



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
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ENGLISH

STD: VII

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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. Read the instruction carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING(20 MARKS)**I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:****12****ADVENTUROUS STORYTELLER**

1. Jack London, one of America's major writers of adventure tales, was born in California in 1876. During his life, London worked at many jobs. His broad life experiences would become the background for his writing. London loved to read. As a teenager, he spent many hours educating himself at the Oakland, California, public library. He attended college at the University of California at Berkeley, but he stayed for only six months. He thought Berkeley was "not lively enough" and wanted to do something more exciting. London wrote stories about working people and the hard times they had making a living. He knew their problems first hand. He worked as a sailor, rancher, factory employee, railroad hobo, and gold prospector, to name just a few of his many jobs. London grew up near the waterfront in Oakland. He loved the water.

2. When he was fifteen years old, he bought a small sailboat called a sloop. Later he sailed to Japan on a schooner, which is a much larger sailing boat. Like many people of the time, London caught the Klondike Gold Rush Fever. In 1897, he headed for Alaska. He didn't find gold, but he discovered something even more valuable. He discovered that people enjoyed listening to the stories he made up with his vivid imagination. London entertained the miners with story after story. Later, using his experiences during the Gold Rush, he created many more colourful stories. London resolved to live a full, exciting life. He once said, "I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet." Each day, he pushed himself.

3. Once London determined that he was going to be a writer, nothing could stop him. His goal was to write at least one thousand words every day. He refused to stop even when he was sick. In eighteen years, the writer published fifty-one books and hundreds of articles. He was the best-selling and highest-paid writer of his day. Many people also considered him to be the best writer. White Fang and The Call of the Wild are his most famous stories and are about surviving in the Alaskan wilderness. Readers can enjoy Jack London's energy and his talent for telling wonderful stories each time they open one of his novels.

1.1 Give very short answers for the following questions:**8**

- 1) Why was Jack London able to write on many topics?
- 2) Why did Jack London not complete college?
- 3) What do a sloop and schooner have in common?
- 4) When did Jack London discover he first had a talent for storytelling?
- 5) What was Jack's goal?
- 6) How many books did Jack publish?

- 7) Where did Jack educate himself?
- 8) What kind of jobs did Jack London do?

1.2 Answer the following questions by choosing the right option: 2

- 1) The Author wrote the passage to _____**
- a) Praise the writer
 - b) Give information on the writer
 - c) Describe the writers life
 - d) Describe the Gold rush
- 2) The word best describes Jack London is _____**
- a) Cautious
 - b) Unfocused
 - c) Imaginative
 - d) Compassionate

1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: 2

- a) Thrilling (para 1)
- b) Playwright (para 3)

II. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 8

GARBAGE

1. Garbage cans are not magical portals. Trash does not disappear when you toss it in a can. Yet, the average American throws away an estimated 1,600 pounds of waste each year. If there are no magic garbage fairies, where does all that trash go? There are four methods to managing waste: recycling, land filling, composting, and incinerating. Each method has its strengths and weaknesses. Let's take a quick look at each. Recycling is the process of turning waste into new materials. For example, used paper can be turned into paperboard, which can be used to make book covers. Recycling can reduce pollution, save materials, and lower energy use. Yet, some argue that recycling wastes energy.

2. They believe that collecting, processing, and converting waste uses more energy than it saves. Still, most people agree that recycling is better for the planet than land filling. Land filling is the oldest method of managing waste. In its simplest form, land filling is when people bury garbage in a hole. Over time the practice of land filling has advanced. Garbage is compacted before it is thrown into the hole. In this way more garbage can fit in each landfill. Large liners are placed in the bottom of landfills so that toxic garbage juice doesn't get into the ground water. Sadly, these liners don't always work. Landfills may pollute the local water supply. Not to mention that all of that garbage stinks. Nobody wants to live next to a landfill. This makes it hard to find new locations for landfills.

II. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

2.1 Give very short answers for the following: 4

- a) Why does the author begins the text by talking about magical garbage fairies?
- b) What are the four methods used to manage waste?
- c) What does recycling help us to do?
- d) Why are large liners placed at the bottom of the land fill ?

