

**GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2017-18**

**SUB : ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME : 2 HOURS**

**CLASS : IX
MARKS : 80**

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This will be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all four questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets. []

You are advised to spend no more than 35 minutes in answering Question 1 and 20 minutes in answering Question 2.

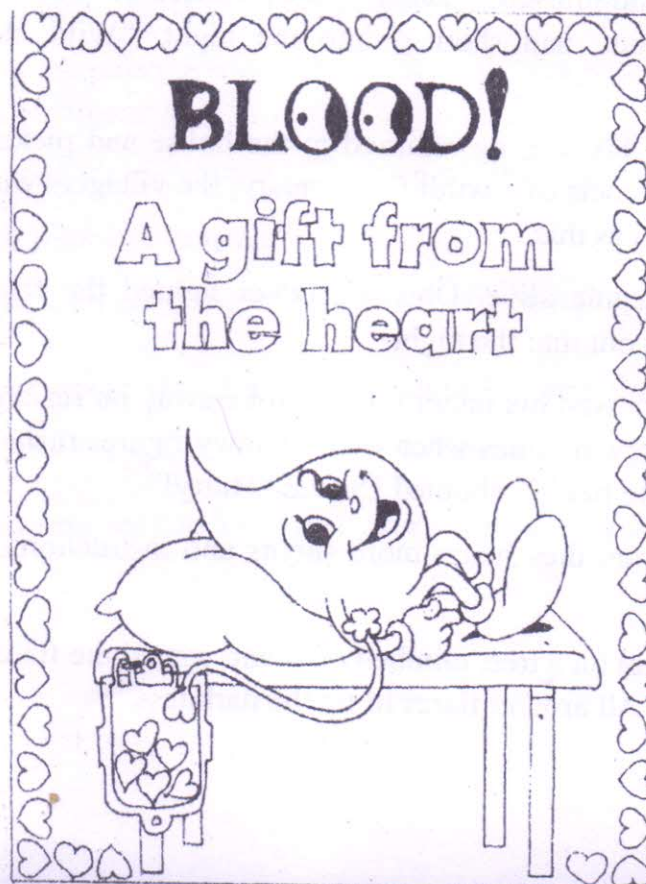
Question 1

[25]

(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

Q.1. Write a composition (350-400 words) on any one of the following:

- a) Write a short story to illustrate the proverb, "Every cloud has a silver lining."
- b) Write a short story involving three characters, a bird, a girl and a letter.
- c) 'Spare the rod and spoil the child'. Give your views either for or against this statement.
- d) Describe an Environmental Project that you volunteered for and the activities that you were engaged in. What did you learn from this experience?
- e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2.

[10]

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

- a) One of your grandparents has completed one hundred years. Write a letter congratulating him/her, expressing gratitude, praise and admiration for the way he/she has lived his/her life.
- b) Your favourite cousin is getting married within a month, and you are in – charge of the wedding reception. Write a letter to the manager of Ashoka Hotel to enquire about all the facilities provided by the hotel for a wedding reception.

Question 3.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [25]

Dhanai was about to turn over and go back to sleep when he heard strange sounds. He sat up, unable to sleep.

He listened intently. The low muted sounds were now clear and loud sounds of trumpets and squeals, the rustling of grass and creaking of bamboo.

Shaking his father awake, he said urgently, “Wild elephants! There’s a herd close by. Listen carefully, Father!

His father gestured to him to be quiet and listen. Yes! An elephant herd was grazing somewhere close to the village. Unless driven away, they might stray into the paddy fields and destroy the crops

Wrapping a shawl around himself, Dhanai’s father hurried out of the hut. He cupped his palms around his mouth, and shouted into the night. “Wild elephants, wake up, everyone!”

Then, accompanied by his son, he returned to the house and picked up two kerosene flares. Being in the precincts of a wildlife sanctuary, the villagers were always prepared for any eventuality such as this.

The village suddenly came alive. Dhanai’s father lighted the flares, thrust one into Dhanai’s hand, and ran out into the night.

