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TERM - 1 EXAMINATION, 2017-18
CLASS-VII
SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time: 3hrs

Maximum Marks-80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- The question paper contains four sections; Section A(Reading-20), B(Writing-20), C(Grammar-15) and D(Literature-25).
- Total No. of given questions are 16.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.
- Adhere to the word limit.

SECTION-A (READING) 20 MARKS

Q.1. Read the passage carefully.

1. The art of academic writing is not easy to master. It is a formal skill, which requires precision and accuracy, and is perfected by continuous and dedicated practice. Academic writing is the skilful exposition and explanation of an argument, which the writer has carefully researched and developed over a sustained period of time. It is a time-consuming activity and demands patience and perseverance. But the joy of reading and sharing with others, one's succinctly composed piece of argument, is incomparable.
2. Before beginning to write, the writer must ask himself a few questions – Why am I writing? What is it that I intend to share with others? What purpose will my writing serve? Have I read enough about the topic or theme about which I am going to write? If one is hesitant to answer even one of the afore mentioned questions, one better not write at all! Because academic writing is a serious activity – it makes one part of a shared community of readers and writers who wish to disseminate and learn from well-argued pieces of writing.
3. The structure of an argumentative essay should take the form of – Introduction (which should be around ten percent of the entire essay), Body (it should constitute eighty percent of the piece) and the Conclusion (again, ten per cent of the essay). The introduction should function as the hook which draws the reader in and holds his attention, the body should include cogent and coherently linked paragraphs and the conclusion should re-state the argument and offer a substantial ending to the piece.

Q.1.1. Based on your reading the passage above answer the following questions.

- a) What is academic writing? (1x8=8)
- b) How can one master academic writing?
- c) Why is reading an important part of writing?
- d) Which questions should one ask to himself before he starts writing?
- e) Why should one ask oneself the questions mentioned in the second passage?

- f) What are the components of the structure of an argumentative essay?
- g) Why is introduction important in writing?
- h) How does the conclusion help in writing?

Q.1.2. Find the words from the passage which means the same as.....

- a) using few words to express an idea (Para-1)
- b) logical and well organized (Para-3)

Q.2. Read the poem carefully.

I Build Walls

I build walls:
Walls that protect,
Walls that shield,
Walls that say I shall not yield
Or reveal
Who I am or how I feel.
I build walls:
Walls that hide,
Walls that cover what's inside,
Walls that stare or smile or look away,
Silent lies,
Walls that even block my eyes
From the tears I might have cried.
I build walls:
Walls that never let me
Truly touch
Those I love so very much.
Walls that need to fall!
Walls meant to be fortresses

2.1. Answer the following questions choosing the best option :

- a) **The poet builds walls because they**
 - i) Protect him from inclement weather
 - ii) Don't let any intruder come in
 - iii) Define the boundary line of his house
 - iv) Help him in hiding his identity and feelings
- b) **The walls that the poet makes are made of**
 - i) Bricks and cement
 - ii) Wire
 - iii) Barriers of his own emotions
 - iv) Green hedge
- c) **The line that shows that the poet doesn't always think that walls are good is**
 - i) Walls that say "I shall not yield"
 - ii) Walls that stare or smile
 - iii) Walls that need to fall!
 - iv) Walls that cover what is inside
- d) **The line "Walls that never let me truly touch . Those that I love so very much" means these walls don't let him**
 - i) Meet his near and dear ones
 - ii) Express his feelings to his loved ones
 - iii) Be in touch with his close relatives
 - iv) Allow his loved ones to come to him
- e) **The word 'shield' in the third line means...**
 - i) bridge
 - ii) protection
 - iii) house
 - iv) Attack

Read the given passage carefully.

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do. Once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book, 'thought Alice 'without pictures or conversation?'

So she was considering in her own mind whether the pleasure of making a daises-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.

There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, 'Oh dear! I shall be late!' But when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waist-coat-pocket, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waist-coat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it.

3.1. Answer the following questions choosing the best option.

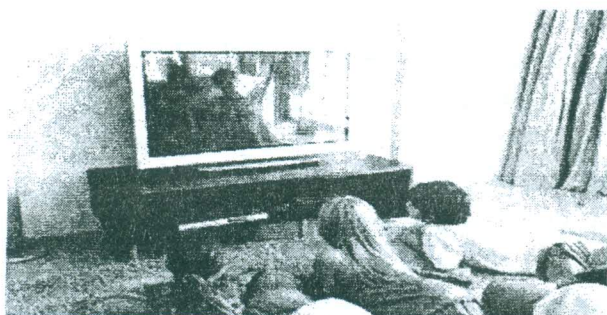
(1x5=5)

- a) **Why was the book boring for Alice that her sister was reading?**
i) It had no stories ii) it was a drawing book
iii) it was a science book iv) it was without pictures or conversation
- b) **What did Alice suddenly notice?**
i) Daisies ii) a white rabbit with pink eyes iii) a book iv) a river
- c) **What did the rabbit take out of its waist-coat-pocket?**
i) Flowers ii) book iii) pen iv) watch
- d) **What did Alice do when she saw the rabbit with the waistcoat-pocket and watch?**
i) She talked to it ii) She ignored it
iii) She ran after it iv) She took his waistcoat
- e) **Which of the following word from the passage is the synonym of 'extraordinary'?**
i) remarkable ii) conversation iii) pleasure iv) flashed