2.2 Complete the following sentences: 2

- a) Paper can be recycled into _____.
- b) Americans throw away around _____.

2.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: 2

- a) Procedures (para 1)
- b) Contaminate (para 2)

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

III. You are Asma/Ashish, the head girl/boy of **Indian School, Sohar**. Your school is soon going to publish the annual magazine next month. The Principal has asked you to collect as many write-ups for the magazine as possible. Write a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board inviting students to submit write-ups at the earliest. **4**

IV. You are **Vishal / Sunidhi** residing at 301 A, Golon Society, M.G. Road, Chennai – 600003. Write a letter in about 80 words to your friend asking him/her to celebrate a festival with you. **6**

V. Write a **short story** in about **100-120 words** based on the given outlines. Give a suitable title to your story. Make it interesting by describing characters, events and some dialogues. **8**

An old lady become blind.....calls in a doctor.....agrees to pay a large fee if cured.....doctor come daily.....starts stealing one piece of furniture daily.....delays the cure.....at last cures her.....demands her fees.....lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete.....doctor objects lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture.....

VI. Do as directed: **12**

6.1 Complete the sentences using Infinitives: **1**

- a) I don't want _____ yet (leave).
- b) They plan _____ college in Autumn (start).

6.2 Fill in the blank using the correct Past Continuous tense of the given verb: **3**

- a) He _____ at home all day when she sent him the message. (wait)
- b) Alan _____ the grass the other day when the snake appeared. (cut)
- c) I _____ when you got home late last night. (sleep)

6.3 Complete the sentences using Simple Past Tense: **2**

- a) I _____ him yesterday. (see)
- b) She _____ school last year. (leave)

6.4 Complete the sentence using Bare Infinitives: **1**

- a) My sister _____ the piano when she was five
- b) You _____ up earlier in the morning.

6.5 Give the meanings of the following Idioms: **2**

- a) To get cold feet .
- b) To pull someone's leg.

6.6 Change the following sentences from passive to active voice: **3**

- a) The jar is filled with sand.
- b) Reading is enjoyed by Mary.
- c) The town was destroyed by fire.

SECTIONC: LITERATURE(30Marks)

VII. Attempt any one of the following:

Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

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*Life has loveliness to sell,
Music like a curve of gold,
Scent of pine trees in the rain,
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,
And for your spirit's still delight,
Holy thoughts that star the night.*

- Name the poem and the poet?
- Why is life selling loveliness?
- What does the poet mean by "Eyes that love"?
- Why will your spirit delight?

OR

On his way to the Golden Cross, Mr. Pickwick engages the cab driver about the business of cab driving, all the while documenting the cab driver's answers in writing. Little does Mr. Pickwick realize that his note taking is being construed as an act of betrayal by the cab driver. Indeed, when they arrive at the Golden Cross and Mr. Pickwick attempts to pay, the cab driver rejects the fare and challenges Mr. Pickwick to a fight.

- Who is the writer of this story?
- Where is Mr. Pickwick going?
- What kind of trouble does he get into?
- Who saves them and how?

VIII. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own:

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- Release
- Crumble

IX. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words each:

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- How does the narrator keep her mother's 'legacy' alive?
- What lesson the tiger teaches us about captivity?
- What is the theme of the poem 'The Choice' ?
- What was the reaction of the people when the Tiger jumped out of the cage?
- Why did Mr. Pickwick take down notes? Do you think it was a wise thing to do? Why or Why not?
- How did the researchers learn about the state of the earth?

X. Answer the following question in about 40 - 50 words:

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- Think about the title The Choice. Do you think in this current age, we have chosen to care for our planet at all? What will happen when we use up all the available natural resources, pollute the Earth and destroy our forest?

XI. Answer the following questions in 60 -80 words each:

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- Why was Mr. Pickwick asked to go on a expedition? Who were the other people picked by the club to go along with him?
- What was the reaction of the tiger when he was let out of his cage? Did he repeat the same reaction when he was let out the second time?
