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Question Paper

CLASS – VII

Max. Marks - 60 **SUBJECT - ENGLISH** **Time – 2 Hours 30 Mins**

General Instructions -

This question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A	**Reading**	**15 Marks**
Section B	**Writing**	**08 Marks**
Section C	**Grammar**	**07 Marks**
Section D	**Literature**	**30 Marks**

SECTION A - READING (15 MARKS)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x8=8 marks)

About a hundred years ago, whenever an operation was performed, the patient suffered tearful pain as he felt the surgeon cut into his flesh. But now severe operations have been carried out without pain, and thousands of lives have been saved. James Simpson was the first to discover and use the pain-killing power of chloroform. James was born into a poor family. So, in boyhood, he had not only helped his father during the holidays but also assisted the village doctor.

But he was horrified at the terrible suffering of the people who came to the hospital for treatment. He now made it his aim in life to find out new discoveries which would prevent so much pain. Simpson made many experiments and ultimately discovered chloroform. Now the patients do not dread an operation.

I. Choose the correct option from the following:

i. Who discovered the pain-killing power of chloroform?

a) James Simpson b) The village doctor

c) The patient d)The hunter

ii. What was James Simpson's goal in life?

a) To become a wealthy man

b) To live a life without any responsibilities

c) To find out new discoveries to prevent pain

d) To become a famous person

iii. How did James Simpson feel about the people who came to the hospital for treatment?

a) He was indifferent to their suffering

b) He was happy to see them

c) He was horrified at their terrible suffering

d) He was angry at them

iv. What was the patient's reaction to an operation before the discovery of chloroform?

a) They were indifferent to it

b) They suffered tearful pain as the surgeon cut into their flesh

c) They were happy about it

d) They did not dread it

II. Answer the following questions:

a) How does the patient feel about an operation now?

b) What was the outcome of James Simpson's experiments?

c) What was the purpose of James Simpson's discovery of chloroform?

d) What was James Simpson's childhood like?

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x7=7 marks)

Public sector banks are witnessing a transitional period in India and are at a turning point, where they should remain healthy without abandoning their social responsibility. They have to perform risky experiments yet perform them innovatively so that it does not fail. They should venture into new areas that are rarely trodden by them and not miss any emerging opportunities.

It should be understood that the absence of any bad advance is no sign of an efficient banking system. It only indicates extreme conservatism. However, this is no guarantee of profit. There should be a balance between liquidity and risk. The sins of the past must be forgotten. Innovative and realistic strategies should be adopted without which banks will be in danger.

I. Choose the correct option from the following:

i. What is the current situation of public sector banks in India?
   a) They are at a turning point
   b) They are performing well
   c) They are facing difficulties
   d) They are declining

ii. What should public sector banks do to stay healthy?
   a) Avoid risky experiments
   b) Adopt innovative strategies
   c) Stick to traditional methods
   d) Forget the past

iii. What does the absence of bad advances indicate in a banking system?
   a) Inefficiency
   b) Efficient system
   c) Profit guarantee
   d) Extreme conservatism

iv. What should public sector banks in India not miss?
   a) Opportunities
   b) Traditional methods
   c) Bad advances
   d) The sins of the past

II. Answer the following questions:

i. What is the goal of public sector banks in India?
ii. What should be the aim of banks to avoid the dangers?
iii. What is the relationship between liquidity and risk in the banking system according to the passage?

SECTION -B WRITING (8 MARKS)

2. You are Prashant/Priya, Head Boy/Girl of DAV Public school, Bhopal. Your school is organizing a Kabaddi Competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting participants. **(4 marks)**

OR

You are Apoorva/Amrita, the head boy/ girl of Holy child school Delhi. Write a notice informing the students about a debate competition to be held in your school in not more than 50 words. Add necessary details in it.

3. **Write a paragraph on ANY ONE of the following topics. (4 marks)**
   (i) Importance of forests
   (ii) National Sports Day Celebrations in your School
   (iii) Health is Wealth

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SECTION – C GRAMMAR (7 MARKS)

4. Each of the following sentence has two blanks. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the word given in brackets.: (4 marks)

a) It isn't _____that _____should always be the mother of invention. **(necessary)**

b) Hermits are _____men. How they acquire their _____no one can tell. **(wise)**

c) The committee has _____to make Jagdish captain of the team. The _____is likely to please everyone. **(decide)**

d) Asking for _____is as noble as willingness to_____. **(forgive)**

5. Rearrange the following group of words into meaningful sentences: (3 marks)

i. asked/ the / to/ prove / king / that / Gopal / was/ clever/ he

ii. Worker / live / quarters / in / ants / reserved

iii. caught / the / Golu / his / nose / crocodile / by

SECTION - D LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

6. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

There's a shed at the bottom of our garden
With a spider's web hanging across the door,
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind.
When I'm in bed I lie and I listen,
I'll open that door one day. **(1x4=4 marks)**

i. Where is the shed located?

(a) at the end of the garden
(b) at the bottom of the garden
(c) at the tip point
(d) behind the garden

ii. The shed has remained _____.

(a) unattended
(b) unpainted
(c) locked for long
(d) dusty

iii. Across the door, one can see _____.

(a) a rusty chain
(b) a painting
(c) paper frills
(d) the web of a spider

iv. When did he listen to the creaking sound?

(a) while walking along the roadside
(b) while sleeping in the bed
(c) while lying in the bed
(d) none of the above

7. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

One day Golu met the mynah bird sitting in the middle of a bush, and he asked her, "What does the crocodile have for dinner?" The mynah said, "Go to the banks of the great grassy Limpopo River and find out." Golu went home. He took a hundred sugar canes, fifty dozen bananas and twenty-five melons. Then he said to his family, "Goodbye. I'm going to the great, grassy Limpopo River. I'll find out what the crocodile has for dinner." He had never seen a crocodile, and didn't know what one looked like. He met a python and asked him, "Have you ever seen a crocodile? What does he look like? What does he have for dinner?" (1x4=4 marks)

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i. **Why did Golu go to the Limpopo River?**
(a) to know about the dinner of monkey
(b) to know about the dinner of fish
(c) to know about the dinner of crocodile
(d) all the above

ii. **Who advised Golu to go the Limpopo River?**
(a) crow
(b) hippopotamus
(c) ostrich
(d) mynah

iii. **How many sugar canes does Golu have?**
(a) 50
(b) 70
(c) 100
(d) 25

iv. **Who did Golu wish goodbye before leaving for the river?**
(a) his family
(b) giraffe
(c) ostrich
(d) none of the above

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2x4=8 marks)

(i) Why did the king want to know answers to three questions?
(ii) What did the squirrel do if someone came too close to his tree?
(iii) What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?
(iv) Why was the king annoyed with his courtiers?
(v) What three things did Gopal do before he went to buy his hilsa-fish?

9. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2x3=6 marks)

(i) Why ant's life is very peaceful?
(ii) How did Kari enjoy his morning bath in the river?
(iii) What did the python advised Golu to do?
(iv) Why did Golu go to the Limpopo river?

10. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 70-80 words. (2×4= 8 marks)

(i) How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?
(ii) What qualities of an ant do you wish to inculcate and why?
(iii) What is a master call? Why is it the most important signal for an elephant to learn?

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