

FIRST MID TERM EVALUATION JULY : 2016 - '17

Time : 45 mts

Std. VIII

ENGLISH

Total score : 20

Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions carefully.

Questions 1 –5 : Read the following passage from "The Mysterious Picture" and answer the questions that follow:

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The next day Tyl asked the Archduke to allow him to see all the courtiers who were to be painted along with him. They came and saw him one by one. The first to come was the Commander- in-Chief of the Army. He was a short, fat, bald man with an enormous paunch. (He whispered in Tyl's ear, (When you paint my picture, remember you are to make me look handsome. If you do not make my stomach) look flat, I'll have you hanged. Remember I was once a very handsome soldier.

'An elderly lady came next. She had a large hump on her back. 'Sir painter, (she said softly, 'make me look young and beautiful. If you don't remove the hump on my back and supply what I lack in beauty, I will have you torn to pieces. A young lady, who was the companion of the Duchess, came in as soon as the old lady left. She was young and pretty, but had lost three of her front teeth in an accident. She warned Tyl that if in her picture she didn't see herself smiling, with a perfect set of pearly teeth, she would have him cut into small bits by her lover. She pointed to the Captain of the Guards.

1. What was the request done by Tyl to the Archduke? 1
2. Who came first and what was his appearance? 1
3. What were the suggestions made by the Commander in Chief? 1
4. How did the elderly lady threaten Tyl? 1
5. What was the problem with the young lady? 1

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Questions 6 – 9 : Read the lines from the poem 'Taj Mahal' and answer the following questions.

You knew, Emperor of India, Shah Jahan
That life, youth, wealth, renown
All float away down the stream of time.
Your only dream
Was to preserve forever your heart's pain
The harsh thunder of imperial power
Would fade into sleep
Like a sunset's crimson splendour,
But it was your hope
That at least a single, eternally-heaved sigh would stay
To grieve the sky.

6. What according to the poet will float away down the stream of time? www.shenischool.in 1
7. What was Shah Jahan's dream? 1
8. What was Shah Jahan's heart's pain mentioned here? 1
9. What was the imperial power compared to? 1
10. On the way Tyl met one of his friends. He told everything happened at the Archduke to his friend. What would be the likely conversation between them? 5
11. Some words are missing in the following passage. Supply suitable words from the bracket below. 4
- The old man spoke kindly /(a) the lad, and asked him some hard questions. So clever were the answers /(b) the priest agreed to take the little fellow /(c) the temple as an acolyte, and to educate him /(d) the priest hood.
- (into, to, and, for, that)
12. Pick out the suffixes from the given words. 1

i) knocked

ii) sorrowfully