For a while Dhanai followed his father but he broke away on reaching the banyan tree. He had to wait only a few minutes when two shadowy figures rushed to the same spot. Babul and Jonti. “To the fields”, shouted Dhanai “Hurry!”

As they broke into a run, they heard more shouts and instructions. Men were rushing about in all directions.

The boys saw a platform on a tree, climbed on it and waved the flares. Jonti beat the tin-can with all his might. All around flares lit up the darkness.

Then, they saw the herd, incredibly close. A group of villagers, armed with flares, approached the huge mammals. The noise of the tin cans and drums grew louder. The leader of the herd, trumpeted nervously at the approaching flares, but held her ground. A large patch of succulent sugarcane was nearby and the beasts wanted to get at it.

It was a volatile situation, the headman had a shot-gun in his hand. He issued a command and a villager put a torch to a string of fire crackers that he had carried for just such an emergency. At the same moment, the headman raised his gun and fired two blank shots into the air. The noise of the shots and the exploding crackers frightened the herd. The leader uttered a terrified whinny and whirled around calling upon the others to flee. They thundered way towards the safety of the sanctuary.

a) Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage. One word [3]
answers or short phrases will be accepted.

i) gestured –

ii) precincts -

iii) volatile -

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

i) What first alerted Dhanai to the presence of the herd? [2 ½]

ii) What danger did the herd of elephants pose to the village? [1]

iii) How did Dhanai's father react as soon as he was aware of the danger? [4]

iv) Which sentence in the passage suggests that the villagers were all the time alert for an emergency? [1]

v) How did the three friends endeavour to frighten off the elephants. [1 ½]

vi) Why was the herd reluctant to leave? [1]

vii) Specifically, what seemed to frighten away the elephants? [1]

c) In not more than 60 words describe what was done by the villagers to drive away the herd. [8]

d) Give a title to your summary to 3 (c) and give a reason for your choice. [2]

Question 4.

[20]

a) 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 order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: (o) believed.

I never o (believe) in Santa Claus. None of us children did. Mother and father (1) (refuse) to let us. They couldn't afford expensive presents and they didn't want us (2) (think) we weren't as good as other children who, on Christmas morning, (3) (find) all sorts of fancy toys under the tree that (4) (be) supposedly (5) (leave) by Santa Claus. Father had lost his job and when Christmas came that year we had no money at all. On Christmas Eve, father (6) (take) each one of us children out into the desert night one by one.

'Pick out your favourite star, ' father said,

"I like that one !"I said.

Father grinned, "that's Venus," he said.

He 7 (explain) to me that planets glowed because reflected light was constant and stars (8) (twinkle) because their light pulsed. "I like it anyway," I said

b) Fill in each blank with an appropriate word:

[4]

i) They have been working in this town _____ eight years.

ii) The ceremony is scheduled to take place _____ 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

iii) David's sons quarrelled among themselves _____ the share of profit.

iv) The stag was killed by a stranger _____ a rifle.

v) Her application for the job was not turned _____

vi) He acted _____ conformity with your wishes.

vii) She has disposed _____ her old books.

viii) The court acquitted the party leader _____ all the charges of corruption.

C) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. [4]

- i) You have received a free gift. Show me that free gift.
- ii) He was informed of the incident. Soon he fainted and fell.
- iii) Suki has won the first prize. I am delighted to know it.
- iv) John gave me the novel. John wanted me to review it.

d) Rewrite the following sentences 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) Surita imported the antibiotic and saved the lives of many animals of the farm.

(Begin: Not only)

- ii) A house in this locality is beyond my means.

(Use: afford)

- iii) We must listen to his music. (Begin: His music)

- iv) No other king was as wise as Ashoka. (use: wiser)

- v) It was too dark for the army to carry out a camping operation.

(use: so ----that)

- vi) As soon as the old farmer reached his farmhouse, he went to bed.

(Begin: Hardly)

- vii) Do you mean to leave the city? (Use: intention)

- viii) You told me that you could not grant me that favour. (Change to Direct Speech)