GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL

FINAL EXAMINATION 2022 – 2023

SUBJECT: ENGLISH I MARKS: 80

CLASS: VIII TIME: 2 HOURS

**SECTION I**

**QUESTION I: Composition [20]**

Write a Composition on **any one** of the given topics:

1: My most embarrassing experience.

(word bank: friends and family – unfortunately – no point crying over spilled milk – explained – burst out laughing – mistaken – reaction – intuition – felt very awkward – carefully)

 **[OR]**

2: Reality television accurately depicts real life. Argue either in favour of or against this statement.

(word bank: Critics – misleading – perspective – scripted – controversial – excitement – creating impossible ideals – entertaining – manipulative – viewership)

**[OR]**

3: Covid increased the screen time for all students across the world. What are the causes, effects and solutions to this problem?

(word bank: lowered physical activity – outdoor time – lockdown – attitude – exposed content - mobile devices – familiarity with technology – socioeconomic status of the family – severity – scaffolding)

**Question II: Letter Writing [10]**

Write a letter on **any one** of the following:

Write a letter to your Principal apologising for your behaviour and how guilty you have been feeling after the incident.

**[OR]**

Your friend is fond of reading books. Write a letter to him inviting him to visit the Book Fair which is going to be held in your city in February.

**Question III: Comprehension [20]**

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The secret behind every great achievement in anyone’s life is discipline. This reality is seen in every human endeavour. In the field of sports, we see this repeated again and again. Outstanding sportsmen spend all their time practising it. In the process they end up making numerous sacrifices which ordinary men and women are not willing to make. The same is true of all achievers no matter what the field, the behind the scene hard work and consistent disciplined behaviour that leads one to success often goes unnoticed. When asked, invariably they have said that they owe most of their success to discipline.

Discipline is the art, which having determined where we want to go or what we want to create or discover, we stick to our goals whatever be the disadvantages until we achieve the goal. We are provided with numerous scopes for discipline in our daily lives in doing our homework regularly, to do studies systematically, to do regular exercises, to awake at certain times, etc. A careful look at the period of failure in our lives will almost certainly point at a lack of discipline somewhere.

If one is obsessed with wanting to succeed in a certain area, the chances of attaining that want is so much more. No matter how high one wants to go in any field, if one has the determination and is willing to exercise the required self-discipline the goal cannot escape his reaching it. There are countless examples to show how people have achieved success in this way. One example is the saga of Colonel Saunders who at the age of sixty-five had a dream to start a chain of fried chicken restaurants all over the world. He did reach his glorious goal but to take his step meant getting a restaurant owner to go into partnership with him as he lacked the money and the means. All he possessed was the recipe and the desire. Colonel Saunders knocked on one thousand and eight doors before he found a restaurant owner willing to share his dream.

Answer the given questions:

1. What is the secret of every great achievement? [3]
2. How are the outstanding sportsmen able to achieve success? [3]
3. How is discipline an art? [3]
4. How can we bring discipline in our routine life? [2]
5. How can we reach the goal set in any field? [2]
6. What was Colonel Saunders’ dream? [2]
7. Mention any one discipline that you follow in your life. [1]
8. Give the meanings for the following words from the passage: [2]
9. unnoticed -
10. numerous -
11. Make sentences with the words given: [2]
12. consistent -
13. determined -

**Question IV: Grammar [30]**

**A. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct verb from the brackets: [3]**

1. Each of these students their exam tomorrow. (has/have)
2. Ten miles a long distance (is/are).
3. Neither she nor her sister the temple. (visit/visits).
4. Time and tide for none. (wait/waits)
5. The jury divided in their opinion. (is/are)
6. My father along with the neighbour gone for a walk. (has/have)

**B. Fill the sentences with the correct Prepositions: [3]**

1. We hid a cardboard box and they ran us.
2. There was a guard a dart gun hiding a door.
3. We crawled the yard and hopped our escape car.

**C. Identify the adverbs in the following sentences and state their kinds. [3]**

1. The horse galloped away.
2. She usually eats three meals a day.
3. We’ve never been to New York.
4. We waited anxiously by the phone.
5. I am fully prepared.
6. James coughed loudly to attract her attention.

**D**. **Choose the appropriate subordinating conjunction from the box given below and complete the sentence: [3]**

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| **Even though since while until because unless** |

1. The teacher let us listen to music we worked on our papers.
2. Lisa has not seen her aunt she was a teenager.
3. I ran to the station, I missed my train.
4. My mother does not stop worrying we get home.
5. You will not pass your exam you study diligently.
6. Samantha is happy she won the championship.

**E. Change the degree of comparison in the following sentences as indicated, without changing their meaning: [3]**

1. Gold is the most valuable of all the metals (change to Comparitive)
2. Ashoka was greater than most other kings. (change to Positive)
3. We have never seen so beautiful a city as Bengaluru. (change to Superlative)

**F. Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles: [3]**

1. I ate in Italian restaurant. restaurant was very good.

2. Radha has got new mobile phone, but it’s not Android.

3. Should I take admission into university or ­ college after completing my high school?

**G. Change the voice of the sentences without changing their meaning: [4]**

1. Mr. Crocker Harris is being waited for by Taplow.
2. Teaching of moral values increases the value of schooling.
3. Aarnam was not riding the horse in the beginning.
4. The bill of purchase was not given to me by the shopkeeper.

**H. Change the following sentences from Direct speech to Indirect speech: [2]**

**1.**  I said to him, “Please bring me a glass of water now.”

**2.** She said, “Where is your father?”

**I. Change the following sentences from Indirect Speech to Direct Speech: [2]**

**1.** He told Sita that he had passed the test that he gave the day before.

**2.**  Renu said that she was washing the clothes.

**J. Do as directed: [4]**

**1)** Doesn’t he live with his parents? (change to Assertive)

2) They are excited to come to my place. (change to Exclamatory)

3) Love gives us strength. (add a Question Tag)

4) We clapped as soon as the chief guest arrived. (Begin with No sooner...)

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