

Instructions -

Section-A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage.

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Questions:

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- (i) What is an essential part of human development?
(a) identity (b) experience (c) academics (d) curriculum
- (ii) What is considered a hoax? (a) academics
(b) education (c) practical experience (d) coordination
- (iii) What has hindered students' development?
(a) working in outside world (b) learning team work
(c) gaining practical experience (d) limiting education to boundaries of academics
- (iv) The shift in education system means-
(a) to restrict classroom activities (b) to ignore 360-degree development (c) to focus on overall development (d) to develop academics only
- (v) Which of the following is similar in meaning to the word 'hoax'-
(a) truth (b) untrue (c) unmask (d) uncover
- (vi) Which activities have become a point of focus today?

Just delve on these facts a bit. From the plains, in a mere 80 km as the crow flies, the altitude reaches 28,168 feet at the very top of Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world. Such a sharp elevation is unrivalled anywhere else and is the first geographical claim of Sikkim.

The second is an offshoot of the first. Nowhere else do so many 7,000 metre plus peaks crowd up in such a confined space. And the third is really a consequence of the first and the second with the sharp gradation, creating the most variegated flora and fauna possible anywhere in the mountains. The fourth uniqueness is also a consequence of the first and the second and lies in the extremes of the climate which ranges from the tropical to the typical arctic type. And the fifth claim is its thin permanent population and relatively fewer travellers by virtue of its remote far-eastern Himalayan location

Section-B (Writing)

Q.3 You are the member of school 'Echo Club'. Write a notice informing the students about the tree plantation drive in your school.

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or

You are Mohan, student of Govt MGHSS Bhopal. Your school is going to organize a blood donation camp. Design an attractive poster

Q.4 Write an application to your principal requesting him to change your subjects. You want to opt Arts Group instead of Science Group.

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or

You are Anil Verma, residing at 20, Shivaji Nagar, Sagar. Write a letter to your friend Dinesh inviting him to spend summer vacation in your village.

Q.5 Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 120 words.

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- 1 Importance of Games and Sports
- 2 Benefits of Modern Technology
- 3 Importance of Protecting Trees
- 4 Impact of Global Warming
- 5 Man, Computer and Mobile.

Or

Write a report giving the detailed account of the 'Annual Sports Day' held in your school.

Section- C (Grammar)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks- (Any five)

1×5=5

1. They are watching - movie. (a/an/the)
2. The lame boy tried to climb up the staircase without— help. (any/some/few)
3. They — to a restaurant yesterday. (go/went/gone)
4. Do you know—has happened? (that/ what/why)
5. The weather was cold but there was — wind. (any/no/none)
6. The post office is— the street from the grocery store. (across/by/among)
7. If she—a bird, she would fly. (are/was/were)

Q.7 Do as directed- (Any five)

1×5=5

1. We did it (Change into negative)

2. The/is /Himalaya/highest/the/world/mountain/of/the. (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

3. He is sleeping for three hours. (Correct the sentence)

4. He is very poor. He cannot pay his fees. (Combine using 'so—that')

5. They are playing Football. (Change the voice)

6. Raja cried for milk. (Change into present indefinite)

Section-D (Textbooks)

Q.8 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

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We lifted her off the bed and, as is customary, laid her on the ground and covered her with a red shroud. After a few hours of mourning, we left her alone to make arrangements for her funeral. In the evening we went to her room with a crude stretcher to take her to be cremated. The sun was setting and had lit her room and verandah with a blaze of golden light. We stopped half-way in the courtyard.

All over the verandah and in her room right up to where she lay dead and stiff wrapped in the red shroud, thousands of sparrows sat scattered on the floor. There was no chirruping. We felt sorry for the birds and my mother fetched some bread for them. She broke it into little crumbs, the way my grandmother used to, and threw it to them. The sparrows took no notice of the bread. When we carried my grandmother's corpse off, they flew away quietly. Next morning the sweeper swept the bread crumbs into the dustbin.

Questions:

i) Who was covered with a red shroud?

- (a) the grandfather (b) the grand mother
(c) the mother (d) the poet's sister

ii) Why did the birds not eat the breadcrumbs?

- (a) because they were not hungry (b) because they were mourning
(c) because they wanted to eat something else (d) because they had no time to eat

iii) Which word in the passage means 'a dead body'?

