

# GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI

STD 7

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

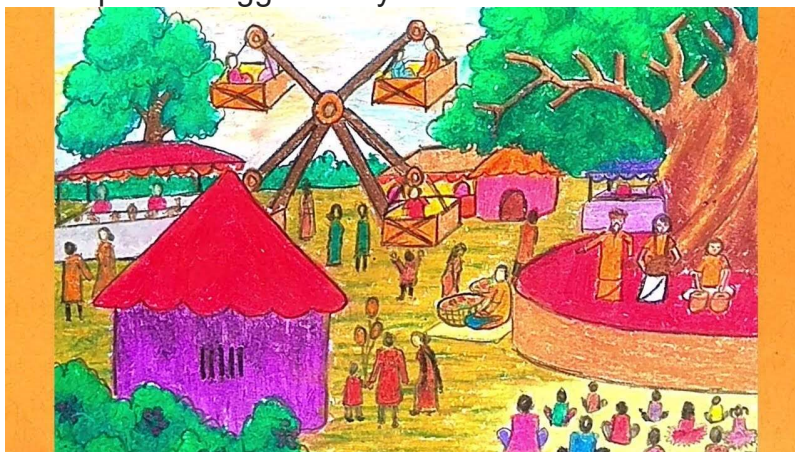
TIME: 2 Hrs

DATE: 05.10.20

First Terminal Examination

Marks: 60

1. Write a composition of about 250 words on any one of the following: [15]
  - a. The influence of media on students.
  - b. Write an interesting story beginning with:  
I was extremely excited. I was looking forward to my trip to Spain by the end of the month of March. Suddenly a lockdown was announced worldwide due to the pandemic Covid19.
  - c. Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you.



2. Write a letter on any **ONE** of the following topics: [10]
  - a. Write a letter to your cousin telling him about the most interesting activity or project you undertook this year.
  - b. Write a letter to your brother/sister advising him/her to read the newspaper regularly, impressing upon him/her the need for doing so.

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Long ago there lived in a village a man and his wife with their little son. They were extremely poor. They had a small farm which could produce barely enough sweet potatoes to keep them going. Sometimes the man used to work as a porter to carry the produce of the larger farms to the market at a distance of ten miles but even then he could earn only for a week for his family. Time went on, the severe strain of his labour and the poor quality of food took a toll upon the health of the overworked father. Gradually he became a confirmed invalid and died after sometime. After the funeral, the widow was left almost destitute. She was a woman, however, with a strong character and she realised the absolute necessity of making up her mind for the next course of action. Soon a scheme came to her mind. It must be the secret of her life which, not even her own son should ever know.

After selling her cottage, she moved away to a quiet suburban outside the city. Then she discarded her woman's attire and dressed herself as a man. In no other way could she support herself and her child; for, in China, a woman was at a great disadvantage in the way of earning her own living. She took up the job of a porter and used to carry as heavy a load as any of the men.

The years went by, and her little son grew up to be a fine young man. The mother had determined that he should be a scholar. One day her son came back home in an excited mood: "Father", he cried, "The great desire of your heart and of mine has been granted to us today. I have passed, and that too, with honours, for my name stands at the very top of the list of those who have been adjudged successful, and now, my beloved father there will be no more hard

work for you. My name will soon be flashed throughout the province. My fortune has indeed been made, and it is due entirely to the hardship you have endured.

All the time her son was talking, the mother's face shone with delight, for the hopes and wishes of a lifetime had come to her, with a rush that almost overpowered her. The young fellow did not notice the deadly paleness that spread over his mother's face as he was speaking. She was a true and noble woman with high ideals of what a woman's life ought to be and she dared not face the opinion of the world when it was discovered that she had lived as a man.

The next morning, at sunrise, when the son entered his father's room, he found him lying upon his bed but dressed in woman's clothes. The story spread rapidly in every home. The universal feeling was one of intense admiration for the devotion and heroism which had caused the mother to sacrifice her own life for her son. The Emperor issued an edict with an inscription carved upon the arch with the words: 'The Wonderful Man'.

a. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (3)

- i) destitute
- ii) endured
- iii) admiration

b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- i) How did the man earn a living for his family? (2)
- ii) What was the secret scheme planned by the lady? Why did she make such a plan? (2)
- iii) What news did the son bring about his success? To whom did he attribute his success? (2)
- iv) What did the son see when he entered his father's room? (1)

### GRAMMAR

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate use of how, which, where, what, who, in, to, of. (5)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ way do you have to go if you travel by air?
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ century did Islam come to India?
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ group of reptiles do lizards belong?
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ she said, made me angry.
- e. She married a handsome gentleman \_\_\_\_\_ was her senior at college.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (5)

- a. You are advised to be \_\_\_\_\_ the table during your meals.
- b. He rules \_\_\_\_\_ a vast empire.
- c. He is different \_\_\_\_\_ his brother.
- d. The plan will remain a secret \_\_\_\_\_ you and me.
- e. It is cool \_\_\_\_\_ May.

6. Write the collective nouns for the following: (5)

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ of gulls.
- b. A \_\_\_\_\_ of beauties.
- c. A \_\_\_\_\_ of rains.
- d. A \_\_\_\_\_ of wood.
- e. An \_\_\_\_\_ of poems.

7. Change the degree of the adjectives in the following sentences without changing their meanings: (3)

- a. Akbar was the greatest king of India. (Change into positive degree)
- b. Learning English is not as difficult as learning Japanese. (Change into comparative degree)
- c. He is the strongest boy of the class. (Change into comparative degree)

8. Write the antonyms of the following: (3)

- a. Vacant X
- b. Generous X
- c. Urge X

9. Write the meanings of the following homonyms:

- a. Employ,
- b. Iron,
- c. Objective,
- d. Fine (4)