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Class : VII

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.

India lost its first ever woman astronaut in Kalpana Chawla, when the Space Shuttle Columbia came apart immediately after its re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. Travelling at a speed of 20,000 km/hour, the shuttle exploded 200,000 feet over Texas just fifteen minutes before it was supposed to land. With the shuttle blown to smithereens, the seven astronauts on board met a tragic end. There were speculations that the cause of the tragedy was the possible damage to the heat resistant tiles on the left wing of the shuttle.

Kalpana Chawla was aptly named. She had imagination in abundance. She dared to dream and dream big.

When she joined engineering, there were only seven girls in the entire engineering college and she was the first girl to go into Aerospace Engineering.

She topped the aeronautical course and USA beckoned her. In 1984, she did her MS in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Texas. In 1988, she joined NASA's Research Centre in the area of powered life computational fluid dynamics.

Kalpana had always been a good teacher herself, sponsoring and hosting students on the visits to USA as part of NASA's exchange programme so that the next generation of astronauts would be ready to take over the baton when the time came. In an e-mail message from the Space Shuttle Columbia, she told students of the Punjab Engineering College, "The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get on to it and the perseverance to follow it."

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences.4

a) The shuttle carrying Kalpana Chawla exploded in mid-air because _____.

b) Kalpana Chawla was aptly named because _____.

c) She was called by USA because _____.

d) NASA carries out student exchange programme to _____.

1.2. Answer the following.

a) Who was Kalpana Chawla?

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- b) How did Kalpana Chawla meet her end?
- c) What course did Kalpana join in her engineering college?
- d) What did Kalpana tell the students of the Punjab Engineering College?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions.

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
 Why do you weave a garment so gay?
 Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild.
 We weave the robes of a newborn child.
 Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
 Why do you weave a garment so bright?
 Like the plumes of a peacock purple and green,
 We weave the marriage –veils of a queen.
 Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
 What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
 White as a feather and white as a cloud ,
 We weave a dead man’s funeral shroud.

2.1. Based on your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions. 8

- a) Why do the weavers weave ‘a garment so gay’ at the break of the day?
- b) Why do the weavers choose blue colour?
- c) What is the colour of the cloth that weavers weave in the evening? For whom is it being weaved?
- d) What colour do the weavers use to drape a dead person?

2.2. Pick out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following. 4

- a) cheerful b) dress c) cloak d) cover

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. Complete the story in 120 words. 12

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside

4. You are Ramesh living at ABC Janakpuri, Delhi. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to come to Delhi during the vacation. 8

5. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. 4

	before	word	after
We went to see National Book Fair. There	a) see	the	National
we bought few books. One of them	b) _____	_____	_____
was story book. Do you like to	c) _____	_____	_____
read story? Anyway, I intend to tell	d) _____	_____	_____
you about all stories in that book	e) _____	_____	_____
when I have read them.			

6. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. 2

- a) these girls / their / fond of / dogs / very / are
- b) went / the dog / he / followed / wherever / his / master

7. Complete the following sentences with appropriate forms of the word given in brackets. 4

- a) Asking for _____ is as noble as willingness to _____. (forgive)
- b) It is not _____ that _____ should always be the mother of invention. (necessary)

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. 4

When everybody is praising the sun,
The rebel remarks on the need for rain.
When everybody is greeting the rain,
The rebel regrets the absence of sun.
When everybody goes to the meeting,
The rebel stays at home and reads a book.
When everybody stays at home and reads a book ,
The rebel goes to the meeting.

- a) When does the rebel express his ideas about the need for rain?
- b) What does the rebel do when people welcome the rain?
- c) When most people go to the meeting, does the rebel accompany them?
- d) Find a word in the stanza which means 'mentions / speaks'.

OR

"I have kept my body and soul together on their generosity for a whole week. I cannot believe that they would turn me away".

- a) Who is speaking these words and to whom?
- b) Which word in the extract means kindness?
- c) To who does the word 'they' refer to?
- d) Why does he believe that they would not turn him away?

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

- a) Who was the bearded man? Why did he ask for the king's forgiveness?
- b) How does Ravi get milk for the kitten?
- c) How did Gopal get inside the palace to see the king after he had bought the fish?
- d) Why was the beggar in such a hurry to leave on getting a gift of chappals?

10. Answer the following question in 100-200 words. 8

"The purpose of our life is to spend our time and birth for good of mankind. Justify the statement by narrating the meeting of the king with the hermit in the story 'Three Questions'.

OR

Little children want to know about places that they are not allowed to see. On the basis of the poem 'Shed' narrate what the boy wanted to see in the shed.

11. Attempt any one out of two questions in 150 - 200 words. 10

Mention three things we can learn from the 'The Tiny Teacher'. Give reasons for choosing these items.

OR

What do you learn about Soapy's childhood from the story?