

Date : _____

Holidays Homework

Class : VII

Day : _____

Sample Paper

Sec : A to N

Time allotted: 3 hours

Subject : English

M.M. 80

Section – A (Reading)

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

(9)

A man named Smith was standing on his roof during a flood and the water was up to his feet. Before long a fellow in a canoe paddled past and shouted, "Can I give you a lift to higher ground"?

"No, thanks", said Smith. "I have faith in the Lord and He will save me."

Soon the water rose to Smith's waist. At this point a motor boat pulled up and someone called out, "Can I give you a lift to higher ground?"

"No, thanks", said Smith. "I have faith in the Lord and He will save me."

But after hours of treading water, poor, exhausted Smith was drowned and went to his heavenly home. As he arrived at pearly gates, Smith met his Maker and complained about this turn of events. "Tell me, Lord," he said, "I had such faith in you to save me and you let me down. What happened? To which the Lord replied, "What more did you want from me? I sent you two boats and a helicopter!"

- Ai) Where was Smith and why was he there?
- ii) Why did he not avail himself of the help offered?
- iii) What was his complaint to his maker?
- iv) What was his Maker's reply?
- v) What is the moral of the episode?

B. Now complete the following on the basis of your reading of your passage.

- i) The man in the canoe approached Smith so that he could _____.
- ii) Smith rejected the pilot's offer because he _____.
- iii) Smith struggled through water to _____ himself.
- iv) Smith met a drowning death because _____.

2. Read the following poem carefully:

We can't be all Heroes

We cannot all be heroes

And thrill a hemisphere

With some great daring venture,

Some deed that mocks at fear;

But we can fill a life time

With kindly acts and true.

Section – B (20 marks)

1. **Read the following conversation between Ankit and Mrs. Neelam. However he has to leave for his tuitions and will not be home before late at night. Therefore, he decides to leave a message for his mother. (4)**

Mrs. Neelam : Hello. Is this 232625789?

Ankit : Yes.

Mrs. Neelam : I am Neelam, may I talk to Ms. Rashi?

Ankit : I am afraid mom is not at home, aunty.

Mrs. Neelam : When will she come back?

Ankit : Around 6:00 in the evening.

Mrs. Neelam : In that case, can you convey a message to her?

Ankit : Sure, I will.

Mrs. Neelam : Tell her that I have fixed an appointment with Dr. Shyama Gupta, the Orthopaedician, for her. The doctor would meet us at Fortis Hospital. The appointment is fixed for 10:00 am tomorrow. Also tell her that I will pick her up at 9:00 am and she should carry all her medical reports with her.

Ankit : All right, aunty. I will tell her.

2. **Use the following information and complete the passage that follows: (4)**

Notes

- Blood Donation camp held on 10 October.
- Chief Guest – the D.C. of our District
- Volunteers donated blood
- juice and fruit given
- an impressive show

You will be glad to know that a Blood Donation Camp was _____ in our school. The Deputy Commissioner of _____ was the _____ who himself _____ his blood. Many _____. These volunteers were _____ after _____. Indeed it was _____.

3. **Imagine you are Celia, travelling with Rosalind in the forest. Write a letter to your father explaining what is happening and how you are spending your time in the forest of Arden. (Based on your reading of As You Like It.**

(6)

4. Water is precious for human survival on earth. But in our own greed we are recklessly using it and abusing it everyday. One day will come when there will be no water left on this planet for our coming generations. To sensitize the children regarding this problem, write down a speech on the topic of 'Save Water' to be delivered in the school Assembly. (6)

Section – C (Grammar)

1. Look at the following words and phrases. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. (3)

- a) situations/ that are difficult/ are actually/ problems/ to deal with
b) at home, in school,/ people around us/ we keep on/ in dealing with/ and at work/ facing problems
c) are different from/ in the classroom/ life problems/ students face/ the ones

2. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines against which a blank is given. Write the correction in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

December 21 is winter solstice. It is that time on
the year when the moon and the sun appears at
it's lowest altitude above the horizon.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

In the northern hemisphere it is call
the southern solstice as this is then the sun
is at its southern more point in the sky.

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

3. Pick out the adjectives and state their kind: (3)

For dinner my mom is cooking pizza. I am watching her while she makes it; her hands pick up the bag of flour and tips it into the bowl. She mixes in some warm water, a little salt and much yeast. She mixes the dough together and then kneads it on the table.

4. Turn the following sentences in the Indirect Speech: (3)

- a) Mr. West said, "I am very tired."
b) He said, "I am flying to Rome tomorrow."
c) George said, "I have lived in this village all my life".
d) Ria said to Ram, "I caught you red handed."
e) The father said to the girl, "We shall turn up quickly."
f) The children said to their teacher, "We want an off today."

Section – D (Literature) (30 marks)

- I. Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow: (4)

a) "It's clear you don't know a thing about history."

i) Who is the speaker of the above line?

ii) Who is referred to 'you'?

iii) What is the speaker mentioning about?

iv) Why does the speaker say so?

b) *“When everybody wears a uniform
The rebel dresses in fantastic clothes.”* (4)

- i) Name the poem and the poet.
- ii) How does the rebel dress up?
- iii) How are the rest of the people dressed up?
- iv) Why does the rebel behave in such a way?

II. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 lines each: (any five) (10)

- i) Write a brief character sketch of a rebel.
- ii) What were the answers given to the king for the first question by the wise men? (Three Questions)
- iii) What does the rebel do when everyone loves dog? Why? (The Rebel)
- iv) Why was it difficult for Ravi to get milk for the cat and how did he manage to get? (A Gift of Chappals)
- v) What were the three questions? Why did the king want to know their answers?
- vi) To what the poet has compared the tail of the squirrel and why? Which poetic device is used? (The Squirrel)

III. Long Answer

You are Ravi. You felt too sad on seeing the pink peeling blisters on the soles of the beggar’s feet. Express your feelings and emotions in the form of a diary entry.

OR

Describe the music master in detail. Write about his reaction when his chappals got missed. (A Gift of Chappals) (6)

IV. How was the king answered by the different wise men to all the three questions? Why was the king not satisfied and what did he do to get the right answers? (Three Questions) (6)

