



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**TERM I EXAMINATION (2022 – 23)**  
**ENGLISH**

**CLASS: VII**  
**DATE: 22/09/2022**

**MAX. MARKS: 40**  
**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper consists of three sections.
  - Section A Reading (7 marks)
  - Section B Writing & Grammar (15 marks)
  - Section C Literature (18 marks)
- All Sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

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**SECTION A: READING (7 marks)**

**I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (4)**

My childhood had always been a sheltered one. My parents and teachers tried to instill good ethics in me. But sharing was one moral value which I was never comfortable with. Once, I was at the railway station with my parents. As we were waiting, two small children, perhaps siblings, were seeking alms nearby. When they approached us, my father promptly gave some money to the older one. I had a pack of my favorite chocolates in my pocket. Even though I pretended to have forgotten about it, my mother remembered it. With a heavy heart, I fished out one and placed it reluctantly in her hand. She flashed a smile, and they moved on. But my gaze never left them. I saw her unwrap it, put it in her brother's mouth, and watched his face brighten up as he savoured it. Regret and shame overcame me when I realized that I had deliberately given only one chocolate. I quickly decided to give her one more, which made me feel better. As our train approached, the girl rushed to give me a small paper doll that she had made with the chocolate wrapper. I was speechless. Happiness abounds when shared.

**Read the passage carefully and find the most appropriate answer:**






1. How did the little girl derive happiness?
  - a. By taking the chocolate from his father
  - b. By putting it in her brother's mouth
  - c. By eating the chocolate
  - d. By giving the chocolate to another beggar
2. 'With a heavy heart, I fished out one and placed it reluctantly in her hand.' Which one of the following words best describes the feelings of the boy?
  - a. contentment
  - b. gratitude
  - c. compassion
  - d. sadness

**Answer the following questions briefly:**

3. What were the two children doing at the railway station?
4. How did the girl express her gratitude?

**II. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (3)**

The most characteristic feature of spiders is their ability to produce silken threads. Spiders normally have six finger-like silk glands located beneath their abdomen. To spin a web, the spider squeezes the silk out of its body through two small holes. Spider silk is much stronger than steel and resists breakage because of its elasticity. Spiders use this silk to make webs to trap their prey. A certain species of spider, 'phidippus apacheanecs', trails a safety line of fine silk as it jumps. As integral components of our biosphere, spiders have an intrinsic existence value. They are efficient predators that play an important role in controlling the pests of cotton. Thus, the presence of spiders is an ecological indicator signaling the health of the natural ecosystem.

Black and Yellow Garden Spider	Fisher Spider
Typically found in fields and gardens during daytime. 	Do not need webs to catch prey, track down insects and pounce on them. 
 <p><b>Common House Spider</b> Found in houses, sheds and garages; Typically weave their webs in ceilings and window corners.</p>	 <p><b>Woodlouse Hunting Spider</b> Spotted outside in leaves, wood or rock pill bugs.</p>  <p><b>Grass Spiders</b> Webs are weaved in grass, visible in morning dew.</p>

**Answer the following questions briefly:**

1. How does spider silk resist breakage?
2. Which spider does not weave a web to catch its prey?
3. What important role do spiders play as predators?

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)**

**III. Attempt any one of the following questions: (5)**

An International Book Fair is going on in your place. Write a letter to your friend Nithin/Nithya in about 60-80 words, inviting him/her to come and stay with you and visit the book fair.

**OR**

You are Anu Roy/Anand Babu, the Sports Secretary of Gyan Public School, Bhopal. Your school has decided to take part in the regional level basketball tournament. Draft a notice in about 50 words for your school notice board inviting the interested students from VI to VIII to take part in the selection round.

**IV. Do as directed**

**Find the meaning of the idiom from the options given below: (1)**

1. To let the cat out of the bag
  - a. To accept defeat easily
  - b. To praise your own abilities
  - c. To disclose a secret
  - d. To lead a new and better life

**Identify the voice by choosing the correct option:** (1)

2. Find the sentence in Active Voice.

- a. A gold chain was bought by Reema.
- b. The letters are delivered by the postman.
- c. He is admired very much.
- d. Ganga was watching a movie.

**Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are in Passive voice.** (1)

3. i. The Principal was giving away the prizes.

ii. The floor is swept by Jeena every day.

iii. The roads have been repaired.

iv. Hema travels home by plane.

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 3 and 4
- c. 2 and 4
- d. 2 and 3

**Fill in the blanks using the correct tense forms from the options given:** (1)

4. They \_\_\_\_\_ cards, when someone knocked at the door.

- a. played
- b. was playing
- c. play
- d. were playing

**Rewrite the following sentences using the correct tense form:** (1)

5. Tony and Dennis play golf. They see a movie star on the golf course.

**Rewrite the following sentences using as/since:** (2)

6. Sally wanted to pass her exam. She decided to study well.

7. The flights are cheaper in winter. We decided to travel then.

**Change the voice of the given sentence:** (1)

8. A survey was being conducted by the television channel.

**Choose the appropriate synonym of the adjectives given in quotes from the options:** (1)

9. Lata Mangeshkar is a 'renowned' Bollywood singer.

- a. celebrated
- b. extraordinary
- c. wonderful
- d. brilliant

10. **Which is the phrase that is NOT acceptable among the given options:** (1)

- a. excellent opportunity
- b. excellent idea
- c. immensely talented
- d. greatly scolded

### **SECTION C: LITERATURE (18 MARKS)**

**V. Read the extract and answer the following questions:** (3)

*'I took the camera even closer and used the remaining film to capture this most un-tiger-like-behaviour. However, purely out of the blue, even as the camera was running, ...'*

- 1. What is mentioned as 'un-tiger-like-behaviour'?
- 2. What happened out of the blue?
- 3. What did they realize after the shooting?

VI. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (3)

*'There lived a sage in days of yore  
And he a handsome pigtail wore;  
But wondered much and sorrowed more  
Because it hung behind him.'*

1. What was the reason behind the sage's grief?
2. What do you think of the character of the sage after all his actions?
3. Identify the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

VII. This question contains an Assertion(A) followed by Reason(R). Read the questions carefully and answer the questions on the basis of the given options: (2)

1. **A: Life has so many things to offer us.**

**R: We should not enjoy life as it is full of strife and unrest.**

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b. Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c. A is false and R is true.
- d. A is true and R is false.

2. **A: The cabman threw the money on the ground.**

**R: He was angry and wanted to fight with Mr. Pickwick.**

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b. Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c. A is false and R is true.
- d. A is true and R is false.

VIII. Answer the following in about 30-40 words: (4)

1. How do you know that the visit to Simpson beach was full of discoveries?
2. Which are the beautiful and splendid things that life gives us, as explained in the first stanza of 'Barter'? Explain.

IX. Answer the following in about 50-60 words. Attempt any one. (3)

1. Mother Earth has been so benevolent to humans. Do you think humans are particular about resources being used judiciously? Substantiate it with reference to the poem, 'The Choice.'

OR

2. No matter how many challenges were faced in order to achieve a goal, if that goal has been achieved and is a good one, the whole process is justified. Explain this with reference to the lesson, 'The Project Tiger'.

X. Give the meaning of the following words and use them to frame meaningful sentences: (3)

1. Plead
2. Astonish