



ITL Public School

Summative Assessment 1(2014-15)

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Class: VI

English (Set -A)

Time:3 hrs

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General Instructions:

- This paper consists of THREE sections :*

<i>Section A</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section B</i>	<i>Writing/Grammar</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
<i>Section C</i>	<i>Literature/Long Reading Text</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
- Attempt all questions.*
- Do not write anything on the question paper.*
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the Answer sheet provided to you.*
- Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.*

SECTION A: READING

1 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :** 5

Today, there are six species of pelicans living. Two of these, the White or Rosy Pelican and the Spotted- billed Pelican, are found in India.

Little is known why the bird is called a pelican. It is that since a very long time Greeks, the Romans and most Europeans have known this bird by this name. However, the Portuguese and Spanish call it Alcatraz. A rocky island in San Francisco Bay in the United States is called Alcatraz. The word literally means a place of no escape, a prison. Pelicans once lived on this rocky island. Of the six species of pelican, only one, the Brown Pelican of the Americas, is a coastal and marine bird. It is a fish-catcher, smashing headlong into the water with a tremendous splash. Other Pelican species are highly social. Their food is fish and their feeding strategy is charming. On an average, a pelican eats three kilos of fish a day. Once full, the pelicans either continue floating on water or clumsily walk onto some dry spot, where they spend time resting. With a weighty body and a ridiculous large beak, one would think that pelicans find flying impossible. But they are among the best fliers of the bird kingdom. Only during take-off the pelican needs some effort. Once airborne it is a strong flier that can fly for hours. The heaviest pelican weighs 11 kilos.

- Of the six species of pelican, two are found in
 - America
 - Japan
 - India
- Pelican is called Alcatraz by the
 - Americans
 - French
 - Portuguese and Spanish
- The Brown Pelican of the Americas is a
 - good snake-catcher
 - slow swimmer
 - good fish-catcher
- A Pelican's food is
 - small birds
 - fish
 - snakes
- The word ridiculous means
 - light
 - silly
 - heavy

2 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :** 5

Schools all over India celebrate 'Children's Day' on the 14th November every year. On this day our first Prime Minister, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru was born. His ancestors came down from Kashmir to the rich plains below. Kaul had been his family name. This changed to Kaul- Nehru. In the later years, Kaul was dropped and they became simply Nehrus. Jawahar Lal was the only son of his prosperous parents. His sisters were much younger than Nehru. So he grew up and

spent his early days as a lonely child with no companion of his age. For him best education, private tutors were engaged by his father then he went to England and was educated at Harrow and at Trinity college, Cambridge. He took active participation in politics and came in contact with Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. Nehruji loved the children very much. He used to see future India in small little kids.

- i. Nehru's ancestors came from
a)Uttar Pradesh b)Kashmir c)Punjab
- ii. Nehru spent his early days as a lonely child because
a) he was much elder than his sisters b) he was the only child of his parents
- iii. He went to _____ for higher studies.
a) England b) Japan c) Russia
- iv. Nehru's parents were
a)wealthy b)poor c) simple
- v. Find a word in the above passage which means wealthy and flourishing-
a)prosperous b) active c)lonely

3 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

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In a jungle, on a fig tree, lived a flock of geese and a wise old gander.

One day, the gander saw a tiny creeper at the bottom of the tree. It looked pretty but the gander was not happy to see it. He feared that the creeper would grow and soon reach the top of the tree. Then, it could help a person to climb up and lay a trap for them. He warned the geese to cut it while it was small. The geese did not heed his advice and forgot it. Meanwhile, the creeper grew bigger and reached the top of the tree.

One day, while the geese had gone out for food, a hunter came and lay a trap for them.

On returning, the geese were caught. Tearfully, the geese apologized to the wise old gander and asked him to help. The kind gander forgave them. He told them to lie still and pretend to be dead when the hunter came in the morning. He would have no use for dead geese and free them from the trap. Then they could all fly away.

