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First Terminal Evaluation 2019-20

Std. : VIII

ENGLISH

Time : 1½ Hours

Total Score : 40

Instructions :

1. 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Read the passage from the story 'The Mysterious Picture' and answer the questions that follow.

The courtiers outdid one another in showing their admiration for the picture. They praised Tyl for his splendid painting. They remarked how natural each one of them looked in the picture and eagerly pointed out their friends and acquaintances. All of a sudden the Duke's jester leaped into the air and shouted, 'All of you know that I am a fool and I've no blue blood in my veins. I can see no picture but only a blank wall.'

'When fools begin to talk,' observed Tyl, 'it's time for wise men to walk.' He calmly strode out of the hall and rode away on donkey. The feathers in his cap danced in the gentle breeze.

1. What did the courtiers praise Tyl for? 1
2. What did the jester mean by saying "I've no blue blood in my veins." Choose the correct answer from the following. 1
 - a. I am not a person with the blue coloured blood
 - b. I am not a person of noble birth
 - c. I am not a person of high intelligence.
3. Pick out a word from the passage which is the opposite of 'Foolish'. 1
4. Is the jester really a fool? Why do you think so? 2

Read the lines from the poem 'Taj Mahal' and answer the questions that follow.

Though emeralds, rubies, pearls are all
 But as the glitter of a rainbow tricking out empty air
 And must pass away,
 Yet still one solitary tear
 Would hang on the cheek of time
 In the form
 Of this white and gleaming Taj Mahal.

5. What are emeralds, rubies and pearls compared to? 1
6. Identify the line which shows the transience of rainbow. 1
7. How is Taj Mahal described? 1

8. Pick out an instance of visual image from these lines. 1
9. Which line do you like the most? Why? 1

Write any ONE from the following in 100 words. (1x5 = 5)

- 10 a) Tyl calmly strode out of the hall and rode away on his donkey from the palace. On the way he meets one of his friends and narrates the experiences he had in the palace. Write the **narrative**.

You may begin like this:
I was wandering from court to court.....

OR

- b) Velasco had a miraculous escape from the shipwreck. He writes a letter to his friend sharing the experiences he had in the sea. Prepare the likely **letter**.

Write any THREE of the following. (3x 5 =15)

11. Prepare the **character sketch** of Archduke.
12. Velasco was waiting alone for his rescuer in the middle of the sea clinging to a life raft without food and water. What might be his **thoughts**?
13. The boy in the story 'The Boy who drew cats' became very famous after the death of goblin rat. He visits the priest who advised him to avoid large places at the night. Write the likely **conversation** between the priest and the boy.
14. Prepare **five questions** you would like to ask Velasco if you are to interview him.
15. Prepare a **profile** of Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Name : Gabriel Garcia Marquez
 Born : 1928, Colombia
 Famous as : Novelist , short story writer, screen writer, journalist .
 Known as : Gabo
 Award : Nobel prize for literature in 1982
 Major works : One hundred years of solitude, Love in the time of Cholera, The Autumn of the Patriarch.
 Death : 2014

16. Complete the following conversation suitably. (4x 1 = 4)

Villager : You are Velasco, _____ (a) _____ ?
 Velasco : Yes, I am. _____ (b) _____ ?
 Villager : Yes, I have read the news report about you .
 How long _____ (c) _____ ?
 Velasco : I spent ten days in the sea.
 Villager : _____ (d) _____ ?
 Velasco : I am from Alabama.

17. Edit the following passage by using the appropriate forms of the underlined words. (1 x 4 = 4)

The old man spoke kind (a) to the lad and ask (b) him some hard questions. So clever was (c) the answers that the preist (d) agreed to take the little fellow into the temple as an acolyte.

- 18) Study the following word pyramid.

Picture

The picture

The wonderful picture

Construct a similar word pyramid using appropriate determiners and adjectives.

Teacher