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S A – 1 Sample Paper – [2020-21]

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

The question paper is divided into three sections

Section A : Reading	20 Marks
Section B : Advanced Writing Skills	30 Marks
Section C : Literature and Extended Reading Text	30 Marks

Section A : Reading

20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow: (12 marks)

1. After a long day out in the scorching sun at Nizamuddin railway station, having checked out every bit of garbage disposed off trains, a group of ragpickers gathered for a chat in a rain-swept shelter. This was no regular gathering for them. It was a Mother's Day gathering.
2. Most children had never heard the word but grew emotional once they got to know what the day signified. Gifts for their mothers ranged from promises of not running away, to earning enough to assure their mothers of some comfort some day.
3. When it came to actual celebrations for the day, a group of boys at the centre run by Chetna, an NGO, near the station, surrounded Manjula Rai. Some even pulled her hair and the rowdy ones calmed down after a stern glance from her. For many boys and girls, this 47-year old social worker is a face recognized as a help at hand. For quite a few of them, Manjula is the 'mother' who influences them.
4. When they settled down to talk, the children at Chetna, related their aspirations with thoughtful intent. Vikas Kumar, who felt shy to pronounce the word Mother's Day, said he was determined to secure some day, quality life for his mother, who was a domestic worker. His promise to his mother on Mother's Day was to take out his mother from a rented house and to give her a home with a better life, some day.
5. Vikas left school when he was just 9, but is now a motivator for other boys to break free of ragpicking and study through die Open School System. Today, Vikas, who is a Class VII student, is the pride of the Centre and Manjula has been a part of his journey all through. She has been convincing the parents of these children to understand their evolution from being a child labourer to a teenager who can acquire skills for a better life.
6. Aslam for instance, who giggled as the boys tried to pronounce Mother's Day, knew the words 'Mom' and 'Dad' having watched T.V. serials and Hindi films. According to him : "I keep running away from home and fight with my Mom. But on Mother's Day, when I go back, I will not fight and stay with her." The traumatic life stories related by these children become a self-explanation for their aggressive behaviour and their suppressed feelings.

A) Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (2 x 4 = 8 marks)

- (a) What was special about Mother's Day at the rain-swept shelter ?

- (b) What were the ragpickers' reaction about Mother's Day ?
- (c) How did the children celebrate the day at the Chetna premises ?
- (d) Why is Vikas' case inspiring for the ragpickers ?

(B) Do as directed: (4 marks)

- e) When one is out in the scorching sun, it means the day is _____
(i) cool (ii) rainy (iii) very hot (iv) very dry
- (f) The ragpickers had understood about Mother's Day when Manjula told them what it _____
(i) signified (ii) promised (iii) gifted (iv) created
- (g) When one hankers for something better, it becomes _____
(i) an emotional moment (ii) a dream moment (iii) an aspiration (iv) traumatic life story
- (h) A term in the passage which means the same as 'compelling' is _____
(i) convincing (ii) scorching (iii) understanding (iv) pronouncing

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that Follows

A chimpanzee is one of the great apes and the nearest in intelligence to man. Scientists have examined its mental capacities and sent it into space in anticipation of man. Chimpanzees need little description. Being apes and not monkeys, they have no tails. Their arms are longer than their legs and they normally rim on all fours. They can also walk upright with toes turned outwards. When erect they stand 3-5 ft high. The hair is long and coarse, black except for a white patch near the rump. The face, ears, hands and feet are bare and except for the black face, the flesh is coloured.

Chimpanzees exhibit great concern for each other. When chimpanzees meet after having been apart they greet each other in a very human way by touching each other or even clasping hands. Chimpanzees have amazing social discipline. When a dominant male arrives, the rest of the chimpanzees hurry to pay respect to it. The dominant male is not allowed to wrest food from his inferiors. The members of a party also spend considerable amount of time grooming each other and themselves. Mothers go through the fur of their babies for any foreign particles, dirt, and ticks and they aid each other when they are injured.

Chimpanzees are the best tools users apart from man. Sticks 2-3 ft long are picked off the ground orbaalnfnjai branches and pushed into nests, then withdrawn and the honey or insects licked off. Stones are and ttecacfc nuts or as missiles to drive humans and baboons away from its food. Chimpanzees are not only toolunBUthut also toolmakers. They make their own rods by stripping the leaves off a twig or tear shreds off a chimpanzees learn all this by observing the older chimpanzees making and using them. So man is not the easily toolmaker, merely better at it than his relatives.

