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Class : VII

Marks : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

ENGLISH

General Instructions :

This paper consists of three sections -

Section A - Reading	-	20 marks
Section B - Writing and Grammar	-	30 marks
Section C - Literature	-	30 marks

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything on the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.

SECTION A - READING

1. Read the passage given below.

Of all the trees of Southern Asia, the banyan is unique, not only for the manner of its growth, but for the area of shade it provides from the burning sun. Its close relationship with man has evolved over the years to make the banyan a popular meeting place, a focal point of worship and a source of practical materials for commerce.

Known as the 'Strangler fig' because of its unusual manner of growth, the banyan is an epiphyte or air plant, that has its birth in the branches of a host tree and lives on air borne moisture and nutrients. Banyan seeds are deposited by birds, bats or monkeys in the rich soil collected in the crevices of host-tree branches.

As the banyan tree grows, it sends aerial roots down the trunk of the supporting tree. In time, the roots that reach the ground choke the host tree by preventing its trunk from enlarging.

The two best known species of banyans are the Indian (*Ficus benghalensis*), one of the world's largest tropical trees; and the Chinese (*Ficus retusa*), a smaller species with fewer aerial roots.

1.1. Answer the following.

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- a) In which of the two ways the banyan tree is unique?
- b) How is the banyan closely connected with man? Give two reasons.
- c) Why is the banyan called the 'Strangler fig'?
- d) How are banyan seeds deposited?

1.2. Find a word which means the following from the passage.

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- a) scorching (para1)
- b) become big (para3)

2. Read the following poem carefully.

Memories from childhood stay with us forever,
Taking us where we have been and will go,
Pieces of life that live on and will never
Let us forget we were young long ago.
Sometimes I wander back into those shadows,

Quietly being who I used to be,
 Bringing to life all the joys and the sorrows,
 Days that can't die while they still live in me.
 Holidays linger and happy times glisten;
 I can see everyone active and well.
 I can still hear them if only I listen,
 Feeling each motion and breathing each smell.
 Life has such treasures that time's always stealing;
 Nothing can ever entirely stay,
 While you are young, you can capture each feeling;
 Make all the memories you can every day.

2.1. Choose the correct option to answer each question. 10

- a) The author takes the perspective of someone who _____.
 (i) is very young (ii) has had a hard life (iii) can't remember much (iv) is elderly
- b) According to the poem, our memories _____.
 (i) are an important part of who we are (ii) are lost as we age
 (iii) become less accurate over time (iv) are not worth recalling
- c) The poet says that _____.
 (i) some memories are happy and some unhappy (ii) all memories should be happy
 (iii) we can change the past by forgetting certain things (iv) you should forget the past
- d) The author suggests that young people should _____.
 (i) ignore their friends and relatives if possible (ii) only think about the future
 (iii) appreciate the present to preserve it in their minds
 (iv) try to help others stay active and healthy as they age
- e) Time is called a thief because it _____.
 (i) takes away our holidays (ii) takes away our breath
 (iii) steals the treasures of life (iv) takes away the days of our life

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. The Environment club of your school has organized a rally demonstrating ways to clean the environment. As president of the club write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students about it and asking them to join it with their posters. You are Madhuri / Madhur. **5**
4. Write in about 100 - 120 words on the topic Advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones. **7**
5. **Here is a story to be published in the school magazine. It has been left unfinished. Complete the story by adding points of your own. 8**
 A man had a monkey for a servant. Once he was sleeping and the monkey was sitting by his side. The monkey saw that a fly was sitting on his master's face
6. **Add 'ly' the underlined words and rewrite the sentences correctly. 2**
 a) The job can be completed within a week in an easy way.
 b) She recited the poem in a cheerful manner.
7. **Use should / ought to / must correctly in the following sentences. 2**
 a) You _____ listen to me because I am older than you.
 b) We _____ go for a bicycle ride.
8. **Use the following phrases suitably to complete the sentences that follow. 2**
 (look after, look up, look out, looking into)
 a) _____ when you are crossing the main road.
 b) If you want to go out I will _____ the children for you.

- 9. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.** **2**
- a) Mr. Shah _____ at the meeting yesterday. (speak)
- b) The earth _____ round the sun. (go)
- 10. Re-arrange the following words to make meaningful sentences.** **2**
- a) your / if / know / you / answer / hands / raise / the.
- b) Mr. Sharma / speak / may / to / I / please?

SECTION C - LITERATURE

- 11. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.** **4**
- “Fall?” scoffed dad,
A climber like me?
Child’s play this is!
You wait and see.”
- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Why was dad sure he wouldn’t fall?
- c) Which line tells us that dad is very confident?
- d) What is the meaning of ‘child’s play’?
- 12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.** **4**
- “He can’t be such a bad man if he gives Ramesh such generous tips”.
- a) Who is the speaker? To whom are these words spoken to?
- b) Who is the ‘bad man’ mentioned here?
- c) Why is he not bad according to the speaker?
- d) Who is Ramesh?
- 13. Answer any 4 of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each.** **12**
- a) Why did Abbu Khan’s goats want to run away? What happened to them in the hills?
- b) What was Mr. Gessler’s complaint against big firms?
- c) What happens to the volunteer who swallows the four drops of the new invention? What is the name of the new invention?
- d) Describe the stranger who came to the pet shop. What did he want?
- e) In what condition did the author find the bicycle when he returned from the tool shed?
- f) How is test cricket a unique game in many ways?
- 14. Answer any one of the following in about 150 - 200 words.** **10**
- Fire is both useful and dangerous. Explain.

OR

Describe what happened when grand father visited the zoo after 6 months.