

**HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, ARIMPUR****FIRST MID TERM EXAMINATION 2017-18**

Class: X

Marks : 40

Time : 1¼hrs

**ENGLISH**

1. Read the passage from the story 'Vanka' and answer the questions that follow (5)
- Nine years old Vanka Zhukov, who had been apprenticed three months ago to Alyakhin the shoe maker, did not go to bed on Christmas Eve. He waited till his master and mistress and the senior apprentices had gone to Church, and then took from the cupboard a bottle of ink and a pen with a rusty nib, spread out a crumpled sheet of paper, and was already to write. Before tracing the first letter, he glanced several times anxiously at the door and window, Peered at the dark icon, with shelves holding cobbler's lasts stretching on either side of it, and gave a quivering sigh. The paper lay on the bench, and Vanka knelt on the floor at the bench. 'Dear Grandad Konstantin Makarich', he wrote. I am writing a letter to you. I send you Christmas greetings and hope God will send you his blessings. I have no father and no Mummie and you are all I have left.
- What happened on Christmas Eve?
  - Why do you think Vank's frequently looked fearfully round at the door as he wrote his letter?
  - Why did he wait till his master and mistress set out for Church?
  - Pick out a sentence from the passage which shows that Vanka is an Orphan?
  - The paper lay on the bench .....classify the sentence into nounphrase and verb phrase.
2. Suppose the narrator of the story 'Snake And The Mirror' writes a letter to one of his friends describing the encounter with snake. Prepare the likely letter. (6)
3. Prepare the character sketch of Konstantin Makarich. (6)
4. Write three slogans against 'Child Labour' (3)
5. Prepare a short profile of the great Malayalam writer Vaikom Muhammed Basheer. (5)
- Using the hints:-
- Birth : 1908, Kerala
- Famous as : Freedom Fighter, Novelist, Short story writer.
- Notable Works : Balyakalasakhi, Shabdangal, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal Etc.
- Awards : Padmashri (1982)
- Death : 1994

6. Complete the following conversation suitably

(5)

Reshma : You look quite tired, \_\_\_\_\_?

Maya : I am not feeling well.

Reshma : \_\_\_\_\_?

Maya : Yes, I've consulted a doctor

Reshma : \_\_\_\_\_?

Maya : He said he couldn't find out anything.

Reshma : \_\_\_\_\_?

Maya : The doctor at the City hospital.

Reshma : You are planning to take a second opinion, \_\_\_\_\_?

Maya : Yes, I think I should.

7. Edit the passage

(5)

The City Police has decided to (a) took stern action against drivers  
(b) which attempt to overtake (c) in the left side on city roads. All  
(d) driver who violate this rule will be (e) punish.

8. Look at the following word- Pyramid

Villagers

The villagers

The genial villagers

The genial villagers at the tea-shop

The genial villagers at the tea-shop who discuss politics

Now construct a word pyramid with the word 'girls'

(2)

9. (a) Both Latha and her sister are in the hospital

(b) Reeba wrote neatly and legibly.

(c) My son is thin but healthy.

Frame three sentences of similar pattern.

(3)