(A) Fill in the following blanks : (1 x 8 = 8 marks)

- a) Chimpanzees are as _____ as men.
- (b) Chimpanzees greet each other by _____ each other.
- (c) Like man, chimpanzees are _____
- (d) Chimpanzees _____ tails.
- (e) Baby chimpanzees learn, all by _____
- (f) Chimpanzees have amazing _____

- (g) The dominant male chimpanzees is not allowed _____
(h) The word 'wrest' means _____

Section B Grammar and writing

[30 Marks]

3 Imagine you are Ramesh, a class X student of Army School Ambala Cantt. You [8 Marks] are living as paying guest at 24-D Sadar bazaar , Ambala. Write a letter to your father telling him about the prize which you have won by standing first in the Chess Competition during annual sports day celebration.

4 On the occasion of World Health Day, write an article in about 150 words for [6 Marks] the school news-letter on the topic, 'Importance of Physical Health in Our Lives', using the clues given below

- Healthy mind lives in a healthy body.
- Lack of time for physical activity because of the demands of modern lives.
- Ignoring the health increases the risk of many diseases.
- Discipline is the key to resolving these concerns.

5 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. [3Marks] Identify any 3 the error and write the correct word against the correct blank number.

Vijender Singh of Bhiwani, be the (a) _____; Correction: _____
first Indian boxer as bring an Olympic (b) _____; Correction: _____;
medal to India at 2008. (c) : _____; Correction: _____
Vijender was encouraged from his coach (d) _____; Correction: _____;

6 Rearrange any 2 of the following words or phrases into meaningful [3 Marks] Sentences

- (a) very exciting / can be / new country I travelling to I a
(b) it / a lot of / before / actually requires / the visit / preparation
(c) option / is / Light / travelling / best / the
(d) also need / we / the local weather / in mind / to / keep
(e) always / enriched / we / return / experience / the / with

7 Write a story in 200 – 250 words, with the help of the clues given below. [10 marks] Give suitable title to the story

A long wait for the bus – people impatient – a large crowd – a lot of confusion – felt the pocket being touched – looked around – caught the hand – and

Section C Literature and Extended Reading Text

[30 Marks]

8 Read the following lines and answer any 2 questions that follows: [8 Marks]

A) "The minute they entered the classroom, they stopped short and gasped. There **Were drawings all over the room, on every ledge and windowsill, dazzling colours and brilliant, lavish design, all drawn on great sheets of wrapping paper . There must have been a hundred of them, all lined up. These must be the drawings for the contest . They were ! every body stopped and whistled or murmured admiringly"**.

- 1) On seeing what, Maddie and Peggy gasped?
 - a) Poems
 - b) drawings
 - c) notices
 - d) essays
- 2) The drawings must have been _____.
 - a) Fifty
 - b) forty
 - c) hundred
 - d) two-hundred
- 3) Everybody stopped and _____ or murmured admiringly.
 - a) Whistled
 - b) appreciated
 - c) clapped
 - d) regarded
- 4) Which word in the passage means 'very bright'?
 - a) Wrapping
 - b) dazzling
 - c) windowsill
 - d) admiringly

B) "So they show their relations to me, and I accept them
They bring me tokens of myself, they evince
them plainly in their possessions
I wonder where they get those tokens,
Did I pass that way huge times ago
and negligently drop them".

- a) Who accepts 'what'?
 1. Poet accepts animals.
 2. Animals accept other animals
 3. Humans accepts others
 4. Animals accept the poet
- b) What does the poet mean by 'tokens'?
 1. Symbols
 2. Reminders of facts
 3. Index
 4. Vouchers
- c) Which word in the stanza means 'show' or reveal?
 1. Wonder
 2. Evince
 3. Negligently
 4. Evidence
- d) What does the poet wonder?
 1. Animals have human's virtues
 2. Animals are innocent
 3. Why humans are not better than animals
 4. Animals acquired virtues themselves

9) Answer any 5 of the following questions in 30 to 40 words. [10 Marks]

- a) How has the poet observed 'nature' in the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
- b) How much money did Lencho need? How much did he get?
- c) Why was the narrator shocked at Tricki's appearance?
- d) How does Robert Frost caution the common man ?
- e) Why did inauguration ceremony take place in the amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria ?
- f) How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know this?

g) 'Who taught Anne Frank Maths? Why did the Maths teacher always get annoyed with her?

10) Answer any one of the following questions in 120- 150 words.

[6 Marks]

a) . Give the character sketch of Wanda.

b) Do you agree that wild animals should be caged? Comment 'yes' or 'no' giving reasons.

11) Answer any one of the following questions in 120- 150 words.

[6 Marks]

a) Discuss the role of Ebright's mother in making him a scientist.

b) Describe Jaffer's fight with Griffin at the village of Iping.

