

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRI NAGAR
Half Yearly Examination (2019 – 2020)

Class: VII

MM: 80

Subject: English

Time: 3 Hrs

Name: _____

Class / Section: _____

RollNo.: _____

Fifteen Minutes Extra will be for reading the Question Paper.

General Instructions:

1. This Question paper is divided into three sections.

Section-A Reading (20 marks)

Section-B Writing & Grammar (30 marks)

Section-C Literature(30 marks)

2. All the questions are compulsory.

3. Any section can be attempted at a time.

4. All the questions of a section must be done in correct order

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

Earlier information had to be stored on scrolls, tablets or passed down orally, from one generation to the other. Life is so much simpler nowadays. If we wish to learn about something we have so many resources to consider. Knowledge is of vital importance, because it allows us to make informed decisions. Those who have sufficient knowledge are able to utilize it for survival.

Laozi, a Chinese philosopher believed, “ Knowledge is treasure, but practice is the key to it.”

If we do not invest time in acquiring knowledge, we cannot expect to be the master of a field. Our entire life is a learning experience. Those who pay better attention are able to retain most of that knowledge, throughout the span of their lives. However not all of us appreciate the chances we get. We are so influenced by competition, that our preparations are usually focused on another individual. In an attempt to be the best, our passion for knowledge is diluted. There may be various situations in our lives, where our knowledge shines through. It shapes our personality and contributes to our well being. It empowers us to question what we have learnt, and therefore get a deeper understanding of complex concepts. Many facilities such as schools, libraries, internet etc. are easily available to us. This is not the case in every part of the globe. There are millions of children who do not have access to a stable source of knowledge.

Knowledge is power because it equips people with the information and skill necessary to obtain success, While achieving our own goals. we are able to contribute to the development and growth of our countries We are able to add meanings to our lives. Knowledge helps us fulfil our life purpose. So. learn everything you can and remember it well. Someday it will all come handy.

On the basis of the reading of the following passage answer the following questions.

- a) How was information stored earlier? (2 marks)
- b) How can we become master of any field? (2 marks)
- c) Why knowledge is power? (2 marks)
- d) Write two ways in which knowledge is useful. (2 marks)
- e) What was the belief of Chinese philosopher? (1 mark)
- f) What advantage do people have when they have better attention ? (1 mark)
- g) Which word in the passage mean 'supply with the necessary items for a particular purpose'? (1 mark)

i) scroll ii) equips

iii) purpose iv) handy

h) Which word from the passage means 'absolutely necessary'? (1 mark)

i) vital ii) influence

iii) treasure iv) span

Q2. Read the poem carefully.

I lay in sorrow, in deep distress;
 My grief a proud man heard;
 His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
 But not a kindly word.
 My sorrow passed—I paid him back
 The gold he gave to me;
 Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
 And blessed his charity.

I lay in want and grief and pain;
 A poor man passed my way,
 He bound my head, he gave me bread,
 He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again

For all he did to me?

Oh, gold is great, but greater far

Is heavenly sympathy.

On the basis of reading of the poem complete the following sentences. (1x8=8 marks)

- a) The poet lay in
- b) The proud man helped the poet with
- c) The proud man did not give the poet
- d) The poor man took care of the poet by
- e) The poet thinks that is better than gold.
- f) The poet repaid his debt to the proud man by
- g) Which word in the poem means 'giving money to a person who is in need'?
- h) Which word in the poem means 'straight'?

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

Q3. You are Ishan, Monitor of Class VII-B, St. Thomas School, Gurugram. Write a notice inviting students of your class for a meeting during recess hours in class VII-B to plan for Teachers' Day. (not more than 50 words) **(4 marks)**

OR

Atul wanted to speak to Aarav on the phone. But Aarav had gone out, so Atul left a message with Aarav's sister, Diya. Read the telephone conversation between them.

Atul: It is Atul here. Can I speak to Aarav?

Diya: Sorry, he has gone out.

Atul: When will he come back?

Diya: I don't know. Would you like to leave a message?

