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CLASS : III
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time: 2 Hours **Maximum Marks: 50**

General Instructions:

- This question paper is divided into four sections.
  - Section A- Reading (10 marks)
  - Section B- Writing (10 marks)
  - Section C- Grammar (15 marks)
  - Section D- Literature (15 marks)
- Question number 1, 2 and 5 to 10 are compulsory.
- Internal Choice is given in question number 3, 4, 11 and 12.
- Read the instruction of each question thoroughly and attempt all the questions.
- Write all answers orderly in legible handwriting.
- Verify your answer before submitting to the invigilator.

SECTION- A (READING -10 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage carefully. **(5)**

Once upon a time, in the city of Baghdad, there lived a young sailor. His name was Sindbad. He loved adventure. On one of his ship voyages, his boat smashed into a thousand pieces. He was alone in the wide empty sea. He swam across the sea till he reached a small island. **(Para-1)**

He climbed up a tree and looked around. Far away, he saw a huge shining dome. He walked very fast towards the dome. When he reached there, he found no door or windows. The whole dome was as white and smooth as an egg. He was puzzled. Suddenly, the sky grew dark. He looked up and saw a huge bird, larger than the biggest cloud he had ever seen. **(Para-2)**

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

(a) Name the city where Sindbad lived. **(1)**
(b) Sindbad was all alone in the sea. State the reason. **(1)**

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option.

(c) The whole dome was as _____ as an egg. **(1)**

(i) white and rough (ii) black and hard
(iii) white and smooth (iv) hard and white

(d) Sindbad swam across the sea and reached in _____. **(1)**

(i) a ship (ii) a desert
(iii) a boat (iv) an island

(e) Find out the word from the passage which has the same meaning as 'tiny'. **(Para-1)** **(1)**

Q2. Read the following poem carefully. **(5)**

Don't make fun
Of the camel's hump
He's very proud
Of his noble bump.

Don't laugh too much
At the chimpanzee--
He thinks he's as wise
As you or me.

And the penguins
Strutting round the lake
Can understand
Remarks you make.

On the basis of your understanding of the above poem, answer the following questions.

(a) Mention the special quality of the penguins according to the poem. **(1)**

(b) Why shouldn't we make fun of the camel's hump? **(1)**

(c) Write a pair of rhyming words from the above poem**.** **(1)**

(d) The penguins are strutting round the_____. **(1)**

(i) pond (ii) river (iii) canal (iv) lake

(e) The chimpanzee thinks of himself as _____ as human beings. **(1)**

(i) dull (ii) wise (iii) size (iv) rise

SECTION-B (WRITING-10 MARKS)

Q3. Complete the story with the help of the words given in the bracket. (5x1=5)

(bought, tie, hear, liked, meeting, sell)

Once upon a time there lived many mice on a farm. The farmer (a) _____ a cat to catch the mice. Fed up with the cat, the mice assembled in a (b) _____ to get rid of the cat. Many plans were discussed but not a single was practicable. At last, a very young mouse said, "I think all we need to do is to (c) _____ a bell around the cat's neck. When we (d) _____ the bell ringing, we will immediately know that our enemy is coming." Everyone (e) _____ this idea. But an old mouse said, "I appreciate the plan of the young mouse but who will bell the cat?" Then, the mice looked at one another and remained silent.

OR

(plan, opened, watered, ate, voice, advised)

Once upon a time there was a crow. He had a piece of meat in his beak. A hungry fox came there. His mouth (a)_____ when he saw the meat. He thought of a (b)_____. He praised the (c)_____ of the crow and asked him to sing a song. The crow felt very proud. As he (d)_____his mouth to speak, the piece of meat fell down. The fox (e) _____it and went away.

Q4. Study the picture carefully and write a composition in about 50-60 words. Give a suitable title to it. **(1x5=5)**



OR

Make a poster on "SAVE WATER". (30-40 words)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR -15 MARKS)

Q5. Underline the proper nouns in the given sentences. **(3x1=3)**

Pallavi is a good singer. She loves to sing the songs of Arijit Singh. She is going to Mumbai next week to learn music.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with the correct replacing words. **(3x1=3)**

I met an old woman yesterday. (a)_____ was very weak and hungry. I gave (b)_____ some food to eat. The old woman thanked (c)_____ for the food.

Q7. Change the underlined words to their correct singular or plural forms. (3x1=3)

Chandragiri is a famous tourist (a) <u>places</u>. It is in the Gajapati (b) <u>districts</u> of Odisha.

Many (c) <u>traveller</u> come here to see its beauty.

Q8. Complete the passage by choosing the correct describing words. **(3x1=3)**

Lina got a (a) _____(cold/poor/rude/lovely) doll on her last birthday. The doll has curly hair and (b)_____ (expensive/quick/rich/blue) eyes. The dress of the doll is printed with (c) _____(slow/heavy/golden/juicy) stars.

Q9. Fill in the blanks by using the appropriate verbs given in the bracket. (3x1=3)

(prevents, make, plays, builds)

Exercise is necessary for good health. It (a) _____ strong muscles and (b) _____ from becoming fat. Everyone should (c) _____ it a regular habit to be fit and fine.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE -15 MARKS)

Q10. Reference to context. **(4x1=4)**

Read the following extract and choose the correct answer.

"If you can't look after this poor creature, you have no right to keep it."

(a) The speaker of the above line is-

(i) Somu (ii) Molly (iii) Somu's mother (iv) Somu's father

(b) The speaker says this to-

(i) Somu's friend (ii) Somu (iii) Chirpy (iv) Molly

(c) The mood of the speaker is -

(i) happy (ii) jealous (iii) relaxed (iv) angry

(d) Here, 'the poor creature' refers to -

(i) Molly (ii) Chirpy (iii) Chirpy's friend (iv) Molly's friend

Q11. Answer <u>any four</u> of the following questions in 20 to 30 words. (4x2=8)

(a) Mention the way the dolphins protect themselves from killer sharks. (Dolphins)

(b) What might happen to a person who drinks dirty water? (The God of River)

(c) The last hedgehog was fresh and smiling. Identify the reason. (The Ostrich and the Hedgehog)

(d) How did the God of water look? (The God of River)

(e) Write two ways in which dogs help us. (Dogs)

Q12. Answer the following question in about 30 words. (2+1=3)

Explain the ways the tree helped the boy and the old man. Mention the values that you learn from the tree. (Trees)

OR

Several animals get killed everyday. Identify some reasons for killing animals. Write the values that we need to inculcate within us to stop this cruel action. (Minu and Dino)

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