

Final Term Examination 2017-2018

Std. : VII
Subject : English Language

Full Marks : 80
Time : 2hrs.+15mins.

Q1. Write a composition on any one of the following topics. [20]

- A school Picnic.
- You were waiting for your mother at a railway station. Write a description of the place in detail and also write about your feelings and observation.
- Imagine that you were near a swimming pool where someone was almost drowned. Write in detail what happened there.
- Write an original short story beginning with the line, 'It was a cold winter night'....."

Q2. Write a letter on any one of the following : [10]

- Write a letter to your friend inviting him to your Birthday Party.
- Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police to show your concern about the overcrowded school vehicles and request him to take strict action against it.

Q3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :— [10]

I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth, and I inherited a great deal of wealth from my father. In my youth, I enjoyed myself with friends but soon became bored with the same friends and parties all the year round. The sea was calling to me, and I had a great desire to travel to other lands. The profession of a merchant appeared ideal to me. I decided to go on my first voyage with a group of traders. One fine morning, we set sail from Baghdad on a fine ship under the command of an experienced captain.

For many days we did not see any land. Finally, one morning, I heard the captain shout, 'Hurray! Land, land.' We were thrilled that we could drop anchor for a while. We observed the small island from

the ship and found it was beautiful, having a grove of trees and grassy field. But it appeared to have no inhabitants. Several of my companions and I took a boat to the island. Some of the traders lit a fire and started to cook, while others bathed in the sea. I sat under a tree enjoying a drink and the peaceful surroundings, and I slowly dropped off to sleep.

I was woken by the captain of the ship crying aloud. He was shouting, 'Come back, at | once. Leave everything and rush to the boat.' By the time I got up, I saw that the other traders were in the boat, rowing with all their might. I yelled, 'Come back for me.' But no one paid any attention. Suddenly, the island heaved up and I fell to the ground. It seemed as if a huge earthquake had lifted the island into the air.



That was when I realized that what we had taken to be an island was a gigantic sea monster! It had been resting for a long time. Sand and soil had settled on its back because it has been immobile for so long. Trees and grass had grown on the soil, so it appeared like an island. The fire that my companions had lit had awakened the beast, and it was shaking itself to get rid of us. My companions escaped, but I was left all alone on the back of this dreadful creature!

As the monster plunged deep into the sea, I was thrown into the water. I spotted the trunk of a tree floating near me and I clung to it tightly. It drifted all night and was finally thrown upon the shore of an island by the waves. There I slept, drained and exhausted.

Q.(i) Answer the following questions :— [20]

- a) Where did Sindbad go for his first Voyage ? [2]
What does he mean by 'born with a silver spoon' ?
- b) What did Sindbad do on the beach after reaching there ? [2]
- c) Describe the island as given in the passage. [2]
- d) Why did the travellers mistake a sea monster for an island ? [2]
- e) How did Sindbad manage to save his life ? [2]

Q.(ii) Find the meaning of the following words from the passage : [3]

- a) inhabitants
- b) gigantic
- c) immobile

Q.(iii) Make sentences with the following words : [4]

- a) thrilled
- b) inherited.

Q.(iv) Identify the parts of speech :

- a) aloud (b) realized (c) dreadful [3]

Q4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : (write only answers). [5]

- a) She has been learning music _____ March.
- b) The police rushed _____ the building.
- c) You can stay here _____ two days.
- d) The joggers walked _____ the river.
- e) You have to go _____ the hill.
- f) A dispute arose _____ the landlord and the tenant.
- g) The cat sprang _____ the table.

- h) Our teacher told us _____ Abraham Lincoln.
- i) She is far superior _____ her husband in intelligence.
- j) They congratulated us _____ our success in the tournament.

Q5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the bracket : **[5]**

- a) I _____ (return) all the books to library that I _____ (borrow) last week.
- b) This hotel _____ (serve) only vegetation food.
- c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy _____ (be) a social reformer, who _____ (live) in the nineteenth century.
- d) My parents _____ (leave) for Singapore tomorrow.
- e) He _____ (visit) his family every weekend.
- f) The gardener _____ (cut) grass whole of yesterday afternoon.
- g) I _____ (spend) a lot of money on books last year.
- h) She _____ (learn) French because she wants to go to France.

Q6. Do as directed. **[10]**

- a) The boys laughed at the beggar.
(Begin the sentence with : The beggar.....)
- b) Delhi is the largest town in India.
(Rewrite using 'large')
- c) Ratan cannot afford a car. He is very poor.
(Join the sentences using infinitive).
- d) Mr. Kapoor is very friendly. He lives in our colony.
(Join the sentences using relative pronoun).
- e) We need your vote. We want your support.
(Join using not only.....but also).
- f) As soon as he saw the tiger, he ran away.
(Begin the sentence with : No sooner.....)
- g) No other play in Sanskrit is as good as Shakuntala.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'better').
- h) The students finished their work and entered the classroom.
(Begin the sentence with : Having.....)
- i) We used to light a fire in winter.
(Place adverb always in the right position)
- j) This news is too good to be true.
(Rewrite using : So.....that)

Q7. a) Write the antonyms of :

[3]

- 1) weep x
- 2) lend x
- 3) conceal x
- 4) initial x
- 5) assemble x
- 6) optimist x

b) Write the synonyms of the following : (write only one)

[3]

- 1) assent —
- 2) confess —
- 3) fatal —

c) Complete the following similes :

[2]

- 1) as clumsy as —
- 2) as devoted as —
- 3) as quick as —
- 4) as calm as —

d) Complete the following proverbs :

[2]

- 1) Make hay _____
- 2) A rolling stone _____