Atul: Yes, I have something important to discuss with him. Would you please ask him to call me back as soon as he returns?

Diya: Certainly.

Atul: Thank you.

Now Diya must give Aarav his friend's message. But she has to go out before Aarav returns. So imagine yourself as Diya and write the message. (50-60 words)

Q4. Mr Ravi Saxena is the Sports Instructor of DAV Public School, Kala. The Principal has asked him to place an order for buying volleyball nets, cricket bats, tennis racquets and tennis balls, footballs and necessary sports accessories. Mr. Ravi Saxena places an order with M/s Youth Sports Equipment Rohini, New Delhi. Write the order letter. **(10 marks)**

OR

You are the president of your School Excursion Club. Write a letter to the manager of a factory asking permission to visit his/her factory.

Q5. Fill in the blanks as directed in the brackets: (4marks)

- a) I have seen coming to school late.(an adverb of frequency)
- b) I heard a snake in the bush. (sound word)
- c) The blue whale is the animal in the world.(Superlative degree of 'heavy')
- d) The sharp of the aeroplane startled me. (sound word)

Q6. Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. (4 marks)

- a) Fruits/and /vegetables/than/hot dogs/ eating/is/healthier/eating
- b) Is/enough/he /old/know/to/better
- c) moon/very/compared /earth/the/is/small/to/the
- d) ordered/she/me/to/back/on/the/shelf/put/it

Q7. Fill in the blanks with correct tense of the verbs given in brackets. (4 marks)

- a) I had been(live) in that town for twenty years before I (move)to Mumbai.
- b) The plane for Singapore(take off) at 10 o' clock tonight.
- c) Raveena(leave) when I(arrive)
- d) I(finish) this assignment by the end of this month.

Q8. There is an error in each line. Pick out the error and write the correct word (4 marks)

- | | Incorrect | correct |
|---|-----------|---------|
| a) Evaluating a book is a exercise | | |
| b) in comprehensions and writing skill. Your task are | | |
| c) to produce a well write account of | | |
| d) you reaction to the book. | | |

SECTION –D (LITERATURE SECTION)

Q9. Read the extract and answer the questions.

(1x4=4 marks)

“The tone was not one of anger, nor of sorrow, not even of contempt, but there was in it something quiet that froze the blood. He put his hand down and pressed a finger on the place where the left boot was not quite comfortable.”

- a) Name the lesson from which this extract has been taken.
- b) Who is referred as ‘he’ here?
- c) What kind of expression was shown by the person mentioned as ‘he’ in the extract?
- d) The word which means ‘hatred’ in the extract is

OR

**Sit up
Say please
Less noise
Shut the door behind you
Don’t drag your feet
Haven’t you got a hankie?
Take your hands out of your pocket
Pull your socks up
Stand straight**

- a) Name the poem and the poet of the poem from which this extract has been taken.
- b) To whom are these instructions addressed?
- c) What does walking by dragging feet suggest ?
- d) Which instruction is given to make the listener attentive?

Q10. Answer these questions in short.(30-40 words) (any five)

(2x5=10 marks)

- a) Write four uses of trees mentioned in the poem ‘Trees’.
- b) What was the king’s challenge to Gopal in the lesson ‘Gopal and the Hilsa Fish’?
- c) Who is rebel and why is it good to have rebels?
- d) Why did Rukkumani ask Ravi to send away the beggar?
- e) “He liked to tease and play.” Who is teasing whom and how in the poem ‘The Squirrel’?
- f) What were Soapy’s hopes for the winter?
- g) Why did the python help Golu ?

Q11. 'We should help people in need'. Write a paragraph expressing your opinion on the basis of the story 'A Gift of Chappals'. (100-120 words) **(8 marks)**

OR

Whom did the king go finally to get answer of the three questions and what answers did he receive? (100-120 words)

Q12. Write a paragraph describing Kari and his actions. (100-120 words) **(8 marks)**

OR

Write a paragraph describing how the desert plants and animals fulfil their need of water. (100-120 words)

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