

INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR Term-I 2017 -18 English

STD.: VII Marks: 80
Date: 14 - 09 - 2017 Time: 3hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

• This paper consists of three sections:

Section A – Reading (20 Marks)
Section B – Writing & Grammar (30 Marks)

Section C - Literature (30 Marks)

All sections are compulsory.

• Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)

1. Reading the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(12)

Ten-years-old Ziauddin, studying at Jamia Islamia School, loves to hear and to tell stories. But between his studies, his friends and his hectic lifestyle, he hasn't found much time for them recently. So it came as a pleasant surprise when he and his classmates heard storyteller Harpreet Kaur read and enact the story, "The Magical Web Bridge" at Jamia foundation Week- a work of fiction, set in the natural world.

With the help of props like a weaver bird, a spider, a tree, a nest, Harpreet held the students spellbound, narrating the story of a Baya (weaver) bird who is imaginative, creative and active. He not only build a nest to woo his mate, but crosses geographical boundaries by constructing a nest so long it leads him to another country.

When asked most children said that they recalled seeing the bird on their campus, but couldn't remember its shape, colour or size. Immediately after the workshop, some children rushed to see the Baya and the nest. They started studying its behaviour and asking questions.

The workshop was organized by 'Katha' under their new initiative, Katha's Storyteller Unlimited (SUN). SUN is made up of people with a passion for reading, who believe strongly that all children should grow up with lap-time stories and books. They should be given time once a week to raise awareness in their neighbourhood, and encourage others to enjoy stories and reading.

The story teaches children valuable lesson about coopration and environmental awareness- birds and trees walk in tandem, and if we don't start seriously thinking about the natural world, it might soon only remain in stories and pictures.

Delighted with the children's response, Jamia's librarian, Dr. Anisa Khan said, "Getting the children to read a story is tricky business so we try to capture their imagination and make reading fun by having storytelling sessions. This way they absorb the story better." She adds, "We don't want children to be just bookworms but have an all round knowledge of things. We want to broaden their horizon."

1.1 Fill in the blanks:	(6x1=6)

a) The male Baya builds a nest to _____.

b) If we don't preserve nature then it will soon _	<u> </u>
	n and
d) Story telling sessions help to	
1.2 Answer the following questions:	(4x1=4
a) Why doesn't Ziauddin find time to hear and te	ll stories?
b) What props does Harpreet use to narrate the st	ory of the Baya?
c) How did the story of the Baya stimulate the cu	uriosity of the children?
d) What is the belief of the members of Katha's S	Storytellers Unlimited (SUN)?
1.3 Find words in the passage which conveys the sa	ame meaning as given below: (2)
a) small objects used by actors during the perform	mance of a play. (Para 2)
b) fascinated (Para 2)	
2. Read the poem and answer the questions that fo	ollow:
IM	AGE
On the door of the temple	is the abode of worm and lice.
under the hot sun	Here and there some black teeth
I see her every day.	Stand as guards in her open mouth.
Her hands and feet are	The lines on her face
withered like limbs of a dead tree.	have spread far and deep
Her eyes tried of searching	like the crow's feet.
for rays of hope	Raising her shaking hands
are sunk deep like caves	with hope in her eyes
in a rock.	she looks at me
Neither they receives light	and an electric current
nor give it.	joins together our two hearts.
Her three yard sari	Time goes back fifteen years,
has torn in thirty places.	her face changes, her eyes twinkle!
Her body has absorbed	When she smiles, her teeth dazzle!
sixty years of dirt.	In that one magic moment
Her knotty matted hair	I see the image of my dead mother!
2.1 Fill in the blanks on the basis of your reading of	of the poem: (4x1=4)
The speaker tells that his image's (a)	-
	e raised her (c) and looked at the
poet. Time goes (d) back.	
2.2 Answer the following questions briefly:	(2x1=2
a) What does the poet see near the temple every of	•
b) With what does the poet compare his image's	•
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2.3 Find the words from the poem which mean the	e same as the following words (2)
(a) Shrunken (b) glare	

SECTION B WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)

• •	Amrita, Head Boy/Head Girl of your school (Zenith Public School).W e Board calling for the entries from desirous students for Britannia Quiz	
Contest-Preliminary round to		(4)
4. Write a letter to your friend r damaging the nature. (80 we	requesting him/her to spread the message of saving the environment by rords)	not (6)
-	air for the first time between New Delhi to Chennai. Write a diary entry yourself to be Jagdish Kumar.	in , (8)
6. Do directed:		
6.1 Complete the sentences by	y using the infinitive 'to':	(2)
a) I wanted	·	
	·	
c) My parents asked my frie	end	
d) The concept is easy	.	
6.2. Change the following senta) The master punished the sb) He was writing a book.		(2)
6. 3 Rewrite the sentences givea) My brother worked hard. Ib) He is very ill. The doctors	He passed the test.	(2)
6.4 Fill in the blanks with appr	<u>-</u>	(1)
	made him look like Mickey Mouse.	
b) She worked for a man	used to be an athlete.	
6.5 Choose the right word and	fill in the blanks:	(1)
_	the will be good today. (weather / whether)	()
	so it. (loose/ lose)	
correcting the spelling:	s two words that have been misspelt. Rewrite the sentences after the	e (2)
a) It is believed that the couple	_	
b) We are hopeing for an excit	teing finish tomorrow.	
6.7 Write the meaning of the id	diomatic expressions given below:	(1)
a) 'To turn over a new leaf' me	eans	
b) 'To let the grass grow under	one's feet' means	
6.8 Insert hyphens in the right	place in the following words:	(1)
a) sisterinlaw	b) subzero	(=)

SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

7. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: **(4)** 'The great meteorite which broke From Earth in 2048 A.D. We took it to station Z And examined it. It told us everything.'

- a) What is the name of poem and the poet? **(1)**
- **b)** Where were scientists coming from?
- c) Why do you think they were landing on earth? **(1)**
- **d)** Give the meaning of the word 'meteorite'. **(1)**

8. Write the meaning for the given words and frame sentences of your own:

 $(2x1 \frac{1}{2} = 3)$

(1)

a) aggravate

b) exhaust

9. Answer the following questions in 25-30 words:

(6x2=12)

- a) Was Sid convinced that Tom was going to die? How can you tell?
- **b)** 'This is just going to hurt a little'. Who said this and Why?
- c) Why was the sage sad? What did he do to solve the problem?
- d) 'Today, Tommy found a real book' wrote Margie in her diary. Why do you think she called it a real book?
- e) Who is the cleverest of all in the story? Why do you think so?
- f) Why did Mr. Pickwick take down notes? Do you think it was a wise thing to do? Why? Why not?

10. Answer the following question in 50-80 words:

(3)

a) 'The Fun They Had' is an imaginary story. What is the importance of human teachers when compared to mechanical teachers?

11. Answer the following questions in 80-100 words:

(2x4=8)

- a) What are the differences between the kind of school described in Tommy's book and Margie's school? What kind of school do you think Margie likes? Why?
- **b**) Why did the children feel that the Cherry trees did not belong to them anymore? Who did the children like: the contractor or the old man? Why?
