

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
CLASS IX

DATE: 22/02/2022

TIME: 60 min

SECTION A
COMPOSITION

Q.1 WRITE A LETTER ON ANY ONE OF THE GIVEN TOPICS: (10)

- A. You have joined a residential school at Ooty. You are learning new things like horse riding, hockey, rappelling, skating, gymnastics. Write a letter to your cousin describing your life in the new school.
- B. Write a letter to a famous environmentalist inviting him/her to visit your school to guide the students and help them to create awareness about waste management.

SECTION B
COMPREHENSION

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10)

Once upon a time, there was an honest little fellow named Hans. He lived in a tiny cottage all by himself, and grew beautiful flowers in his garden. In all the countryside, there was no garden as lovely as his. Hans had many friends, but his most devoted friend was Hugh the Miller. So devoted was Hans that Hugh would never go by Hans's garden without leaning over the fence and plucking a flower, or a handful of sweet herbs, or filling his pockets with plums and cherries if it was the fruit season. Hans never felt sad about Hugh never giving anything in return; he was simply listening to all the wonderful things Hugh used to say about the unselfishness of true friendship.

During spring, summer and autumn Hans was very happy, but when winter came, and he had no fruits or flowers to sell. He had to suffer a good deal from cold and hunger. He was extremely lonely, as Hugh never visited him giving some excuses always. Once, as soon as winter was over, Hugh visited Hans and found out that Hans had to sell many of his possessions, including his wheelbarrow. Hugh immediately offered Hans his old wheelbarrow, one side of which was completely missing. Hans felt grateful and said that he could repair the wheelbarrow with a plank of wood that he had in his house. At this, Hugh said that he was looking for exactly such a plank to fix a hole in the roof of his barn.

He also asked Hans to fill his basket with flowers, saying that it would be unfriendly on Hans's part to refuse him the flowers or the plank in return for the wheelbarrow.

After this, every day Hugh asked Hans to do many tasks for him, in return for the promised wheelbarrow.

Finally, on a very stormy night, Hugh came to Hans's house and asked him to fetch a doctor for his son. He refused to lend Hans his lantern stating it was a new one. Hans somehow managed to reach the doctor's house and gave him the message, but while returning he lost his way in the dark and drowned in a pool.

At the funeral, Hugh said that he would miss Hans and it was all because he had promised to give Hans the wheelbarrow for free and that he would never ever give anything away as one always suffered for being generous.

-Adapted from The Devoted Friend by Oscar Wilde

1. Why did Hans not feel sad about not getting anything in return from Hugh? (2)
2. What all did Hugh ask Hans to do or give in return for the promised wheelbarrow? (2)
3. Was Hugh actually a devoted friend? Give reasons for answer. (2)
4. Give meaning for the following words from the passage: (3)
 - i. possessions
 - ii. plank
 - iii. promised
5. Make a meaningful sentence with the help of the following word: (1)
 - i. devoted

SECTION C GRAMMAR

Q.3

1. In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial orders the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

A reporter (1) _____ (call) on Thomas A. Edison one afternoon and (2) _____ (interview) him about a substitute for lead in the manufacture of storage batteries that the scientist (3) _____ (look) for. Edison informed the man that he (4) _____ (make) 20,000 experiments but none of them (5) _____ (work).

"But aren't you (6) _____ (discourage) by all this waste of effort?" the reporter asked, amazed.

"Waste? Exclaimed Edison. "There (7) _____ (be) no waste. I (8) _____ (discovered) 20,000 things that won't work."

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

(4)

1. Marry was sitting _____ the tree.
2. I have a friend who lives _____ Spain.
3. There is a tree _____ the river.
4. Discussion _____ football was going on in the class.
5. The bus broke _____, on the highway
6. My home is _____ the library and the bank.
7. I love my friend _____ his flaws.
8. Our team put _____ a good fight in the debate.

3. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so.

(4)

- (i) I fell asleep. I was reading a novel.
- (ii) The President may speak English. He may speak Spanish.
- (iii) The problem is very difficult. I cannot solve it.
- (iv) He was drowning. He shouted for help.

4. Rewrite the following sentence according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence.

(8)

- (i) It looks as if Tapas has applied for the wrong job.
(Begin: Tapas seems.....)
- (ii) Do you mean to go abroad?
(Use: intend)
- (iii) No other student in the class was as wise as Raman.
(Use: wiser)
- (iv) "What will be the outcome of such a terrible decision?" he asked himself.
(Begin: He wondered)
- (v) We clapped as soon as the Chief Guest arrived.
(Use: no sooner)
- (vi) That roof is not worth repairing.
(Begin: It is pointless
.....)

(vii) He won the match, so I congratulated him.

(Begin: I congratulated him)

(vii) It was believed that he was a pilot.

(Begin: People.....)


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