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PRACTICE PAPER FOR SA2 SESSION (2012-13)

CLASS- VIII

DURATION: 3 Hrs.

SUBJECT-ENGLISH

MM: 90

General Instructions :

1. This paper consists of 4 sections: A,B,C,D
2. Attempt all the questions.
3. Attempt all the questions of a section together.
4. Read the questions carefully and adhere to the word limit.

SECTION –A (READING)**Q1 Read the following passage carefully:**

A certain king once fell ill and the doctors declared that only a sudden fright would restore him to health, but the king was not a man for anyone to play tricks on, except his fool. One day, when the fool was with him in his boat, he cleverly pushed the king into the water. Help had been previously provided and the king was drawn ashore and put to bed. The fright, the bath and the bed cured the diseased king ; but he was so angry with the fool that he turned him out of the country. The fool returned, however, and the king ordered him to be put to death. Saying privately that he would only repay fright with fright, he directed the executioner not to use the axe but let fall a single drop of water on the fool's neck. Then fool was led to the jail. The executioner dropped a drop of water on the fool's neck. The amid shouts and laughter, the fool was asked to rise and thank the king for his kindness. But the fool never moved ; he was dead-killed by his master's joke.

- 1.1 **Complete the following on the basis of your reading of the passage:** **8 passage:**
- a. The king would recover from his illness only if _____.
 - b. The fool played a trick on the king and he _____ .
 - c. The king turned the fool out of the country because_____.
 - d. The fool did not rise to thank the king for his kindness_____.
- 1.2 **Find out words from the passage which mean the same as:** **2**
- a. bring back to former condition.
 - b. Public official who carries out death sentence.

Q2 Read the following poem carefully.

Beauty

Beauty is seen
In the sunlight
The trees, the birds,
Corn growing and people working,
Or dancing for their harvest.
Beauty is heard
In the night,
Wind sighing, rain falling
Or a singer chanting,
Anything in earnest.
Beauty is in yourself,
Good deeds, happy thoughts
That repeat themselves
In your dreams,
In your work,
And even in your rest.

2.1 Answer the following questions

- a. What two things does the speaker find beautiful during the day? 1
- b. What fascinates the speaker during the night? 2

2.2 Find words from the poem which are close in meaning to the following:

- a. Art of rhythmic movements. 1
- b. Singing a religious song or prayer. 1

Q3 Read the following story and fill in the gaps that follow:

Aldebaran, the most luminous star in the constellation of Taurus, fell in love with Electra, the most beautiful star of the Pleiades and he went to ask for her hand in the marriage. He had gift of a herd of camels, but on the way he was attacked by another aspirant for her hand, Alcyon. The fight between them is not yet over. Even now, on calm nights, it is possible to see pale blue Electra followed by red Alcyon and then by Aldebaran with his big herd of celestial camels, making up the constellation of the Hyades.

3.1 Now complete this paragraph : (1/2x10=5)

Aldebaran the most (a) _____ star in the (b) _____ of (c) _____ fell in love with (d) _____, the most beautiful star of the (e) _____, and he went to ask for her hand in marriage. He had gift of a (f) _____, but on the way he was attacked by another aspirant for her hand, (g) _____.

The fight between them is yet not over. Even now on calm nights, it is possible to see (h)_____ followed by (i)_____ and then by (j) _____ with his big herd of celestial camels, making up the constellation of the Hyades.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q4 On the basis of the hints given below, write down a short Bio-Sketch of Bob Marley, the Jamaican musician.**

Bob Marley

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- 1945 --- Born in Jamaica, English father, Jamaican mother
- 1961 -- First single released.
- 1966 -- Marley works in factory in USA for 2 years
- 1968 -- Returns to Jamaica.
- 1972 -- First album-world-wide hit.
- 1975 -- Triumphant tour of UK.
- 1976-- Shot and wounded by political enemies in Jamaica
- 1977-- Continues concert tours.
- 1980-- Dies of cancer, May 11

- Q5 Write an article for your school magazine in about 150 words on 'Importance of Water Conservation.'** 8
- Q6 Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper commenting about the need for the postponement of the summer holidays, by at least 15 days due to an intense heat wave.** 8
- Q7 Using the information given below, write the message which Shanu left for his sister, Ritu. Do not add any new information. The message should not exceed 50 words.** 5

Rohan-rang up- book-reading session-'Children Ask Kalam'- compilation of letters received by him from children and his answers-Oxford Book Store-8 pm,this evening-pick you up-6.30 pm-attend reading session together.