- (a) shroud (b) blaze
(c) corpse (d) funeral

iv) Who is the author of the above passage?

- (a) Nick Middleton (b) Khushwant Singh
(c) A. R. Williams (d) Shirley Toulson

v) The birds —

- (a) ate the bread crumbs (b) did not eat bread crumbs
(c) swept the bread crumbs into the dustbin (d) chirruped loudly

Q.9(A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below-

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And who art thou? said I to the soft falling shower,

Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:

I am the poem of Earth, said the voice of rain,

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,

Upward to heaven, whence vaguely form'd, altogether changed, and yet the same.

Questions:

i) The poem of earth is-

- (a) Tree (b) River (c) Rain (d) Flower

ii) What is the meaning of impalpable?

- (a) Something that cannot be eaten (b) Something that cannot be digested

iii) Which poem these lines have been taken from?

(a) The voice of the Rain (b) A photograph

(c) The laburnum top (d) Father to son

Q.9(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below -

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IN July 1976, my wife Mary, son Jonathan, 6, daughter Suzanne, 7, and I set sail from Plymouth, England, to duplicate the round-the-world voyage made 200 years earlier by Captain James Cook. For the longest time, Mary and I — a 37-year-old businessman — had dreamt of sailing in the wake of the famous explorer, and for the past 16 years, we had spent all our leisure time honing our seafaring skills in British waters. Our boat Wave walker, a 23 meter, 30-ton wooden-hulled beauty, had been professionally built, and we had spent months fitting it out and testing it in the roughest weather we could find. The first leg of our planned three-year, 105,000 kilometre journey passed pleasantly as we sailed down the west coast of Africa to Cape Town.

Questions:

i) What was the occupation of the writer?

(a) a businessman (b) a sailor (c) a doctor (d) a Navy office

ii) What does 'seafaring' mean?

(a) Swimming in a sea (b) trading by sea (c) regular travelling by sea (d) None of these

iii) What was the name of their boat?

Q.10 Answer the following questions from Hornbill in about 30 words- (any 5) -

1. When was the link of the friendship between the author and his grandmother snapped?

2. Which island did they find nearby using their charts?

3. Who was Tutankhamun?

4. Who were other two crew men that accompanied the journey?

5. Describe the author's grandfather.

6. What could the author not believe about his grandfather??

Q.11 Answer the following questions from poetry in about 30 words- (any 3)

1. Who are the persons in the photograph? (The Photograph)

2. Why the laburnum tree become yellow in the month of September? (The Laburnum Top)

3. What will happen if it doesn't rain? (The Voice of Rain)

4. What was compared with Goldfinch movement? (The Laburnum Top)

Q.12 Answer the following questions from Snapshots in about 30 words- (any 3)

1. Why did the boys return the white horse to its owner?

2. Why had the author come to visit Mrs. Dorling?

3. When did the narrator first learn about the existence of Mrs Dorling?

Section-A Reading Comprehension

(10 marks)

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4. The shift in education is towards-

- (a) to restrict classroom activities
- (b) to ignore 360-degree development
- (c) to focus on academics only
- (d) to develop practical activities only

5. Which of the following is similar in meaning to the word 'hoax'?

- (a) truth
- (b) untrue
- (c) fact
- (d) uncover

6. Co-curricular activities have become a point of focus in modern education because-

- (a) classroom activities
- (b) academic activities
- (c) teaching activities
- (d) co-curricular activities

7. Why must students step out into the outside world?

- (a) to see the world
- (b) for physical development
- (c) for aesthetic development
- (d) for mental development

8. The time period of 100 years is-

- (a) decade
- (b) century
- (c) millennium
- (d) anniversary

9. Which of the following is the correct antonym of 'unique'?

- (a) rare
- (b) common
- (c) special
- (d) unusual

10. Classroom teaching provides-

- (a) practical exposure
- (b) chance to learn other skills
- (c) the foundation
- (d) limitless opportunities for development

Ans. (1) c, (2) c, (3) c, (4) c, (5) b, (6) d, (7) c, (8) b, (9) b, (10) d

Application for Changing Subject

To
The Principle
David Public School
Delhi

Sub: Request for Changing Subject

Sir/madam,

Respectfully I beg to say that I am a student of class and other ways of your college. I had taken Hindi lecture at the time of admission but I am unable to continue with Hindi literature.

so kindly change my subject from Hindi literature to political science

Thank you

Yours obediently

Govind Jain
Class: 11th
Roll No.:15

Questions.

