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CLASS – VII
ANNUAL EXAMINATION (2023-24)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
SET: A1 & A2
MARKING SCHEME AND SOLUTIONS

Time Allowed – 2:30 HRS **Maximum Marks – 60**

General Instruction:

- The Question paper is divided into three sections: A: Reading; B: Grammar & Writing Skills; C: Literature
- All sections are compulsory.
- Attempt all the questions in one section before going to the next section.
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part and strictly adhere to the word limit.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS 18

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x10=10)

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because Chewang Norphel, a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.

2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 metres above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years with the increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the severe winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.

3. Fondly called the "glacier man", Mr. Norphel has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by President Pranab Mukherjee, in 2015.

4. A few basic steps are followed in creating the artificial glacier. River or stream water at higher altitudes is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter/November, the diverted water is made to flow onto a sloping hill face through distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an "artificial glacier".

No. of tourist who visited Leh

Month / Year	April	May	June	July	August	September
2010	3410	16518	22889	22415	5575	3041
2011	3001	26310	33908	46843	37756	20833

1.1 Based on the reading of the passage, answer the questions that follow. 1x10=10

i) What kind of landform is Ladakh?

(a) Hot desert **(b) Cold desert** (c) Dry desert (d) Hot & Dry Desert

ii) In which year did Mr. Norphel get the Padma Shri award?

(a) 2007 **(b) 2015** (c) 2009 (d) 2005

iii) Ladakh is at an altitude of _____ metres above sea level.

(a) 2000-2050 (b) 1500-2000 **(c) 3000-3500** (d) 2500-3000

iv) The tabular graph given above depicts that the maximum number of tourists who visited Leh was in _____.

(a) August 2010 (b) August 2011 (c) July 2010 **(d) July 2011**

v) The lowest number of tourists who visited Leh was in the month of

(a) April 2010 **(b) April 2011** (c) Sep 2010 (d) Sep 2010

vi) Who was Chewang Norphel? How many artificial glaciers were designed and where?

Ans: Chewang Norphel was a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir government. He has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987.

vii) What are the causes of severe shortage of rainfall and drought situations in Ladakh?

Ans: Over the years with the increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations.

viii) Why are the stone embankments built at regular intervals in creating the artificial glacier?

Ans: Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools and freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope.

ix) The word which means the same as 'involving new methods' in para 3 is ____
Ans: pioneering

x) The synonym of 'height' in para 2 is _____
Ans: altitude

2. Read the following poem carefully. 8

IN THE ZOO

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet,
In his quiet rage.

(5) He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.
He should be snarling around houses

(10) At the jungle's edge,
Baring his white fangs, his claws,
Terrorising the village!
But he is locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,

(15) Stalking the length of his cage
Ignoring visitors.
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
(20) At the brilliant stars.

Leslie Norris

2.1 Write the option you consider the most appropriate. 1x8=8

i. The tiger seems to be _____ in the first four lines of the poem.
   a. **angry**
   b. terrorised
   c. calm
   d. sick

ii. The use of the word 'should' in line 5 indicates that the poet is _____.
   a. telling a lie
   b. making a promise
   c. describing an ideal situation
   d. daydreaming

iii. The tiger in the cage _____.
   a. stares at the visitors with brilliant eyes
   b. bares his fangs and claws at the visitors
   c. pays no attention to the visitors
   d. snarls at the visitors

iv. What does the phrase 'his strength behind the bar' (line 14) suggest?
   a. It means that he has more strength as he is locked in a cage.
   b. **It means that he is helpless as he is locked in a cage**.
   c. It means that he is not scared of the visitors as he is locked in a cage.
   d. It means that the visitors are not scared of him as he is locked in a cage.

v. Based on your reading of the poem, what is the poet's view on keeping animals in cages?
   Ans: The poet is against keeping animals in captivity/cages.

vi. State whether the following statement is true or false.
   *Lines **5-12** describe the natural behaviour of the tiger.*
   Ans: True

vii. Find the word that means the same as 'going around an area at regular times to check that it is safe.' **(Lines 15–20)**
Ans: 'Patrolling'

viii. Leslie Norris has described some of the activities of a tiger behind the bars of its cage. Mention any two activities.
Ans: Ignoring visitors, hearing patrolling cars, staring at the brilliant stars shining in the sky, stalking the length of his cage, etc.

