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Class : VI

Marks : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

## ENGLISH

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper consists of three sections:

Section A                      Reading                      (20 marks)

Section B                      Writing and Grammar                      (30 marks)

Section C                      Literature                      (30 marks)

2. Attempt all questions.

3. Do not write anything on the question paper.

4. All answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.

5. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.

6. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

### SECTION A - READING

#### 1. Read the following passage carefully.

One day a hunter trapped a parrot, put it in a cage and took it home. The caged parrot was unhappy and would not eat anything. The hunter was sad seeing the parrot's condition and asked if he could do anything for it, short of releasing him. The parrot requested the hunter to go back to the place where he had trapped it and convey this news to its friend.

As soon as the second parrot heard what had happened, it dropped from its perch. The hunter brought this news back to the imprisoned parrot. He was startled when this parrot too dropped to the floor of the cage. Left with no choice, the hunter took the bird out. He was taken by surprise when the parrot flew away. The trapped bird had wanted a solution to free himself and the other parrot had provided the answer.

Usually when we are faced with problems that seem insurmountable, we give up and lament. But Lord Krishna does not agree with this attitude:

“Get help by approaching a knowledgeable person. He can help since he has seen the truth.” When we are in trouble, we become part of the problem. Another person who has nothing to do with our problems is in a better position to provide solutions.

The important thing to remember is that problems are not always insurmountable and if we approach God, nothing will be impossible. The best thing to do is to stay positive no matter what the circumstances are and look for help. One may be surprised by the outcome.

#### 1.1. Answer the following. 4

- a) What was the first parrot's request to the hunter?
- b) How did the second parrot help in freeing the caged parrot?
- c) How do people generally react when faced with problem?
- d) What is Lord Krishna's advice for people suffering from problems?

#### 1.2. Find a word from the passage that means the same. 4

- a) Something that cannot be overcome
- b) To be shocked or surprised
- c) Passionate expression of grief

d) A feeling of helplessness or being held up

**2. Read this poem and complete the tasks:**

**A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER**

Ere on my bed my limbs I lay,  
God grant me grace my prayers to say:  
O God! Preserve my mother dear  
In strength and health for many a year:  
And, O! Preserve my father too,  
And may I pay him reverence due;  
And may I my best thoughts employ  
To be my parents' hope and joy;  
And O! Preserve my brothers both  
From evil doings and from sloth,  
And may we always love each other  
Our friends, our father, and our mother;  
And still, O Lord, to me impart  
An innocent and grateful heart,  
That after my great sleep I may  
Awake to thy eternal day!

**2.1. Answer the following questions.**

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| a) What does the child want to do before he sleeps?  | 1 |
| b) What is the child's prayer for his mother?        | 2 |
| c) How does the child hope he will himself behave?   | 2 |
| d) What is the child's hope for his brothers?        | 2 |
| e) What is the child's prayer for the entire family? | 2 |

**2.2. Pick out the words from the poem that mean the same as the following. 2**

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| a) Respect | b) Everlasting |
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**2.3. Complete this prayer with your own ideas. 1**

I hope my sister and brother .....

**SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

- 3.** Imagine you are a raindrop. Where would you want to fall? What do you think might happen to you on your way? Write an interesting essay on this topic. Give a suitable title for your essay. **12**
- 4.** You are Rani / Ravi living at C-439, Padma Vihar, Trivandram. Your father has been transferred to New Delhi. Write a letter to your father describing how you are helping your mother in making purchases, looking after the house and helping your younger brother and sisters with their studies. **8**
- 5. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions and conjunctions from the brackets. 2**  
(but, in, because, and)  
The Robinsons placed the provisions \_\_\_\_\_ the boat \_\_\_\_\_ began rowing. They heard a fearful row coming from the ship.
- 6. Rewrite the sentences into passive voice. 2**
- a) The house owner painted the house.  
b) The teacher encouraged the students to study.

7. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate degree of the underlined adjectives.** 4
- a) What beautiful flowers! They are \_\_\_\_\_ than the flowers our neighbor bought me.
- b) Everyone was too tired and ate very little. But Ramya ate the \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) This pumpkin is a little \_\_\_\_\_ than that the first pumpkin. The first one was big.
- d) We always thought Nihal was intelligent. Then we met his older brother. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ man any of us has ever met.
8. **Fill in the blanks with the suitable adverbs from the brackets.** 2
- a) The assistant wrapped up the gift \_\_\_\_\_. (quickly / hardly / too)
- b) “She is doing really \_\_\_\_\_ in her new job,” Shruti’s mother said. (there / fast / well)

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

9. **Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.** 4
- “Aren’t you talking a bit above the child’s understanding, Drake?”
- a) Who spoke these words?
- b) Who is the child being referred to?
- c) Why did the speaker make such a statement?
- d) Name the chapter from the above extract.

OR

Across the star field’s endless oceans  
Will be heard our victory song .....  
Excuse me, I said interrupting,  
I think you’ve dialed the number wrong.

- a) Who is ‘I’?
- b) Why does the speaker think someone has dialed the wrong number?
- c) Identify the text from where this line has been taken.
- d) Identify the rhyming word from the line.

10. **Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words each.** 8
- a) ‘When one type of animal becomes extinct, several others can perish too.’ Explain why this could happen.
- b) Do you think Knowall was smart? Give a reason for your answer.
- c) Why is the rain compared to a river?
- d) Why were people afraid to go into the rainforests in the early days?

11. **Attempt any one out of the two.** 8
- Why is biodiversity important? Why is it important to preserve rainforests?

OR

You came face to face with aliens in your dream. Write a diary entry based on your dream.

12. **Answer the following questions in about 200 - 250 words.** 10
- What was the cyclone cellar in Uncle Henry and Aunt Em’s house? What was its purpose? Describe the house Dorothy lived in. Why could Dorothy not get into the cyclone cellar?

OR

How did Moyna influence the children in her village? Do you think the narrator liked Moyna? Give reasons for your answers and write a description of Moyna.