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ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2018 - '19

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 and answer the questions that follow.

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

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extract and answer the following questions briefly. 4

“When at four in the afternoon I come back from the school, I can see through the gate of that house the gardener digging the ground. He does what he likes with his spade, he soils his clothes with dust, nobody takes him to tasks, if he gets baked in the sun or gets wet.”

- a) Who is the speaker in the above lines?
- b) What does the word ‘takes to task’ in the above extract mean?
- c) Why does the child want to be a gardener?
- d) The gardener’s tool is his _____.

OR

“Then we came to what was called the lucky shop. The shopkeeper was neither young nor old. He was a middle-aged man. He seemed neither too smart nor too lazy. He wanted everybody to try their luck.”

- a) Where was the Lucky Shop?
- b) What did the shopkeeper want everybody to do?
- c) Which words in the passage describe the shopkeeper?
- d) The shopkeeper wants everybody _____.

9. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words each. 8

- a) When did the banyan tree become the noisiest place in the garden?
- b) How does the hump of the camels help them to survive when there is no water?
- c) What did Saeeda’s mother suffer from?
- d) How did Vijay Singh convince the ghost that he was stronger than he?

10. Answer any one question from the following. 8

“The judgement should be unbiased and unprejudiced.” Give your views based on the lesson ‘Fair Play’.

OR

What does Nasir want to be? Why?

11. Answer any one of the following questions. 10

Narrate the story of ‘Monkey and the Crocodile’

OR

What is sleep? What happens to our body when we sleep? Why has sleep been called a wonder?