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STD: VII

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HALF YEARLY ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH

Marks: 80
Time: 2hrs30mins

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION – A: Reading and Writing	10
SECTION – B: Writing and Grammar	25
SECTION – C: Literature	45

(Prose, Poem, Literature Reader)

SECTION – A (Reading and Writing)

I. a) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

5x1=5

Princess September clapped her hands with delight and then the little bird sang her to sleep. When she awoke next day the little bird was still there, and as she opened her eyes he said, 'Good morning!' The Maids of Honour brought in her breakfast, and he ate rice out of her hand. He began to sing again so beautifully that the maids of honour were quite surprised, for they had never heard anything like it. Princess September was very proud and happy.

Now I want to show you to my eight sisters, said the Princess. Then, followed by her Maids of Honour, she went to each of the Princesses. And for each of them the little bird sang a different song. The King and the Queen too were surprised and delighted.

'This bird sings much better than the parrots', said the King. 'I was tired of hearing those parrots say "Pretty Polly." The parrots remind me too much of my councillors. They say the same thing in seven different ways and it never means anything'.

Questions:

1. What did Princess September do with delight and what did the little bird do?
2. What happened on the next day?
3. Why was Princess September proud and happy?
4. What did the King say about the parrots and why was he tired?
5. What did the King say about the councillors?

b) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 5x1=5

Hospitality in today's world is synonymous with discipline and service. Every Indian has a part of hospitality imbibed in him. A student who joins the hospitality sector needs to nurture an interest and curiosity in the industry.

Hospitality is a relationship that is created between the guest and the host. In this field students are taught, trained and encouraged to use their discretion to treat a person who comes in. They are also trained to sense their intentions as well. This is the secret of being a successful person in the industry. This does not come naturally, they have to be trained for this.

Today, the hospitality industry has become a multi-billion dollar business. This industry involves managing hotels, inns, resorts, restaurants, pubs, theme parks, cruise lines and airlines.

Questions:

6. What is Hospitality?
7. What does a student need?
8. What is the secret of being a successful person in the industry?
9. What does the hospitality industry involve?
10. For what purpose the students are trained?

SECTION – B (Writing and Grammar)

II. c) Letter writing: 1x5=5

Write a letter to the local police station complaining about the theft at your residence.

d) Biographical Sketch: 1x5=5

Write a biographical sketch based on the value points given:

Name	: Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
Born	: 5 September 1888, Thiruttani
Died	: 17 April 1975, Chennai
Spouse	: Sivakamu Radhakrishnan
Education	: Madras Christian College
Awards	: Bharat Ratna, Templeion Prize, Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, Order of Merit.
Previous Officers	: President of India (1962 – 1967) Vice President of India (1952 – 1962)

e) Grammar: 15x1=15

11. The soldiers are rewarded for their _____. (brave) (Form abstract noun from the word given in bracket)
12. I saw a troop of mushrooms in my garden. (Find the type of noun of the underlined word)
13. ____ are the mountains we are going to trek up to (Fill with demonstrative pronoun)

14. When reflexive pronouns are used to put emphasis on a particular noun or pronoun, they become _____ pronouns.
15. Very / my / brother / is / person / elder / kind / a/
(Rewrite the jumbled words in the correct order)
16. It was a very _____ (tiring / tired) Journey. No wonder I am _____ (tired / tiring)
17. The President will make a important announcement tomorrow. I read about it in a Hindu Today. (Find out the incorrect articles and replace with the correct one by rewriting the sentence)
18. This is _____ one-way road. Sanyo is _____ European. (Fill with correct articles)
19. Reena _____ (meet) Reet yesterday. They _____ (go) out for dinner.
(Fill with correct past form)
20. Present Past Past Participle
Do _____ done
_____ Wrote Written
21. Do you have an extra pen? (Convert this sentence into negative with contraction)
22. This room is having all my belongings. (Rewrite the sentences correctly)
23. Sarah attended the concert (Change into interrogative)
24. What happen to Anna? (Rewrite the sentence with the correct verb)
25. They _____ (be, create) paper crowns for themselves.
(Use past continuous of the verbs given in brackets)

SECTION – C (Prose, Poem, Literature Reader)

- f) Write the synonyms of: 5x1=5
26. Mysterious - 27. Terrific - 28. Woes -
29. Aloof - 30. Degrade -
- g) Write the antonyms of: 5x1=5
31. Embrace X 32. Rugged X 33. Comfortable X
34. Witty X 35. Energetic X
- h) Frame sentence with meaning: 5x1=5
36. Exciting 37. Adorable 38. Exhaustion
39. Defied 40. Nuisance
- i) Explain with reference to the context: 2x2=4
41. "This time it was supposed to be on 'An Incurable chatter box'"
- a) Who gave punishment of writing an essay to Anne Frank?
- b) Give another word which means the same as chatterbox.

42. 'First environmentalist and first African woman to be so honoured'.
a) To whom do these words refer?
b) What was the honour given to her?
j) Answer in short: (Any 6) 6x2=12
43. Why was Jerome not happy with George and Harris? How had he expected them to react when he suggested that they should leave the packing to him?
44. In the middle of the night, what does the train remind the poet of and why?
45. When Anne says 'On the surface I seem to have everything', what does she mean?
46. Sankar was the cleverest of boys. Give two pieces of evidence from the story to prove this.
47. What were the three qualities that played a major role in narrator's climb?
48. What did Mulan decide in order to keep her father away from joining the army?
49. How did Wangari Maathai want to assist the earth?
50. How did Wangari Maathai wish to spend her prize money?
k) Answer in a paragraph: (Any one) 1x4=4
51. What were the problems of the rural women in Kenya? How did Wangari Maathai arrive at a solution?
52. Each man carries within himself his own mountain peak. What does the narrator mean? How can one conquer it?
53. Do you find trains fascinating? Give your reasons for your answer. Why does the poet call the train tedious?
l) Answer in detail: (Any one) 1x5=5
54. Wangari Maathai's efforts solved various problems – environmental degradation, human health, good governance and peace. How were all these related?
55. Write the summary on "The Flower School".
56. Give a brief account of how Anne managed to impress Mr. Keesing and get away with her extra assignments.
m) Literature Reader answer in detail: (Any one) 1x5=5
57. Jot down the story of 'The Happy Prince'. (OR)
Depict the story of 'The Umbrella Man'.