

FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2015-16  
ENGLISH

Std : VII

Time : 2 Hrs

Activity -1

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The path to the river dropped steeply into the valley, then rose and went round the big mountain. It was frequently used by the villagers, woodcutters, milkmen and mule drivers; but there were no villages beyond the mountain, or near the river.

The boy passed a woodcutter and asked him how far it was to the river. The woodcutter was a short but powerful man, with a creased and weathered face and muscles that stood out in hard, ugly lumps.

'Seven miles', he said, which was fairly accurate. 'Why do you want to know?'

'I'm going to the river', said the boy.

'Alone?'

'Of course'

'But it is too far. It will take you three hours to reach there, and then you have to come back. It will be getting dark. Besides, it is not an easy road'.

'But I'm a good walker', said the boy, though he had never walked further than the mile from his house to his school.

1. Who used the path frequently? (1)
2. How did the man discourage the boy from going to the river? (1)
3. Findout the synonym of the word 'wrinkled' from the passage. (1)
4. Pickout two words used to describe the face of the woodcutter. (1)
5. The villagers used a path. It went around the big mountain.  
(Join the sentences using who/which/where) (1)

II. Read the lines from the poem "The owl and the Pussy Cat" and answer the following questions.

"Dear pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling  
Your ring?" Said the Piggy "I will".  
So they took it away, and were married next day  
By the turkey who lives on the hill.  
They dined on mince and slices of quince,  
Which they ate with a runcible spoon,  
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand.  
They danced by the light of the moon,  
The moon,  
The moon,  
They danced by the light of the moon.

- 1) 'They danced by the light of the moon'. What feeling does the line express? (1)
- 2) Who did the owl and the cat buy the wedding ring from? (1)
- 3) Pickout two pairs of internal rhyme from the poem. (1)
- 4) Pickout the expressions from the poem that give a human element to the Owl and the Pussy Cat. (2)

### Activity III

When Dasa, the servant of the family went to the snake charmer to leave the snake pot there, the family members saw a cobra again in the garden. They thought that Dasa had cheated them. When he came back, mother asked him, "Did you really catch the snake?"

Write the possible conversation between mother and Dasa. (5)

### Activity IV

- a) Do you remember the recent earthquake in Nepal? It affected thousands of people there. Many lost their lives, houses and belongings. The whole locality was totally destroyed. The illegal human activities mainly caused for such disasters.

Prepare two placards/slogans to prevent such illegal human activities against nature. (3)

b) Complete the following proverbs suitably using the words given.

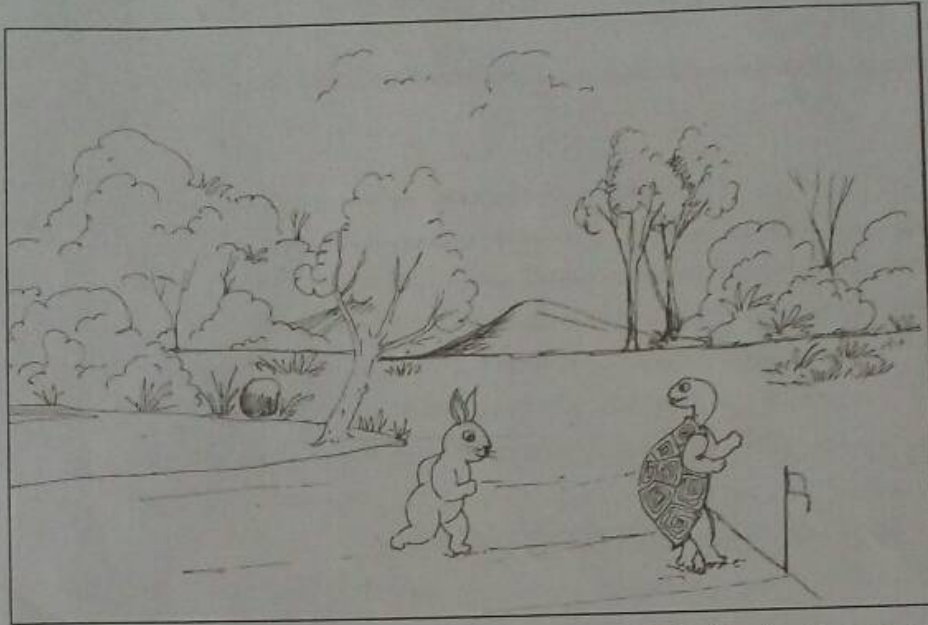
- i) A bird in the hand is worth two ..... the bush
- ii) Look .... you leap

on, in, before, at

(2)

## Activity V

a) Look at the picture and complete the story given below.



Long ago, there lived a hare and a tortoise in a forest. They were friends. One day, they met under a big tree near the river. The hare challenged the tortoise for a race. .... (4)

b) Write a proverb related to the story. (1)

## Activity VI

a) Edit the following passage.

R.K. Narayan, the well-known indian writer born in Madras on October 10, 1906. He write several novels and short stories that won him many awards. He passed away in 2001. (4)

b) Take any word/expression from the bracket and complete the sentence suitably.

(singer, passed the exam)

I wish .....

(1)