

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER, 2025-26

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 200-250 words on any one of the following topics:- [20]

- a) Think of a time when you found yourself in an embarrassing situation. Narrate how you got into it, the way you dealt with it and the lesson you learnt from it.
- b) Imagine you are Harry Potter, a wizard who enrolls at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft. Write an essay on how you discovered a hidden passage there which led you to a world full of surprises.
- c) Many people play very important roles in our lives. Describe in detail the person who has influenced you to the most in your life.
- 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) Your school had organized a trip to a place of historical interest, and you were a part of it. Write a letter to your friend giving him/her the details of your trip and share your experience.
- b) You have just acquired an unusual pet as a gift. Write a letter to your grandmother telling about it. Give details about the care you have to take in looking after it.

Question 3. Your school is organizing an Inter-School Quiz Competition for the students of classes VI to VIII. Draft a notice for the school noticeboard, inviting the students for the same. Provide all the necessary details. [4]

Question 4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:- [20]

There were other boys in Manjari village, but Bishnu 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 to the fruit of other people's trees. But Bishnu went to school. He went 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 just as well as anyone in the big world, 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, flexible-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 dishonest habits of the red monkeys of the plains; they did not approach dogs or humans. But they had grown used to Bishnu's coming and going 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 at them. And anyway, the forest gave them all the food they required.

Coming from another direction was a second path, and at the junction of the two paths Sarru was waiting for Bishnu. Sarru came from a small village about three miles from Bishnu's and closer to the town. They greeted each other and walked along. They often met at this spot, keeping each other's company for the remaining two miles.

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

This information interested but did not excite Bishnu. 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 Bishnu.

'No. It tried to get into the cowshed, but the dogs set up the alarm. 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 the shikaris had 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 panther is too slow to catch its prey and starts on our own animals.'

'We're lucky 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.' Bishnu laughed. No one liked that old villain. They joined hands and walked up the stony path to school.

(a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage. [1×4=4]

(i) wrestled

(ii) puzzled

(iii) scarce

(iv) villain

(b) Answer the following questions:- [2×5=10]

(i) How was Chittru different from other boys? *lazy / preferred fishing / helping to feed other trees*

(ii) Why did Bishnu go to school every day? *white boys / stayed home / worked in fields for good schooling / read, write / walked to school*

(iii) Mention any four physical features of the langoors. *beautiful / flexible-limbed animal*

small village / 3 miles from Bishnu's & closer to the town. He informed Bishnu that there was a panther in their village the previous night.

(iv) Where did Sarru come from? What information did he give to Bishnu?

(v) Why didn't Sarru's information excite Bishnu?

(c) Identify the part of speech of the underlined words:-

We lost a calf and two dogs in our village.

(d) Summarize the passage in not more than fifty words:

Question 5. Fill in the correct form of the verb given in the bracket:

(i) Manju is planting (plant) lilies in her garden now.

(ii) The examinations will start (start) on next Friday.

(iii) We had visited (visit) Goa when we travelled to Mumbai last year.

(iv) She will finish (finish) her homework before dinner.

(v) Mother was baking (bake) a cake when the guests arrived.

(vi) She will exercise (exercise) regularly at the gym.

Question 6. Change the following sentences to passive voice:

(i) Who invented the telescope?

(ii) Our team will play the final match tomorrow.

(iii) The students are putting up charts on the wall.

(iv) Have they completed the assignment?

Question 7. Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given after each sentence. Make other necessary changes but do not change the meaning of the sentence:-

(i) No one hates a polite person. (change to affirmative)

(ii) The beauties of nature are beyond description. (change to interrogative)

(iii) It is very foolish of me to ignore her advice. (change to exclamatory)

(iv) He is competent for the post. (change to negative)