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MID TERM EXAMINATION (2020-21)

STD: VIII

SUB: ENGLISH

Max Marks=80

Instructions: Section A =30 marks (Reading and Understanding the text)

Section B =20 marks (Writing Skill and Grammar)

Section C =30 marks (Language and Literature)

Note: Splitting of sections will not be considered.

SECTION –'A' READING

I. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by writing the options that you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet: 10 Marks

The most important trait of a leader is authenticity and self-knowledge. As a leader you need to be clear about your values and belief system. The self-knowledge is a compass to navigate complex situations. Secondly, in order to lead, one should have clarity of vision and the ability to communicate it. The obstacle to good communication is not the lack of verbal skills alone. It is also the capacity to view one's targets and goals through a self-generated lens that sees the world on our own terms. Each of us is informed differently and our view of the world is seen through our own lens and that may be opaque to someone else. A great example of seeing through a different lens can be found in a family with different generations. The third trait for leadership is curiosity. Leadership is about change. The ability to respond to change is particularly critical to business leaders as the pace of innovation in business is very rapid. When it is a family running a business, family shareholders have to pro-actively learn best practices for sustaining a closely-held business over generations. In a family run business most members are worried about transition. Generally it is seen that up to the third generation, there is clear view of the founder of the business, his values. The next generation, following the third, is not only larger but more distanced from the companies origins. Their challenges include aligning with a smaller sub-set of the family members and balancing collective versus individual achievement.

In conclusion we can say that leaders start out with a vision. Having a vision to lead requires clarity of purpose and direction. Also, leaders need to have ability to communicate and motivate people to work towards a vision. It is also important that they should inspire others to trust and support them.

1. How many traits of the leader are mentioned in this passage?

(i) one (ii) two (iii) three (iv) four

2. As a leader you need to be clear about your.....

(i) Challenges (ii) values and belief system

(iii) Companies (iv) complex situations

3. is a compass to navigate complex situations.
 (i) The self-knowledge (ii) time sense (iii) communication (iv) money
4. In a family run business most members are worried about
 (i) respect (ii) property (iii) business (iv) transition.
5. The third trait for leadership is
 (i) curiosity (ii) self-respect (iii) honesty (iv) vision
6. Leadership is about
 (i) leading (ii) change (iii) guiding (iv) monitoring
7. In conclusion we can say that leaders start out with a
 (i) planning (ii) observation (iii) clarity (iv) vision.
8. It is also important that they should inspire others to trust and support them. Who is 'they' here
 (i) common people (ii) family members (iii) leaders (iv) every one
9. A great example of seeing through a different lens can be found in a..... with different generations
 (i) family (ii) company (iii) school (iv) society
10. Our view of the world is seen through our own and that may be opaque to someone else.
 (i) eyes (ii) lens (iii) prospective (iv) idea

II. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences by writing the options you consider the most appropriate.

10 Marks

Gosai Mondal flirts with death every year. He is a honey collector who steps into tiger territory in search of bee hives. In the labyrinth of mangroves trees and marshland spread across the tiger reserve. Modal and other walk unarmed aware that not all of the party will return alive.

The sunderbans tiger is a skilled hunter. If it sets sight on honey collecting party then the group can consider itself doomed. Seldom does the tiger retreat without a kill from among the party.

The distorted face and the missing chunks of flesh his torso are living proof of the fact that Mandal means what he says. His plights are ample testimony to what a tiger can do to a human being.

The Sunderbans archipelago has 102 islands, 54 of which have human habitations. The remaining 48 are forested. A little over 100 tigers inhabit the 36000 sq km that comprises the Sunderbans tiger reserve and south 24 paraganas forest division.

Gosai Mondal, resident of village Kumirmari considers himself lucky to have survived when 100 of his fellow residents have fallen prey to the big cats, in one of the world's most inhospitable terrains. The forest department figures indicate that 410 people have fallen prey and 95 have been injured by tigers between 1995 and 2010. Of the injured are killed lot, one in every six is a honey collector. The lack of an alternate means of leaving drives these men into the jaws of the tiger. The islanders risk their lives for paltry gains as no one is bothered to improve their lot.

- 1) Who flirts with death every year?
 (i) Gosai Mondal (ii) Mandal Gosai (iii) Mondal Gosai (iv) Mandal Gosia
- 2) The word 'labyrinth' in the passage has been used to indicate
 (i) network (ii) a chain of laboratories (iii) an aroma (iv) a form of dancing
- 3) When we say some place is inhospitable we mean.....
 (i) it has a hospital (ii) it is in a hospital
 (iii) it is not lived in by human beings (iv) it cannot be lived in by human beings
- 4) How many islands are situated in Sunderbans archipelago?
 (i) 120 (ii) 102 (iii) 201 (iv) 210
- 5) Who risks their lives for paltry gains?
 (i) Forest department (ii) villagers (iii) islanders (iv) outsiders
- 6) Gosai Mondal is acollector
 (i) money (ii) ticket (iii) tax (iv) honey
- 7) The sunderbansis a skilled hunter.
 (i) tiger (ii) lion (iii) Gosai Mondal (iv) honey bee
- 8) forest department figures indicate that.....people have fallen prey
 (i) 401 (ii) 410 (iii)104 (iv) 140
- 9) What is the name of the Gosai Mondal's village?
 (i) Kumirmaria (ii) Kumirmara (iii) Kumirmari (iv) Kumermari
- 10) How many people have been injured by tigers between 1995 and 2010?
 (i) 95 (ii) 59 (iii) 99 (iv) 55

