



PUNJ International School

Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Zundal

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Student's Name:		Grade	IX	Roll No.	
Date:	08/09/2020 (Tuesday)	Time	3 hrs.	Subject	ENGLISH
Teacher's Sign.				Total Marks	80

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

The question paper is divided into three sections

Section A : Reading

20 Marks

Section B : Grammar and Writing Skills

30 Marks

Section C : Literature and long Reading Text

30 Marks

Section A : Reading

20 Marks

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions: [12 Marks]

The growth of industry is an important feature of civilisation. But industrial growth is not an unmixed blessing. It has polluted the atmosphere, it has disturbed the ecological balance, it has created tense situations in human relations and it has posed a serious threat to plants, trees, greenery, and wildlife in the jungle.

Animals form an important part of jungle life. The deer, elephants, lions, tigers, leopards, birds and other beasts indicate the living existence of wildlife. In the course of time, many species of this wildlife have become extinct because they could not face the grim struggle for survival as they were unfit in the process of survival of the fittest. It is a matter of deep concern that some of the rare animal species are still being poached. We must genuinely feel the need to protect wild animals. Now we are better civilised than the past when we used to kill animals for food because we used to live on them. Now, we kill animals for pleasure.

Man is a symbol of love, kindness, compassion, and nobleness. He has already crossed the jungle stage of civilisation. He must now feel that if he wants to establish God's kingdom on this planet, he must first sow the seeds of love, mercy, and compassion in the soil of this earth. In this process, he should love not only his fellow human beings but also birds and beasts. He must protect them. Coleridge, the great romantic poet, has beautifully said, that God loves those who first love His creatures. This idea has also been expressed by Coleridge in his long poem, The Ancient Mariner.

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

briefly: (12×1=12)

Answer briefly: (2x4 = 8)

- a. Why are animals becoming extinct?
- b. How is industrial growth a mixed blessing?
- c. Why we should protect wildlife?
- d. How can man establish God's kingdom on this planet?

Vocabulary: (1x4 = 4)

- i. The word similar in meaning to 'blessing' is

 - a. situation
 - b. case
 - c. opportunity
 - d. boon

- ii. Identify the word which means the same as beasts.

 - a. plants
 - b. flora
 - c. decent
 - d. animals

- iii. Identify the word which is the opposite of 'compassion'.

 - a. kindness
 - b. cruelty
 - c. sympathy
 - d. nobleness

- iv. The noun form of the word 'express' ..

 - a. expression
 - b. expressive
 - c. express
 - d. expressively

2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow: (8 marks)

Chocolate diamonds are actually brown diamonds and compared to the well-known white diamond they aren't much worth. Diamonds are produced in mines. The best known diamond mines are in Australia, South Africa and Russia. The largest diamond mine was discovered in 1976 in the desert of Australia near a little creek named Lake Argyle. Diamonds are created under very extreme conditions of pressure and high temperature. It is a general

misunderstanding that there exist only white colourless diamonds. Actually, diamonds exist in many different colours.

Of all the diamond mines in the world, almost 80% of all diamonds produced are brownish in colour. Because they were found in such large quantities compared to the other coloured diamonds, they were considered as low-valued diamonds, only good for the industrial sector. But, a famous man called Le Vian came with a marketing campaign to increase the popularity of the chocolate diamond. Instead of calling it a brown diamond, he gave it popular names like caramel, chocolate, cinnamon and cognac. Since his marketing campaign, chocolate diamonds are becoming very popular.

The value of a diamond is based on its shape, brightness and colour. Because white diamonds are rare, their value is based on the fact that there are not many white diamonds around. But if you look at the shape and brightness, then the brightest diamond in this world known to men is a brown diamond. Before the development of the Argyle Diamond Mine in Australia in 1986, most brown diamonds were considered, worthless for jewellery; they were not even assessed on the diamond colour scale, and were predominantly used for industrial purposes.

However, marketing strategies changed in the 1980s and brown diamonds have become popular gems. The change was mostly due to the supply: the Argyle mine, with its 35 million carats (7,000 kg) of diamonds per year, makes about one third of global production of natural diamonds; 80% of Argyle diamonds are brown. The percentage of brown diamonds is lower in other mines, but it is almost always a significant part of the total production. Consequently, scientific research on causes of brown colour in diamond and ways to alter it has intensified.