The geese followed his advice and were able to escape...Alive.

- a) Which birds/animals lived on the fig tree:
- b) What did the gander see at the foot of the tree?
- c) The geese were caught in the trap because_____
- d) The gander told them that when the hunter came they should _____
- e) The gander in the story was_____

4 **Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**

5

O say, what is that thing called light,
Which I can never enjoy?
What is the blessing of the sight?
O tell your poor blind boy!

You talk of wonderful things you see,
You say the sun shines bright;
I feel him warm, but how can he
Then make it day or night?

My day or night myself I make
Whenever I sleep or play;
And could I ever keep awake
With me it were always day

With heavy sighs I often hear
You mourn my hapless woe;
But sure with patience I may bear
A loss I never can know

Then let not what I cannot have

My cheer of mind destroy;
whilst things I sing, I am a king
Although a poor blind boy

- a) What can the blind boy never enjoy?
- b) What can the blind boy feel but cannot see it?
- c) Explain the meaning of the line “My day or night myself I make”.
- d) What message does the poet convey in the last stanza?
- e) Give a pair of rhyming words:

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR

- 5 Write a letter in about 120 words to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views on the problem of increasing road accidents due to pit holes on roads in your area. 6
[Value points-
-refer to some recent road accidents and say their number is on increase
-give reason for this increase
-suggest some steps that the traffic police/ highway authorities can take to repair these pit holes and roads.]
- OR
- Your mother has gone out; write an email to your mother requesting her to join you in the New Year’s party.
- 6 Write an Article in about 120 words on the ‘**Importance of following time-table in school life**’. 5
[Value points: -Significance of time-table in school and at home...timings and decorum to be followed to maintain order in school, How time-table helps in smooth functioning of the school.]
- 7 **With the help of the following outline, develop a readable story in about 80-100 words:** 4
A dispute between the sun and the wind.....each claims to be stronger.....saw a traveller.....traveller wearing a coat.....both the sun and the wind challenge to make him take off his coat....the wind blows hard...falls miserably.....the sun shines brightly.....the traveller takes off his coat..... Moral
- 8 **Re-order and then rewrite the sentences:** 3
a) Nehal / reddish/ has an attractive / long / coat.
b) Rita is / in her class /of all the girls / the fattest.
c) She is /sister / as her / as intelligent.
- 9 **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied:** 4
When I return from school I found that (a) _____
My mother were in kitchen and my younger (b) _____
Sister is playing with her friends in the verandah. (c) _____
In my room all the books was lying scattered (d) _____
On the floor. I am definitely very annoyed (e) _____
I asked my sister, Ritu, “Did you entered this room in my absence?” (f) _____
I was looking for some colourful pictures for my scrap file. I search (g) _____
Through your books and they fall down one (h) _____
By one,” she answered sheepishly.
- 10 **Change the following into Passive voice:** 3
a) Harish hit Manish with a ball.
b) Who taught her English?
c) Dogs bite human beings.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

- 11 **Reference to the context :**
'Don't break the shutters of the windows
Don't scatter the paper
There, look what you did- you threw them all down....'
- a) Who is 'you' in the above lines? 1
b) What is the poet insisting it to do? 2
- 12 **Answer the questions carefully:** 4x2=8
- a) How was blind day educative to both the 'blind' and the helpers?
b) How did Pandora bring about trouble in the world?
c) How can Wind help the stronger ones?
d) What does wind symbolize in the poem 'Wind'?
- 13 Consider yourself as the author who visited Miss Beam's school for sympathy and write about your experience at the school. Also mention what all you learnt about the education system there. (80 words) 4
- OR
- Write the character sketch of Epimetheus from the story, 'Pandora and her mysterious Box'. (80 words)
- 14 On the basis of the text, 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn', describe the oath taken by Tom and his gang members? (100 words) 5
- 15 Write the character sketch for 'Pap' on the basis of your reading of the text 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'. 5