

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std : VII

Marks : 80

Date: 25/09/18

Time : 1½ hrs

Note: 1) Attempt all four questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.

2) Sections I, II and III must be written in the answer booklet. Section IV must be attempted on the question paper itself. This section must be detached and attached to the answer booklet.

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) One morning, you wake up and find a strange individual sitting on the edge of your bed. He/she is wearing a large, pointed hat and a long cloak. Narrate about your experience living with this individual and the efforts you took to look after him/her. Word Bank: mystical – spellbound – unnoticed – whipped up – sprinted – concealed – furnished – snuck – yearning – alarming.

(b) You were travelling by road to a location outside the city. All of a sudden, you notice a change in the environment. Write a descriptive essay, highlighting the change from appearance of the city and the countryside. Word Bank: cosmopolitan – picturesque – scenic – congested – landscape – tranquil – greenery – pollutants – organic – vibrant.

(c) Complete the following story with the help of the given outline. Give a suitable title to your story. Indian fort – old and abandoned – late evening – deserted – four children – strong winds – darkness – sounds – swords clashing – carriage wheels – suspense children investigate – strange discovery.

(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 had planned to meet your friend at the mall. Your parents permitted you to travel to the mall by yourself. Write a letter to your grandfather telling him about why you travelled alone, your experience and the measures you took to reach the mall safely.

- (b) Your teachers are conducting auditions for the annual school play. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her about the school play, advising him/her to go for the auditions and giving him/her reasons why he/she should participate in the play.

SECTION III - COMPREHENSION

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

It was just past dusk on a dark moonless night. The chirping of crickets and the frogs in the rainforest was drowned out by the relentless monsoon rain, splattering on the leaves of the evergreen rainforests on the slopes of the Western Ghats. The diverse species of animals and birds were mostly nestled in their home. The nocturnal birds too preferred to keep their feathers dry and chose not to venture out.

However, only the large tusked elephant rustling through the bushes seemed oblivious to the damp miserable conditions. The truth was that the eighty year old elephant, named Toothless, was too hungry to care. Toothless was one of the oldest elephants to inhabit the slopes of the Western Ghats. His age was a testament to his strength and survival instincts which were widely regarded as the best in his herd. His tusks did not start to appear until he was ten years. Hence, he was named Toothless. Now, more than three metres in length, the tusks of Toothless were the pride and envy of his herd.

Toothless did not mind the rain too much because it would wash away the fleas and flies off his skin in places just out of reach of his trunk. The storm also meant there would be less human traffic at the base of the mountains where he was headed, to forage for his favourite bamboo shoots. He still remembered the times from his youth when large herds used to fearlessly roam the slopes of the mountains. However, that was before the humans started encroaching on their territory.

Toothless' journey was also burdened with peril from the poachers operating on the outskirts of the wildlife refuge, poachers who would not hesitate to kill an elephant such as Toothless for the price his gleaming tusks would fetch. However, Toothless was a survivor. He knew how to evade the humans to get to his bamboo groves located on the other side of the road. He had made this journey plenty of times over the years, and it was not too long a walk for an elephant.

Toothless knew that the journey that night was going to be a challenge. The sound of the downpour drowned out any other sound from the forest. The hunger gnawing at the pit of his rather large stomach was not helping Toothless. He could have settled for munching the wet grass underfoot that most of his herd had resorted to, rather than make the dangerous journey to the bamboo groves. However, Toothless was never one to compromise on food, so he trudged on, his trunk sniffing the path ahead for any signs.

Elephants are very smart creatures, and Toothless was no exception. He knew the poachers liked to hunt from makeshift shelters hidden high on the trees, but he did not spot any unnatural light. Besides, he doubted that one of them would be in the forest in the storm. Reassured by his reasoning, Toothless continued his path down the valley reminiscing about older and better times. Suddenly his left foreleg buckled under him and he found himself falling down the edge of a muddy pit, frantically groping with his trunk for something to interrupt his slide. Toothless trumpeted in pain from the bottom of the deep pit, his mind numb with pain and fear. He felt a sharp prick on his left ear and as he lost consciousness slowly, his last thoughts were that his worst nightmare

had come true. He had walked right into the poachers' trap.