- (a) The wrong notion about diamonds is that _____.
- (b) Brown diamonds were considered low in value because _____.
- (c) Brown diamonds became popular owing to _____.
- (d) The value of a diamond is based on its _____.
- (e) Why are the white diamonds rare?
- (f) Name the popular names given to brown diamonds by Le Vian.
- (g) Based on shape and brightness, which is the brightest diamond known to the mankind?
- (h) Find the word from the passage that means 'a planned set of actions aimed at achieving a particular result'. (Para 2)

Section B Grammar and writing

[30 Marks]

3 Write an article for your school magazine about why the place attracted you. [8 Marks]

Include the following:

- ❖ Accessibility
- ❖ Reasonable charges
- ❖ Hygienic surroundings
- ❖ Scenic beauty
- ❖ Facilities available

**4 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. [4 Marks]
Write the incorrect word and the correction against any 6 of the correct question number.**

Remember to underline the word you have supplied.

A city of Venice attracts many a traveler,
as it lie sparkling in the sunshine,
its buildings reflecting in the waters
of canals. There are much beautiful churches,
places and museums. In fact most of their
buildings are palaces long ago, so they look
grand and state. Some of them have been converted I to
museums but libraries.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)
- (h)

5 Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences [5 Marks]

- (a) one of the/Saudi Arabia/largest/petroleum/producers/is/world/in/the/of
- (b) Saudi Arabia/lifestyle/discovery/has changed/of/of the people/the/petroleum/in/the
- (c) petroleum/world/all over/in great/is/demand/the
- (a) the/Indian/English/exploited/the/farmers
- (b) pay/the/had to/poor farmers/high times/very

6 Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options [3 Marks]

For opening a bank A/C you (a)..... to select a bank of your choice. You (b)..... to visit the bank and contact the Customer Care Officer there. Thereafter you should meet the concerned Authority. You (c)..... to submit the required documents. Don't forget to visit the bank for collecting the passbook and ATM card.

- (a) (i) require (ii) are required (iii) will require (iv) have to require
- (b) (i) will (ii) should (iii) need (iv) are
- (c) (i) must (ii) shall (iii) are required (iv) should

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

Outline: Thief entered..... Mr. Aggarwal thanked..... to give company..... birthday gave him good food and drinks..... gave a purse full of silver coins..... years passed by..... fortunes changed..... business was ruined..... Mr. Aggarwal became poor..... 50th birthday..... alone..... no food..... no drinks..... bell rang a man emerged..... recognised..... the old thief..... came with fruits, sweets and drinks and a bag full of money.

OR

Outline: Selected a tree in forest..... placed a wooden bird on a bare branch..... were to hit the bird in the eye..... Yudhisthir stepped forward..... "Can you see me?" asked Dronacharya. 'Yes' replied Yudhisthir..... asked him to put down the bow..... each prince replied the same..... asked to retire from the competition..... finally came Aijuna "Aijuna, do you see me?" asked Dronacharya. "I see only my target," said Aijuna Aijuna hit the bird's eye.

Section C Language

[30 Marks]

7 Read the following lines and answer the questions that follows:

[8 Marks]

- a) **And he ordered a new stake to be made ready for the execution. As the servants sharpened the stake and got it ready for the final execution of the criminal , it occurred**

to the minister that the rich merchant was somehow too thin to be properly executed on the stake. He appealed to the king's common sense. The king too was worried about it.

- a) Why were the king and the ministers worried ?
- b) The king and the minister lacked common sense. Explain .
- c) Who were to be executed on the stake ?
- d) What is meant by the word ' appeal ' ?

**b) When the humid shadows hover
Over all starry spheres
And the melancholy darkness
Gently weeps in rainy tears,**

- i) What are the humid shadows ?
- ii) What do they do ?
- iii) Why does the poet call darkness melancholy ?
- iv) Find a word from the passage which is equal to 'sadness'.

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

- a) Why did Einstein's playmates call him 'Brother Boring'?
- b) Why did the woman bake a little cake?
- c) Why did the swallow cry when the Happy Prince asked him to pluck out one of the sapphires ?
- d) Does the speaker feel that he has made the wrong choice in taking the road less travelled by ? If not , why does he 'sigh' ? What does he regret?
- e) When and how did Evelyn lose her power of hearing?
- f) Who had brought Shehnai to the classical stage? What was he honoured with?
- g) What plea does the poet make when he addressed the wind?

9) Answer any one of the following questions in 120- 150 words. [6 Marks]

a) "There is always a teacher to bring out the latent potential of a pupil." Justify with reference to the role played by Ron Forbes and Ustad Faiyaz Khan in the lives of Evelyn Glennie and Bismillah Khan .

b) Why do you think Einstein hated the school's regimentation? Do you think he should have had abided by the rules of the school? Write in about 100-120 words.

10) Answer any one of the following questions in 120- 150 words. [6 Marks]

a.) How did Guru manage to save his disciple ?

b) Write the character sketch of Happy Prince .