

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std : VII

Marks : 80

Date: /09/17

Time : 1½ Hrs

Attempt all four questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.

SECTION I
COMPOSITION

- Q. I] Write a composition of about 200-250 words on any ONE of the following. You must use at least five words from the given word-bank. Do not change the tense of the words given in the word-bank. (20)
- (a) Your family decided to go for an overnight camping trip to a farmhouse close to Mumbai. It was your first experience sleeping outdoors. Write an essay describing your surroundings and all that you observed from the time you reached the farmhouse till you departed.
Word Bank: serene – sleeping bag – twilight – magnificent – petrified – foliage – leafy paradise – bonfire – rustling – soaking.
- (b) One evening, while walking along a lonely road, you see a four year old child sitting on the footpath and crying. After enquiring, you become aware that the child is lost and cannot find his/her way home. Narrate your experience and highlight the measures you took to ensure that the child returned safely.
Word Bank: horrified – wandered – misplaced – consoled – darken – constable – starving – contacted – guardian – tears of joy.
- (c) Complete the following story with the help of the given outline. Give a suitable title to your story.
Heavy rainfall – no umbrella – boy runs towards a deserted building – darkness – he sees a few flashlights – a group of men – discussing a secret – boy hears about a stolen box – informs the police – group of men caught – reveal a plan of danger – boy becomes a hero.
- (d) Study the picture given below. Write a story about what the picture suggests to you. There must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.



SECTION II
LETTER

- Q II] Select any ONE of the following: (10)
- (a) You wish to participate in an interschool competition organised in another city in India. Write a letter to your father, who is away on a business trip, requesting him to permit you to go. Highlight the benefits of this competition as well.

- (b) Your grandmother had recently organised a lovely dinner party at her home. Write a letter thanking her for the lovely party that she hosted. You must also compliment her for the delicious meal she cooked for the guests.

SECTION III
COMPREHENSION

Q III] Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (20)

Grandfather bought Toto from a tonga driver for the sum of five rupees. The tonga driver used to keep the little red monkey tied to a feeding trough, and the monkey looked so out of place there that Grandfather decided he would add her to his private zoo. Toto was a pretty monkey. Her bright eyes sparkled with mischief beneath deep-set eyebrows, and her teeth were a pearly-white but her hands looked dried up. Her fingers were quick and wicked and her tail added to her good looks. Grandfather believed a tail would add to anyone's good looks, and it also served as a third hand. Toto could use it to hang from a branch; and the tail was capable of scooping up and delicacy that might be out of reach of her hands. Grandmother always fussed when Grandfather brought home some new bird or animal. Hence, it was decided that Toto's presence should be kept a secret from her until she was in a particularly good mood.

Grandfather and I put Toto away in a little closet opening into my bedroom wall, where she was tied securely to a peg fastened into the wall.

A great treat for Toto during cold winter evenings was the large bowl of warm water given to her by Grandmother for her bath. One day, Toto nearly succeeded in burning herself alive. A large kitchen kettle had been left on the fire to boil for tea. Toto decided to remove the lid and finding the water just warm enough for a bath, she got in, with her head sticking out from the open kettle. This was just fine for a while, until the water began to boil. Toto then raised herself a little; but, finding it cold outside, sat down again. She continued hopping up and down for some time, until Grandmother arrived and hauled her, half-boiled, out of the kettle.

One day, at lunch time, when we entered the room, we found Toto stuffing herself with rice. My Grandmother screamed and Toto threw a plate at her. One of my aunts rushed forward and received a glass of water in the face. When Grandfather arrived, Toto picked up the dish and made her exit through a window. We found her in the branches of the jackfruit tree, the dish still in her arms. After she finished eating, she threw the dish down from the tree, and chattered with delight when it broke into a hundred pieces. Obviously, Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long, so Grandfather found the tonga driver, and sold Toto back to him for only three rupees.