- 1) Which shelter would the poachers hunt from? (½)
- 2) In what way did Toothless' age and tusks make him appealing. (3)
- 3) Why was Toothless unaffected by the downpour? (3)
- 4) Who encroached upon the territory of the animals? Why did the encroachment occur? (2)
- 5) Highlight the peril that Toothless could encounter on his journey to the bamboo grove. (2)
- 6) How could Toothless protect himself from the poachers when he was walking towards the grove? (2½)
- 7) In what way were the poachers successful in capturing Toothless? (3)
- 8) Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following: (2)
 - i) snuggled -
 - ii) piercing -
 - iii) plodded -
 - iv) horror -
- 9) Find words from the passage that mean the opposite of the following: (2)
 - i) continuous -
 - ii) boldly -
 - iii) avoided -
 - iv) acceptance -

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SECTION IV
GRAMMAR – 30 MARKS

Q I A] Use the correct idiom in the place of its meaning: (1)

1) The two families lived very close together in the small hut.

2) Mary Kom was very well armed to win the fight against her opponent.

B] State the proverb that matches with the following meanings: (1)

1) A person's character is more important than their appearance-

2) When you are away from someone you love, you love them even more-

Q II A] Form abstract nouns from the words given below: (1)

1) endure- _____

2) use- _____

B] Fill in the blanks with the correct collective noun. (1)

1) A _____ of hounds attacked the carcass of the deer.

2) The baby pulled at a _____ of grass in the garden.

Q III A] Identify the verb and state whether transitive or intransitive. (2)

1) The moisture laden clouds drifted away.

2) Divya and Rupa collected seashells on the beach.

B] Form verbs from the words given below: (2)

- 1) sympathy- _____
- 2) loose- _____
- 3) circle- _____
- 4) clear- _____

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

- 1) Mr. Dayal, as well as his youngest son, _____ in the jewellery business. (is/are)
- 2) The issues of global warming, human safety and terrorism _____ of utmost importance at the conference. (was/were)
- 3) Everyone visiting Tanzania and Kenya _____ to go on the wildlife safari. (want/wants)
- 4) Neither of the candidates _____ submitted their identity cards. (has/have)

Q IV] Do as directed. (3)

- 1) The eagle searched for its prey as long as it could. (Change to Past Continuous Tense)

- 2) George will be watching television all afternoon. (Change to Simple Present Tense)

- 3) Jinal and Vinay are going to Patna this weekend. (Change to Future Continuous Tense)

- 4) Uncle Greg had lived in New Zealand for ten years. (Change to Future Perfect Continuous Tense)

5) Mr. Jones will purchase a new house after his promotion. (Change to Past Perfect Tense)

6) The passengers were waiting in the queue to board the flight. (Change to Simple Past Tense)

Q V] Do as directed. (3)

1) Which bag did you buy at the sale? (Underline the interrogative adjective in the above sentence)

2) Your mistake might have serious consequences. (Identify the possessive adjective)

3) Form adjectives from the words given below:

a) stone- _____

b) history- _____

4) Varun is going to wear his purple, big, silk tie for the award ceremony. (Rewrite the adjectives in the correct order)

Q VI A] Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions. (2)

1) Go back _____ the hotel and wait there _____ I call you.

2) The weary sailors returned _____ a month _____ sea.

B] Choose the correct phrasal verb from the bracket given below and rewrite it in the correct tense in the sentence. (1)

(break down, count on someone, come down with something)

1) Francis realised that he could not _____ his friends when he was unwell.

2) The machinery in the factory _____ after the fire.

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

1) Money was lavishly spent on the decorations by Mr. Singhanian.

2) By whom was the last slice of the pizza eaten?

3) Complete the science project.

Q VIII] Change the speech in the following sentences. (4)

1) Mrs. Mohan said to her son, "We will go shopping tomorrow to buy a sleeping bag for the camping trip."

2) The optician asked the patient where she had left her glasses.

3) Megan exclaimed with joy that she was going to Bali for a holiday.

4) The electrician said to the children, "Do not touch the wire nor play with the switches."

1) The clown's antics were amusing to the children. (Use: amused)

2) It was indeed a wonderful opportunity to meet Roger Federer. (Change into an exclamatory sentence)

3) Will the old lady accept the gift given by the stranger? (Change to an assertive sentence)

4) 'Avengers: Infinity War' is the best movie to have been made. (Change to the positive degree)

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