III. Read the following extracts and answer the following extract questions: 10m

A) Norman Gortsby sat on a bench in a corner of Hyde Park, with his back to a fenced area of grass planted with bushes. It was dusk-about thirty minutes past six on an early March evening. The atmosphere was a mixture of of failing daylight, place looked empty, although there were few people walking silently through the half-light or sitting alone here and there on the other benches. They looked like men and women who had lost the battle of life, and had come out at this twilight hour hoping, it seemed, to hide their shabby clothes and their drooping shoulders from the curious eyes of their fellow men.

1. Who sat on the corner of the bench?
2. Name the park mentioned in this extract.
3. What is the time mentioned in this extract.
4. How did men and women look in this park?
5. Why do you think that these men and women have come to this park?

B) I lay in sorrow, in deep distress;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold
But not a kindly word.
I lay in want, and grief, and pain;
A poor man passed my way
He bound my head, he gave me bread,
He watched me night and day.

1. What is the condition of the poet here?
2. Who heard the grief of the poet?
3. Who did give the gold to the poet?
4. Who did bind the head of the poet?
5. What did the poor man give to the poet?

SECTION- 'B' WRITING AND GRAMMAR 20 Marks

IV. Complete the story, in about 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to the story.
5 Marks

Meena is a 12 year old girl. She is staying with her mother. No one was there for their help. One day a stranger came to Meena's house. Her mother was not in the house at that time. The man caught hold of Meena. She began to cry loudly. But no one was there to hear her.....

OR

You are selected for the National Quiz Competition; write a letter to your teacher who has helped you a lot to be selected.

V. You are Aryan/Ashmi, Head of the Health Club .Write an article in about 100-120 words highlighting the uses of the mask, sanitizers and social distancing.

5 Marks

OR

Write a diary entry on how you felt when you were unable to attend the school because of the pandemic.

VI. Rearrange the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences
Marks

- a) celebrate/on/15th /we/ independence/day/August
- b) proud /we/of/are/ours culture
- c) rainy/I/season/like/a lot
- d) loving/have/I /parents

VII. Do as directed

1/2x4=2 marks

- a) She goes school every day (convert it into Simple past)
- b) He has given my money (convert it into Future perfect)
- c) I am writing a story (convert it into Past continuous)
- d) He will have been waiting (convert it into Present perfect continuous)

VIII. Write the Passive form of these sentences

1/2x4=2 marks

- a) They are eating chocolates
- b) We were playing cricket
- c) He has brought a new car?
- d) I prepare food?

IX. Write Indirect Speech of these sentences

1/2x4=2 marks

- a) She said, "I give the book."
- b) He said, "I am waiting for you."
- c) She said, "I took the phone."
- d) He said, "I will tell tomorrow."

X. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions

1/2x4=2 marks

A programme is being organised (a).....students of the school (b)16th June, 2021. The programme will start (c).....8.45 a.m. sharp. The programme hours are (d).....10 a.m. to 2 p.m. students must be dressed in their school uniform.

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| (a) (i) to | (ii) for | (iii) of | (iv) with |
| (b) (i) on | (ii) in | (iii) from | (iv) by |
| (c) (i) at | (ii) by | (iii) till | (iv) on |
| (d) (i) between | (ii) from | (iii) by | (iv) till |

SECTION- 'C' LITERATURE

30 Marks

XI. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (any 4)

2x4=8 Marks

1. What is the punch line of the story in the lesson 'Dusk'?
2. When the ghost failed to frighten the Otis family, he felt hurt and insulted. Why?
3. The word 'heavenly' in the last lines of the poem Sympathy means.....
4. How was Dr Raman both a doctor and a judge?
5. Was the narrator's first impression of the stranger right?

XII. Answer the following questions briefly.

3x4=12 marks

6. Who first sat near Gortsby on the bench? What kind of a person was he?
7. Why do you think narrator describes the relationship between Dr Raman and Gopal as a 'classic friendship'?
8. Did the Perfect Cleaner that Washington use work? How do you know?
9. How do you think the expeditions Ajeet and Deeya had been on earlier helped them?

XII. Answer the following questions in about 150-200 words (Any two)

5x2=10 marks

10. Gopal's recovery did not surprise Dr Raman at all. Do you agree? Why/why not?
11. Why do you think the young man concluded that Gortsby had believed him? How do you know?
12. Explain the poem 'Sympathy' in your own words.