SECTION-B (WRITING) 20 MARKS

- Q.4. The cricket team of R.D.P. School, Faridabad has to be formed. As the P.T teacher, Bikram Verma, draft a notice announcing that the selection will be made in the school ground from 14th to 16th October 2017. All interested students from std VI - X can give their names to the P.T teacher latest by 5th October. (50 words) **(4)**
- Q.5. Now a days due to competition, poor performance and failure, stress level has increased amongst school children. Write an article on "Time Management" as an effective technique to reduce stress. You can take help from the picture and the hints given below. You are Raghav/Radha. (100-150 words) **(8)**
- Hints:

- Time waste: diversions
- Tv/facebook: kills imagination and creativity
- Less time for studies



Q.6. You are Riya / Rajeev. You are to give speech in the Morning Assembly on the topic "Joint family-a Godsend for growing children". Taking ideas from your Reader Book Unit-Relationships and using the hints given below write a speech in about 150 words . (8)

Hints:

- Urbanization and nuclear family gaining popularity
- Family- important in shaping children personality
- Values and attitudes- shaped in a joint family
- Learn to be patient, share things, sensitive and balanced

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR) 15 MARKS

Q.7. Rewrite the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. One has been given as an example. (1x3=3)

Ex- Railway station/my parents/one evening/along with/to the/I went

Ans:- One evening I went along with my parents to the railway station.

- a. crowd at/counter/there was/the ticket/a huge
- b. for the/were/train/the passengers /in/the platform/anxiously/ waiting
- c. their voices/at the/ the hawkers/top of/were shouting

Q.8. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of the verb from the brackets. (1x3=3)

Marie Curie (a) _____ (discover) radium. This incident (b) _____ (bring) revolution in the medical field. She is one of those great persons whose efforts (c) _____ (lessen) the pains of the patients suffering from ailments which were considered incurable.

Complete the conversation between Rishi and Pulkit by choosing the most appropriate answer from the given options. (1x3=3)

Rishi: Hello, Pulkit, I see you have been wasting much time in wrong company. As your elder brother, I want to say that you (a) _____ respect time.

Pulkit: I try it, however I feel that howsoever one tries, one (b) _____ fail.

Rishi: I completely agree to your opinion. At times things will go out of control but we (c) _____ respect time.

- a) (must/will/can/may)
- b) (need/ought/might/dare)
- c) (may/should/needn't/would)

10. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. One has been given as an example. (1x3=3)

Incorrect word	correct word
Ex- or	but

We protested or she ignored our protests. She lay peacefully in bed praying but counting her beads. Suddenly her lips stopped moving and the rosary fell to her fingers. A peaceful pallor spread on her face but we knew that she was dead.

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| (a) _____ | _____ |
| (b) _____ | _____ |
| (c) _____ | _____ |

11. There is a word missing in every line in the passage given below. Write the missing word in your answer sheet along with the word before and after the missing word. One has been done as an example. (0.5x6=3)

Before	Missing	After
is	the	difference

What is difference between a discovery and an invention? The dictionary answers first question as action of finding something by accident or luck. But inventor aims and struggles to reach at certain result through experiments and research. However, discoverer has only luck to assist him. To ordinary man the two words, discovery and invention almost mean the same thing.

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| a) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| d) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| e) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| f) | _____ | _____ | _____ |

SECTION-D (LITERATURE) 25 MARKS

12. Read the following extract and choose the most appropriate option. (1x4=4)

O Birdie, Birdie, will you pet?
 Diamond –stones and amber and jet
 We'll string on a necklace fair and fine
 To please this pretty bird of mine!

(a) The child offers the bird a necklace

- (i) made of diamonds
- (ii) made of jet and amber
- (iii) both (i) and (ii)
- (iv) made of pearls

- (b) The bird prefers _____
 (i) no necklace (ii) her feather as a necklace
 (iii) her feather as a golden cup (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (c) Why is the word 'birdie' used twice in the stanza?
 (i) To lure the bird (ii) because the bird was deaf
 (iii) because the child got angry (iv) because the bird was sleeping
- (d) The poetic device used in the Third and fourth line is....
 (i) alliteration (ii) simile (iii) metaphor (iv) personification

Q.13. Read the following extract and choose the most appropriate option. (1x4=)

Where wretchedness will hang its head,
 And joy, like a pearl,
 Attend the needs of all mankind.
 Of such I dream –Our world .

- (a) The poet envisions a world where _____ will prevail.
 (i) peace (ii) hatred (iii) sorrow (iv) misery
- (b) The poet compares joy with _____
 (i) Ruby (ii) Diamond (iii) Pearl (iv) Gold
- (c) The rhyme scheme of the stanza is _____
 (i) aabb (ii) abab (iii) abba (iv) abcb
- (d) The poetic device used in the first line is....
 (i) simile (ii) metaphor (iii) refrain (iv) personification

Q.14. Answer the following questions very briefly within 30-40 words. (Any four) (2x4=)

- a) Describe the condition of Tutu before she came to Grandfather's house. (Monkey Trouble)
- b) Why did Swami feel cut off from humanity? (A Hero)
- c) What did Manjula's father say when her mother asked him about the water colours? (Fight, Manju, Fight)
- d) What should we share equally according to the poet of "I Dream a World"? Why?
- e) What are the objects that the soldier had kept in his meagre kit? (Stone Soup of Bohemia)

Q.15. Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (2x2=)

- a) "Family support is essential in fulfilling one's desire". Discuss the statement with reference to "Fight, Manju Fight".
- b) "Courage can save us from any kind of difficult situation". Do you agree? Discuss the statement with reference to "A Hero".

Q.16. Imagine yourself as the soldier. Write a letter to your friend describing your experience of the unwelcoming attitude of the villagers and how you befooled them.

OR (1x5=)

Imagine you are Tutu. You enjoyed very much after stealing the necklace from the jeweler's shop. Write Tutu's diary entry describing her experience.
