO

Q1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

There were other boys in Bhivadi village, but Kishan was the only one who went to school. His mother would not have fussed if he had stayed at home and worked in the fields. That was what the other boys did, all except lazy Chittru, who preferred fishing in the stream or helping himself for the fruit other people's trees. However, Kishan went to school because he wanted to. No one could force him to go and no one could stop him from going. He had set his heart on receiving a good schooling. He wanted to read and write as anyone in the big world and so he walked to school every day.

A colony of langoors lived in the forest. They fed on oak leaves, acorns, and other green things and usually remained in the trees, coming down to the ground only to play or sun themselves. They were beautiful, supple-limbed animals, with black faces and silver-grey coats and long, sensitive tails. They leapt from tree to tree with great **agility**. The young ones wrestled on the grass like boys.

A dignified community, the langoors did not have the **cheekiness** or dishonest habits of the red monkeys of the plains; they did not approach dogs or humans. However, they had grown used to Kishan's comings and goings and did not fear him. Some of the older ones would watch him quietly, a little **puzzled**. They did not go near the town; because the boys threw stones on them. Also, the forest gave them all the food they required. One day, Kishan was walking through the forest when he came across Saru who was waiting for him. Saru came from a small village about three miles from Kishan's and closer to the town.

They **hailed** each other and walked along. They often met at this spot, keeping each other company for the remaining two miles.

'There was a panther in our village last night', said Saru.

This information interested but did not excite Kishan. Panthers were common enough in the hills and did not usually present a problem except during the winter months, when their natural prey was scarce.

'Did you lose any animals?' asked Kishan.

'No, it tried to get into the cowshed but the dogs set off the alarm by their barking. We drove it off.'

'It must be the same one which came around last winter. We lost a calf and two dogs in our village.'

'Wasn't that the one that left the shikaris wounded? I hope it hasn't become a cattle-lifter'. 'It could be the same. It has a bullet in its leg. These hunters are the people who cause all the trouble. They think it's easy to shoot a panther. It would be better if they missed altogether, but they usually wound it.'

'And then the panthers that are too slow to catch the barking-deer start on our own animals.' 'We were lucky that it didn't become a man-eater. Do you remember the man-eater six years ago? I was very small then. My father told me all about it. Ten people were killed in our valley alone.' 'What happened to it?' 'I don't know. Some say it poisoned itself when it ate the headman of the village'.

Kishan laughed. No one liked the old **villain** in the village. They linked arms and scrambled up the stony path to school.

a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage. One-word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

i) agility

ii) hailed

iii) villain

iv) cheekiness

v) puzzled

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b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

[2X5=10]

- i) How was Chittru different from other boys?
- ii) Which information interested Kishan but failed to excite him? Why?
- iii) Why did Kishan's mother fuss over him?
- iv) Why did the panther become a cattle-lifter?
- v) What joke does Sarru make?

c) In not more than 50 words, describe what the narrator tells us about the behaviour of the langoors.

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Q2. You often get late to school due to frequent traffic jams. Write a letter to the traffic Police Commissioner of your city to do the needful to check the problem.

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OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper on the consumption of unprescribed medicines as a mode of self-treatment during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Also mention how this is very harmful in the long run.

Q3. The youth are consuming junk food at an alarming rate which harms their health. Write an 'Article' for your school magazine highlighting the harmful effects of junk food and how to avoid it.

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OR

Your school recently organized a science symposium on the topic: 'Effect of pollution on quality of life'. As the editor of the school magazine, write a 'Report' on the event for your school magazine.

Q4. Write a 'Journal' on 'How to make effective friends in life!'.

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OR

While taking a walk in your locality, you observed some beggars huddled around a bonfire in the severe winter cold. You were very disturbed to see this. Share your thoughts that you had penned down as a 'Diary' entry.

Q5. Tourism Department, Government of Uttarakhand has launched an ambitious plan to develop adventure sports and eco-tourism activities in the state. Draft a suitable poster for display.

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OR

Create an 'Advertisement' on the latest 'Electric Car' in the market while giving all the necessary details like features and price.

Q6. Transform the sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets:

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- a) The boy said to his father, "You are lifting this heavy box now." (Change into Indirect Speech)
- b) My brother is writing a beautiful poem with his favourite pen. (Change into Passive Voice)
- c) This box is too heavy for me to lift. (Rewrite using 'so that')
- d) Rabindranath Tagore is one of the most renowned poets. (Change into Positive Degree)
- e) He was so arrogant that he was not liked by anyone. (Rewrite using 'too')
- f) What an attractive locality you live in! (Change into Assertive Sentence)
- g) Blood is thicker than water. (Change into Interrogative Sentence) *Is blood not thicker than water?*
- h) You have written a very beautiful poem. (Change into Exclamatory Sentence)

Q7. Identify the kind of sentence as Simple, Complex or Compound Sentences:

[½ X6=3]

- Complex
Simple
Compound
Compound S.
Complex
Simple
- My father always wears the sweater that I had gifted him last year. *Complex*
 - Not with standing her old age, my mother works hard. *Simple*
 - Not only did he come to my place but also brought some tasty dishes. *Compound*
 - I urgently required money, so I went to the bank. *Compound S.*
 - Unless you work hard, you will never succeed in life. *Complex*
 - He was too tired to go for the movie. *Simple*

Q8. Do as Directed:

[½X10=5]

- I have just acquired a degree in Medicine. (Use a suitable Article)
- Has the driver arrived at the hotel? (Place the Adverb 'already' in the correct position)
- Mona spoke very softly. I could not hear her. (Join the sentences using a suitable Conjunction)
- The quality of medicines is not to be trusted easily. (is/are)
- The painter is waiting for your call. He had painted your studio. (Join the sentences using a suitable Relative Pronoun)
- I was very sad when I saw ~~because~~ many people roaming about during the curfew. (Fill in the blank with a suitable Determiner)
- I prefer tea to coffee. (Fill in the blank with a suitable Preposition)
- The building next to my house is about to be demolished. (Use a suitable Article)
- Neither of the candidates was present in the meeting yesterday. (was/were)
- The novel was translated into many languages. (Fill in the blank with a suitable Preposition)

Q9. In the following passages, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

[½X8=4]

Pablo Picasso showed his truly exceptional talent from a very young age. His first word

- i was
ii had learned
iii speaking
iv hated
v refuse
vi allowed
vii gave
viii paint
- _____ (be) lapiz (Spanish for pencil) and he (ii) _____ (learn) to draw before he could talk. He was the only son in the family and very good looking, so his family ended up
 - (iii) _____ (spoil) him always. He (iv) _____ (hate) school and would often
 - (v) _____ (refuse) to go unless his doting parents (vi) _____ (allow) him to take one of his father's pet pigeons with him. Once, he painted his father's half completed painting so beautifully that his father (vii) _____ (give) him his own palette and brushes and he decided never to
 - (viii) _____ (paint) again. He was 13 then.