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5. The birds

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author when he joined music classes?

Ans. The grandmother was upset with the author when he joined music classes because she considered that music had low associations. It was not for decent people and gentle folk.

Describe the author's grandfather.

Ans. The author's grandmother was very spiritual and religious lady. She never accustomed to the modern techniques, style and way of life. She was kind hearted towards animals and birds. She was the frequent visitor of the temples.

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Ans. When he heard about the early life and physical fitness of his grandmother, he could not believe in it. It was very unexpected for him to believe that she was ever young and pretty and that she too had a husband or she played as a child.

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Ans. Larry Vigil an American and Herb Seigler, a Swiss were other two crew men that accompanied the journey.

~~Q. Which Island did they find nearby using their charts?~~

Ans. They found Amsterdam island nearby using their charts.

7. How did the children console the fear-stricken parents?

Ans. When the ship became out of control and father was hopeless, then the children console their father

author was admitted in an English school?

Ans. The grandmother was sad because she did not believe in things being taught at English School. She was also unhappy to think it that the was no teaching about God and Scriptures at author's new school.

2. When was the link of the friendship between the author and his grandmother snapped?

Ans. The link of the friendship between the author and his grandmother snapped when the author went to university and got a separate room for his study. The grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation.

3. What did the grandmother do when the author returned from abroad after five years?

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Brahmaputra' the Ganges and the Sutlej.

**Q.11. Short Answer Type Questions from
Poetry Hornbill (30 words) 2×3=6 marks**

Poem - A Photograph

1. Who are the persons in the photograph?

Ans. The poet's mother and her two cousins Betty
and Dolly are in the photograph.

2. Why the laburnum tree become yellow in the month of September?

Ans. Due to drying up leavels of laburnum in the month of September it becomes yellow.

3. What was compared with Goldfinch movement?

Ans. In the poem, "The Laburnum Top", the bird goldfinch was compared with a lizard that is always alert from all the dangers.

4. How is the tree transformed during the bird's visit?

Ans. The silent and calm Laburnum tree suddenly

Ans. The Goldfinch has been called the engine of her family and the food that the Goldfinch brings for her chicks is fuel.

Poem- The Voice of Rain

1. What will happen if it doesn't rain?

Ans. If it doesn't rain, the seeds would remain seeds and not flowers into the full potential and giving back life to its origin.

2. How does the shower fall?

The rain showers fall slowly, gently and

Poem- The Laburnum Top

1. What is the colour of Laburnum tree in September?

Ans. In September, the colour of the Laburnum tree is yellow.

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Ans. In the poem, "The Laburnum Top", the bird

housekeeper Mrs. Dorling in London because she had taken to her home all the things of author's mother. She wanted to reclaim for the things.

Q. When did the narrator first learn about the existence of Mrs Dorling?

Ans. The narrator first learnt about the experience of Mrs. Dorling when she was at her home during the first half of the war. She had observed that many things were missing.

confront her mother's belongings.

2. Why did the objects lose their value for the author?

Ans. The objects lost their value for the author because they had been separated from her mother and stored in strange surroundings.

3. Why had the author come to visit Mrs. Dorling?

Ans. The author had come to visit Mrs. Dorling because the narrator, Mrs. S's daughter understood that she was at the right place where she can find her mother's belongings.

4. How did Mrs. Dorling treat the author when

understanding with them which was clear and honest.

5. When did the boys return the horse?

Ans. They returned the horse when they were reminded of his family and their honesty.

6. Why did the boys return the white horse to its owner?

Ans. They returned the white horse to its owner because they were afraid but because their conscience pickedy them.

7. What happened when Aram tried to ride the horse?

Ans. When Aram tride to ride the horse and kicked into the muscles of the horse, it reared and snorted.

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1. Describe the author's grandmother. (The Portrait of a Lady)
2. Under the adverse conditions, children had exhibited exemplary courage. Please elaborate the statement (We are not afraid to die)
3. Write a short note in 75 words about King Tut. (Discovering Tut)

Q.14 Write the central idea of the poem 'A Photograph.'

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Or

What is the central idea of the poem, The Voice of the Rain?

Q.15 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.

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Or

The story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' begins in a mood of nostalgia. Can you narrate some incident from your childhood that might make an interesting story?