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q8 Read the following set of instructions and complete the passage using the passive voice.** 5

How To Shoot An Animal

1. Locate the animal to be shot.
2. Load the gun.
3. Approach the animal carefully.
4. Aim the gun at the animal.
5. Shoot the animal.

Firstly, the animal to be shot (a)_____ located. Then the gun(b)_____ (c)_____ carefully. The gun (d)_____. Finally the animal(e)_____.

- Q9 Re-arrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences** 5

- a. a great king/before he/ a saint/became/he was
- b. without toil/never taste/we/can/success
- c. ever become/no man/suddenly/great/has
- d. by/reach/only/can/it/we/climbing
- e. human health/fitness/water/vital/is/and/for

- Q10 Complete the following sentences using suitable participle form of the verbs given in brackets.** 4

- a. I found the journey _____. (tire)
- b. A _____ (fade) rose does not look beautiful.
- c. The show was _____. (interest)
- d. The _____ (tire) traveller lay under a shady tree.

- Q11 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of these lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.** 6

Anger is a fact for life. Everyone (a) _____ experiences this emotion from time and (b) _____ time. When anger is control it is displayed (c) _____ according to objective wisdom. It can be a positive force which will bring a (d) _____ correct result. Uncontrolled and selfish anger destroyed

everything. If you have to (e) _____ understand
 somebody character, find out (f) _____ what makes him
 angry.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q12 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet.

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“Some, like the flame of marriage fire,
 Or rich with the hue of her heart’s desire;
 Tinkling, luminous, tender, and clear,
 Like her bridal laughter and bridal tear

- a. Name the poet of the above lines
 - i. Sarojini Naidu
 - ii. Alexander Pope
 - iii. Ruskin Bond
 - iv. None of these
- b. The poetic device used in the first line is:
 - i. Metaphor
 - ii. Simile
 - iii. Alliteration
 - iv. Personification
- c. The rhyme scheme used in the above stanza is
 - i. aabb
 - ii. abba
 - iii. abab
 - iv. abcc
- d. The bangle sellers describe their bangles as:
 - i. tinkling, luminous, tender and clear
 - ii. symbol of cheerfulness in life
 - iii. bright and red
 - iv. all the above

Q13 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.

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‘How will she find a new job?’

- a. Who is the speaker?
 - i. Annie
 - ii. Mrs Hill
 - iii. Mr Hill
 - iv. Mr Briggs

- b. Who is 'she' here?
 - i. Mrs Hill
 - ii. Annie
 - iii. Ruby
 - iv. None of the these
- c. Why does the speaker react in such a manner?
 - i. Speaker was considerate
 - ii. Speaker was kind hearted
 - iii. "She" was too old to get a new job
 - iv. All the above

Q14 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.
(5x2=10)

- a. How did the woman know the narrator? Why did she want to meet him?
- b. Why did the disappearance of the flower ring upset Mr. Regnier?
- c. What should be the chief concern of whole mankind? What other concerns divert people's attention from this?
- d. Why the narrator secretly admire the district officer?
- e. Why was Mr Hill upset with Annie?

Q15 What impression do you form of William Morris? Answer in about 40-50 words. 3

Q16 Imagine you are Mr Hill. Your unpleasant conversation with Mr Briggs and Mr Winter awakens your conscience and changes your attitude towards Annie. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after your meeting with the visitors. 4