

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TERMINAL EXAMINATION

2023-2024

Date: 13/10/2023
Time: 2 hours

Class: VII
Marks: 80

SECTION - I (COMPOSITION)

I] Write in 250 to 300 words on **any one** of the following Narrative Essay topics. Use atleast 7 words from the word bank given below each topic: (20)

A) My most prized possession.

[Word bank: many purposes – entertainment – spectacular – symbolizes – emotional attachment – connectedness – most treasured – dedicated – of great significance – beauty is in the eye of the beholder]

Or

B) The day I was late for my examination.

[Word bank: heart started thumping – sweating profusely – glared at me angrily – pleaded – embarrassed – insufficient time – remain indebted – circumstances – consequences of my action – Time and tide wait for none]

Or

C) The value of family in my life.

[Word bank: source of strength – communication – life lessons – love and support – foundation – fortunate – advantageous – social and emotional impact – supervision – Home is where the heart is]

SECTION – II (LETTER WRITING)

II] Write an Informal letter on **any one** of the following: (10)

A) Letter requesting your friend to help you study for your Mathematics exam.

Or

B) Letter to your mother apologizing for misbehaving in school.

SECTION – III (COMPREHENSION)

III] Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: (20)

Friendship is a beautiful and cherished bond that plays a significant role in our lives. It is a connection that goes beyond mere acquaintances and provides us with emotional support, understanding, and companionship. However, in the modern era, friendships have encountered numerous challenges that can hinder the development of genuine and meaningful connections.

In today's fast-paced and technology-driven world, there are several challenges that affect the quality and depth of friendships. One prominent issue is the rise of superficial connections through social media platforms. While these platforms allow us to stay connected with a vast number of individuals, they often promote shallow interactions, where the focus is on accumulating virtual friends rather than nurturing genuine relationships. As a result, the true essence of friendship, including trust, loyalty, and emotional support, can be diluted or even lost.

Another problem in modern friendship is the lack of time and effort invested in maintaining relationships. With demanding work schedules, personal commitments, and the constant distractions of technology, people often struggle to allocate quality time for their friends. This leads to a decline in face-to-face interactions and deep conversations, which are crucial for fostering intimacy and understanding. Consequently, friendships can become superficial and devoid of the emotional depth that is necessary for a meaningful bond.

Additionally, the culture of comparison and competition prevalent in today's society can negatively impact friendships. The pressure to succeed, achieve certain milestones, and showcase a perfect life can create envy and jealousy among friends. Instead of celebrating each other's successes, individuals may feel threatened or inadequate, which can strain the relationship. This unhealthy competition erodes trust and hinders the ability to truly support and uplift one another.

Despite the challenges, it is still possible to find and cultivate genuine friendships in the modern world. The key lies in being intentional and mindful in our approach. Firstly, it is important to prioritize quality over quantity. Instead of seeking a large number of friends, focus on nurturing a few deep and meaningful connections.

Another crucial aspect of finding a real friend is shared values and interests. Seek out individuals who resonate with your core beliefs and passions. Common interests provide a strong foundation for a friendship and foster a sense of belonging. Engage in activities and communities that align with your interests, as this increases the likelihood of meeting like-minded individuals who can become true friends.

Moreover, it is essential to be a good friend oneself. Show empathy, kindness, and genuine interest in others. Actively listen and be present in conversations, providing emotional support when needed. Be reliable and trustworthy, honouring commitments and maintaining confidentiality. By embodying these qualities, you attract individuals who share the same values and are more likely to form lasting friendships.

Friendship is an invaluable aspect of our lives, providing us with support, happiness, and a sense of belonging. While modern challenges can hinder the development of genuine friendships, it is crucial to navigate through these obstacles and seek out authentic connections. By prioritizing quality over quantity, nurturing shared values and interests, and embodying the qualities of a good friend, we can find and cultivate meaningful relationships. In doing so, we enhance our overall well-being and create a support system that enriches our lives.

Q1] What is the prominent issue with friendship?	1
Q2] What do social media platforms often promote and focus on?	1.5
Q3] What happens as a result of friendships through social media platforms?	1.5
Q4] Why do people often struggle to allocate quality time for their friends?	1.5
Q5] What creates envy and jealousy among friends?	1.5
Q6] How to prioritize quality of friendship over quantity of friends?	2
Q7] Why are shared values and interests a crucial aspect of finding a real friend?	2
Q8] What are the essential qualities for one to be a good friend themselves?	2
Q9] What happens when one embodies the qualities of a good friend?	2
Q10] How would you overcome the difficulty of modern day friendship?	1
Q11] Write words from the passage that mean the following:	2
a) to obstruct	
b) something important	
c) taking care of	
d) gradually destroys	
Q12] Write words from the passage that are the opposite of the following:	2
a) ancient x	
b) grow x	
c) apathy x	
d) fake x	

SECTION – IV (GRAMMAR)

Q1] Identify the noun and state its kind:	(4)
1) She works in a software company.	
2) We must get at the truth.	
3) The choir sang melodiously.	
4) She goes to the Grand Canyon frequently.	
Q2] Choose the most suitable Pronoun:	(2)
1) This is the boy ____ had an accident. (who/whom)	
2) The house _____ we rented is in Pune. (which/where)	
3) I think these keys are _____. (my/mine)	
4) The new car on the street is _____. (their/theirs)	
Q3] Fill in the blanks with suitable Reflexive or Emphatic Pronoun:	(2)
1) The students have gathered here _____.	
2) We _____ spoke to him.	

Q4] Identify the Adjective and state its kind: (4)

- 1) These apples are on the table.
- 2) January is the first of the year.
- 3) There are few lotus plants in the pond.
- 4) He is as handsome as his father.

Q5] Change the Tense as directed and rewrite the sentences: (6)

- 1) She works hard to support her family. (change into present perfect tense)
- 2) The child will live alone. (change into past perfect continuous tense)
- 3) They are having lunch very late. (change into future continuous tense)
- 4) They will be waiting for the results. (change into present continuous tense)
- 5) The students did their homework yesterday. (change into past perfect)
- 6) My father bought me some apples, (change into simple future)

Q6] Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options. (Do not copy the questions, write the correct answers only): (5)

- 1) They are called _____ different names. (by/with)
- 2) We should not spend money _____ luxuries. (in/on)
- 3) He poured the tea _____ the mug. (in/into)
- 4) The clouds _____ us look like flowers. (above/over)
- 5) This part of the country is _____ sea level. (under/below)
- 6) Has the train _____ Barcelona arrived. (of/from)
- 7) She gave us an easy test, _____ all of us passed. (for/so)
- 8) She doesn't like apples, _____ does she like pears. (nor/or)
- 9) We went to the bank, _____ it was closed. (but/yet)
- 10) I was late, _____ my car ran out of petrol. (so/for)

Q7] Convert the following sentences from Direct to Indirect speech and rewrite the sentences. (3)

- 1) My mother said, "Please help me carry this now."
- 2) "Are you the one who stole the money?" said Raja.
- 3) Seema said to her, "Has Sara invited you to dinner today?"

Q8] Complete the following Idioms and Proverbs: (4)

- 1) Empty vessels _____
- 2) The early bird _____
- 3) Let the cat _____
- 4) Read _____