SECTION – B GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS 24

Q. Attempt all the questions as directed. 12

Q3.1 The underlined group of words in the given sentence is a phrase or a clause. Rewrite the sentence changing the phrase into a clause, or vice versa. 1

a. The house <u>located near the lake</u> is for sale.
The house which is located near the lake is for sale.

Q3.2 Frame an appropriate sentence using any one of the following Idiomatic Phrases. 1

a. Crocodile tears b. lion's share c. dead as a dodo

Answers may vary. Award marks to any appropriate/relevant sentence using an idiomatic phrase.

Q3.3 Fill in the blank using either an infinitive or a gerund appropriately. 1

Mehran was busy _____ on his Chemistry project that week. (work)
Mehran was busy **<u>working</u>** on his Chemistry project that week. (work)

Q3.4 Fill in the blank using the appropriate phrasal verb from the options given in the help box. 1

break down	chip in	break into	find out	call off

a. Abhay decided to **<u>call off</u>** the upcoming press conference.

Q3.5 Write two instructions using modals to be followed while making use of the smart board in the classroom. 0.5x2=1

Answers may vary. Award marks to any appropriate/relevant instructions using modals.

Q3.6 Provide a suitable headline after reading the given newspaper report carefully. 1

New Delhi: The government is set to roll out the twice-a-year board exam format on an optional basis from the 2024-25 academic session, officials aware of the matter said on Friday, adding that there is no plan to implement a semester system in schools for now.

Sample answer: Board Exams To Take Place Twice, But No Semesters
Answers may vary. Award marks to any appropriate/relevant headline

Q3.7. Select the most appropriate conjunctions to fill in the blanks. 1x2=2

a. She is honest _____ everyone trusts her. (if, **so**, when)
b. Supriya _____ completed her school work _____ helped her mother in the garden. (either-or, **not only-but also**, as-as)

Q3.8 Change the following sentences into the passive voice. 1x2=2

a. The teacher conducted a class test.
   A class test was conducted by the teacher.
b. Close the gates of the castle.
   Let the gates of the castle be closed.

Q3.9 Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech. 1x2=2

a. 'He said, 'Nobody had warned them about the storm'.
   He said that nobody had warned them about the storm.
b. They said, "We would apply for the visa".
   They said that they would apply for the visa.

SET A1

Q4.1. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions. 5

4.1 A. Prepare a poster on the topic 'Every Drop Counts' in the context of water conservation, in not more than 50 words. Provide relevant information.

Format: 1 ***Expression & Presentation: 2*** ***Content: 2***

OR

4.1 B. While cleaning your cupboard, you find some old pictures of yourself and your family. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about moments and memories of the good times you had in 80-100 words. You are Yash/Yashika.

Format: 1 ***Expression & Presentation: 2*** ***Content: 2***

Q4.2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions. 7

4.2 A. Time management creates discipline. If you want to be successful in life then you need to manage your time. Write an article on the topic 'Time Management' in 100-120 words. You are Vanya/Vijay Mehra.

Format: 2 ***Expression & Presentation of idea: 3*** ***Content: 2***

OR

4.2 B. Your mother has always been your good friend and mentor who constantly instructs you to go on the right path. On the occasion of Mother's Day write a letter to your mother appreciating her continuous efforts to bring you up as a good human being in 100-120 words.

Format: 2 ***Expression & Presentation of idea: 3*** ***Content: 2***

SET A2

Q4.1. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions. **5**

4.1 A. Prepare a poster on the topic 'Stop Global Warming' in 50 words. Provide relevant information

Format: 1 ***Expression & Presentation: 2*** ***Content: 2***

OR

4.1 B. You went to receive your cousins coming from Bangalore at the New Delhi Railway Station. Write a diary entry where you share your experience of the time you spent at the railway station while waiting for them in 80-100 words. You are Zoya/Zubair.