- 1) Why did Grandfather decide to buy Toto? Who sold Toto to the grandfather?
How much did he pay for her? (3)
- 2) Describe Toto's physical appearance as explained by the narrator. (3)
- 3) According to the narrator, what was the advantage of Toto's 'third hand'? (1½)
- 4) How did the Grandfather and the narrator conceal Toto's existence from the Grandmother? (1)
- 5) In what way was Toto kept warm on cold winter evenings? (1)
- 6) Narrate Toto's encounter with the large kitchen kettle before the water began to boil. (2)
- 7) How did Toto react when she saw the narrator's Grandmother and aunt? (1½)
- 8) In what way did the Grandfather's presence change Toto's behaviour? (3)

- 9) Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following: (2)
- i) protested-
 - ii) reward-
 - iii) bouncing-
 - iv) removed-

- 10) Find words from the passage that mean the opposite of the following: (2)
- i) public-
 - ii) revelation-
 - iii) unfastened-
 - iv) quietened-

SECTION IV
GRAMMAR – 30 MARKS
(WRITE ANSWERS ONLY)

- Q I] Modify the following sentences by putting an apostrophe at the correct location. (1)

- 1) David kite got stuck in the tree.
- 2) The students assignment was to run five laps.

- Q II] Identify the underlined nouns in the given sentence: (2)

- 1) When Megan watched the group of dancers perform in the auditorium, she was filled with amazement.

- Q III] Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. (2)

- 1) Tanya is _____ architect. After graduating, she took up _____ job with _____ prestigious multinational company. _____ job takes her to many countries.

- Q IV] Fill in the blanks with the correct subject-verb agreement. (2)

- 1) The terrorist, with his gang _____ escaped. (has/have)
- 2) Every child _____ required to bring colours for the painting competition. (were/was)
- 3) The doctor and his assistant _____ examining the patient. (is/are)
- 4) None of the pastries _____ to be fresh. (appear/appears)

- Q V] Do as directed. (2)

- 1) My uncle purchased a new house in Mumbai. (Change to Future Continuous Tense)
- 2) Sam is playing a lot of games on the computer. (Change to Present Perfect Tense)
- 3) The Shatabdi Express leaves for Bhopal at 6am. (Change to Simple Future Tense)
- 4) Sarita writes dialogues for the school plays. (Change to Future Perfect Tense)

- Q VI] Underline the adverbs and state the kind. (3)

- 1) Neha walked quickly to the stage to collect the award.
- 2) The tourists visited Europe often.
- 3) Alan ran quite fast in the 100m race.

Q VII A] Rewrite the correct preposition in place of the incorrect one. (1)

- 1) The children were playing for the rear of the house.
- 2) The painter has been working of four hours.

Q VII B] Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verbs from the alternatives given below each sentence. (1)

- 1) The children made up an excuse because they did not want to go for the picnic.
 - a) lie about something
 - b) search and find information
 - c) investigate
- 2) Tina asked around for the address of the boutique.
 - a) support
 - b) ask many people the same question
 - c) stop functioning

Q VIII A] Name the proverb that matches with the following meanings: (2)

- 1) Listen carefully before speaking-
- 2) Family relationships are stronger than relationships with other people-
- 3) A clean body is just as important as a pure soul-
- 4) It is not good to work all the time. Everybody needs relaxation-

Q VIII B] Make sentences using the following idioms: (2)

- 1) pay through the nose-
- 2) to fight tooth and nail-

Q IX] Do as directed. (3)

- 1) Many bees flew out of the bee hive. (Identify the underlined adjective)
- 2) Those boys broke the windowpane in the old house.
(Underline the demonstrative adjective in the above sentence)
- 3) Queen Elizabeth II wore a red, gorgeous, silk, long dress for the ball. (Rewrite the adjectives in the correct order)
- 4) The puppy that my uncle gave me is the _____ (good) gift I have received.
(Fill in the blank with the correct degree of comparison)
- 5) Sam was _____ (naughty) his brother. (Fill in the blank with the correct degree of comparison)

Q X] Change the voice in the following sentences. (3)

- 1) The old woman is cutting the corn which has ripened.
- 2) Feed the dolphins.
- 3) The machine has not been used for ages by the workers.

Q XI] Change the speech in the following sentences. (3)

- 1) The lady asked the shopkeeper what was the price of the cotton shirt.
- 2) The comedian said, "I will entertain the audience tonight."
- 3) My friends say to me, "You are an exceptionally talented individual."

Q XII] Do as directed. (3)

- 1) Leena has a melodious voice. (Change into an exclamatory sentence)
- 2) The earthworms are not harmful for the healthy growth of crops. (Change into an affirmative sentence)
- 3) Charlie Chaplin lived with his brother in a shabby room. (Change into an interrogative sentence)

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