

TERM-1 2019-20
SUBJECT-ENGLISH

Class: VII

Max. Marks: 80

Time: 2.30 Hours

This paper consists of three sections.

Section A – Reading 20 marks

Section B – Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C – Literature text books 30 marks

1 All questions are compulsory.

2 Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below-

1.Our ancestors had great difficulty in getting books. Now,our difficulty is what to read.There are books and books but our hours of reading are very few.Therefore,choice becomes essential. We should be very careful about what we read. There are books which poison our lives by suggesting evils.We should keep them at arm’s length.

2.We should read only those books which have stood the taste of time.Such books are our great classics like the Ramayan and the Gita represent our ancient culture.They contain the wisdom of our sages and saints. They have appealed mankind from generation to generation. Reading of such books has enobling influence on our mind and character, It gives us spiritual enjoyment.These books give us instruction with entertainment. They set before us high ideals to follow.Books are our best friends,best guides and best treasure.

Choose the correct option-

1x2=2

i. We should avoid those books which.....

(A)cost high price

(B)come in paper back

(c) corrupt our lives by suggesting evils

(d)come in more than one volume

ii. The books which have stood the taste of time are called.....

(a)great books

(b)rare books

(c)biographies

(d)classics

Answer the questions-

4x2=8

1.Why should we be selective in choosing the books?

ii. Which type of books we should read?

iii. What are the special qualities of classics?

iv. How are books our best friends and guides?

Q.2.Read the following passage and answer the questions given below -

1.The system of education in our country is defective. It is not keeping pace with the passage of time.It follows the pattern which was valid five decades ago.

2.The aim of education is to prepare students for the tough battle of life.The basic needs of life are a sound mind in a sound body,and skill to make a living. *It* widens the sphere of knowledge and builds our character. In short, education should turn out a strong team of responsible citizens.

3.It is unfortunate that our policy- makers give little importance to moral education and noble values. They set up school and colleges only to turn out an army of gradutes, good for nothing. We need men with brain, we need good scientists and technicians, we need tough soldiers for army.

4. 'Education for all' sounds sweet. But mere slogans and schemes on paper won't take us far.Our leaders don't have the will to serve the nation. Also schemes fail at the ground level.

On the basis of reading of above passage complete the following sentences-

1x2=2

(a) Our education system is wrong.....

(b) Our education turn out

Answer the questions---

4x2=8

1. What is the aim of Education?
2. What are the basic needs of life?
3. What do our policy makers give less importance?
4. Can we achieve our aim only through slogans and schemes?

WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q.3. You are Ruhi or Rahul, head girl/boy of ABC Convent School. Your school is going to organize an inter-school singing competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting names of all the interested students. 5

Q.4 Recently your exams were conducted. Write a letter to your father telling him how you have fared in your examination. You are Ravi/Renu of Hostel no. 1 St. Paul School, Lucknow. 7

Q.5. With the help of given outlines, develop a story in about 100-120 words with a suitable title and moral. 8

Outlines: The mice in the house.....afraid of the cat.....held a meeting.....one proposes to tie a bell round the cat's neck.....all agreed.....who will bell the cat?.....no mouse offered.....all ran away.

Q.6 . Make questions using question words- 1x2=2

e.g I am reading a book.

Q. What are you reading?

1. Anil is in the school.
2. Children are writing on the blackboard.

Q.7. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: 1x4=4

- i. below/years/children/not allowed/eight/are
- ii. was/clever/Birbal/extremely/witty/and

- iii. hit/he/the ball/so hard/lost/it/was/that
- iv. an/man/old/in/Almora/lived

Q.8 Make prefix adding 'in' or 'im' in the following words-

1x1/2=2

Possible competent

Active patient

Q.9. Use 'a'/'an'/'the' appropriately.

1x1/2=2

My neighbour is moving into _____ new house next month.

He is taking some furniture from _____ old house and also buying some new furniture

because _____ new house is bigger than _____ old house.

Literature text books

Q.10. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below-

1x5=5

My brother says there's a ghost in the shed

Who hides under the rotten floorboards,

And if I ever dare to set foot inside

He'll jump out and chop off my head.

But I'll take a peek one day.

- i. Name the poet and the poem.
- ii. Who is the speaker in the above lines?
- iii. What does the Poet's brother say?
- iv. Why is the poet afraid?
- v. What is he planning to do soon?

Q.11. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below-

1x5=5

I ordered several pairs. It was very long before they come---- but they were better than ever. One simply could not wear them out. And soon after I went abroad.

- Name the chapter from which above lines have been taken?
- Who ordered several pairs?
- What did the author order?
- What was better than ever?
- Where did the author go soon after giving the order?

Q.12. Answer the following questions- (Any Four)

4x2=8

- Why was the king advised to go to the magicians?
- Had the beggar come to Rukku Manni's house for the first time? Give reasons for your answer?
- What did the king ask Gopal to do to prove that he was clever?
- Why did the neighbours kill the dog?
- What was Mr. Gessler's complaint against big firms?

Q.13. Answer the following questions-(any three)

3x2=6

- Why do the worker ants carry the grubs about?
- What is the master call? Why is it the most important signal for an elephant to learn?
- How do the smaller desert animals fulfil their need for water?
- What are some of the signs of approaching winter referred to in the text?
- Who advised Golu to go to the Limpopo river?

Q.14. Long answer (any one)

1x6=6

- Write about the advantages of the trees on the basis of chapter 'Trees'.
- Describe a desert in your own way.