Format: 1 ***Expression & Presentation of idea: 2*** ***Content: 2***

Q3.2. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions. **7**

4.2 A. Taking care of one's physical, mental, and emotional health is crucial for a happy and fulfilling life. Write an article for your school magazine in 100- 120 words on the topic 'Healthy Lifestyle Habits'. You are Hargun Kaur/Harpreet Singh.

Format: 2 ***Expression & Presentation of idea: 3*** ***Content: 2***

OR

4.2 B. Write a letter of appreciation in 100-120 words for a mentor, whose compassion, patience, and knowledge helped and supported you during the year. You are Rishit/Rishita.

Format: 2 ***Expression & Presentation of idea: 3*** ***Content: 2***

SECTION D – LITERATURE **18**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: **(1+1+2)**

Q 5.1-A Money was scarce, say the jars of plum preserves
and canned tomatoes sealed in the cellar hole.
And the winters cold, say the rags in the window frames.
It was lonely here, says the narrow country road.

i. Identify the poem and poet. 1

a. Abandoned Farmhouse, Ted Kooser
b. Daffodils, Ted Kooser
c. Missed, Ted Kooser
d. The Abandoned Farmhouse, Ted Kooser

ii. Identify the figure of speech used in line 4 of the extract. 1

a. Personification
b. Alliteration
c. Metaphor
d. Simile

iii. How do we assess that the money was scarce? 2

Ans: We assess that the money was scarce by the jars of plum preserves and canned tomatoes sealed in the cellar hole.

Q 5.1-B. 'Softly, O softly we bear her along,
She hangs like a star in the dew of our song;
She springs like a beam on the bow of the tide,
She falls like a tear from the eyes of a bride. '

i. Identify 'we' in the above lines. 1
a. The bride and the palanquin
b. Palanquin Bearers
c. The bearers of the poet
d. The men of the village

ii. Identify the poetic device used in the given phrase 'Softly, O softly'. 1
a. Simile
b. Alliteration
c. Personification
d. Repetition

iii. What is the bride compared to in the above stanza? 2
Ans: The bride is compared to a star, a beam, and a tear from the eyes of a bride.

Q6. Attempt ANY THREE of the following questions briefly in 30-40 words. 2x3=6

i. What did Shirin think about her aunt when she saw her without a chador in London?
Shirin's aunty wore the traditional chador in Tehran but did not do so in London. This made Shirin think that her aunty was in disguise in London. However, Shirin's mother had always taught her to retain her identity wherever she went.

ii. In the lesson, 'The Kite Maker', why are Mehmood and Ali compared to the banyan and mimosa respectively?
Mehmood and Ali are compared to the banyan and mimosa, respectively because while Mehmood's hands had become rough and twisted with age like the roots of the banyan, Ali was young and delicate like the mimosa plant.

iii. When attempting to place the iron hoops into their sockets on the boat, the narrator describes them as 'demons'. Why does the author call the hoops 'demons'?
The author calls the hoops 'demons' because the three men seemed to be completely incapable of fixing the hoops in their sockets, and due to their misadventures with the hoops, they seemed to be possessed.

iv. Briefly describe the theme of the story – The Silver Lining.

This story explores the themes of disability—how we treat disabled persons and how they can be helped. Mr. David, having himself suffered from the same disability as Promodini was in the best place to help the girl.

SET A1

Q7. What did Martha tell the Principal when she met him the following day? How did he react? Word limit 80-100. 4

When Martha met the principal the next day she told him that her grandfather had said that he wouldn't pay the fifteen dollars that was being asked for the scholarship jacket. The principal seemed surprised that Martha's grandfather had refused to pay the sum because he could have afforded it if he wanted. But Martha said that her grandfather felt it wouldn't be a scholarship jacket if they had to pay for it. At this, the Principal said they would make an exception in Martha's case and she'd get the jacket.

SET A2

Q7. What is your opinion about Mr. Boone, Mr. Schmidt, and the Principal of the school concerning Martha and the scholarship jacket? (80-100 words) **4**

Mr Boone and the Principal appear to be easily manipulated by the Board, specifically by Joann's father and his influence. Mr Schmidt was a more honest and sincere person. His loyalty lay with Martha who had worked hard all her life for the jacket. In the end, however, the principal saw the error in his ways and agreed to award the scholarship jacket to Martha, free of cost, like she deserved.