

Standard : VII

Time : 2 Hrs

- 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- Read the questions carefully during this time.
- Activity 1 is compulsory.
- Attempt ANY four activities from activity 2 to 6.

**Activity 1. Reading comprehension**

Read the following poem and answer the questions below.

The cold winter has passed, and now  
comes spring.

The newly hatched baby birds will cause  
the mother birds to sing.

The warm sun comes out, little cherry  
blossoms are in bloom.

Beautiful roses will open up and smell  
of sweet perfume.

The wind's soft breeze passes through  
the tall trees.

There will be plenty of work for the busy  
honey bees.

From flower to flower, they fly and buzz  
all day

Spring is that magical time during  
March, April and May

- 1) Identify two instances of alliteration.
- 2) Pick out two pairs of rhyming words.
- 3) What happens when the warm sun comes out?
- 4) You have read the poem. Now pick out the line or lines you like the most.  
Why do you like it?

**Activity 2. Letter writing**

You have read the story 'How Far is the River'?

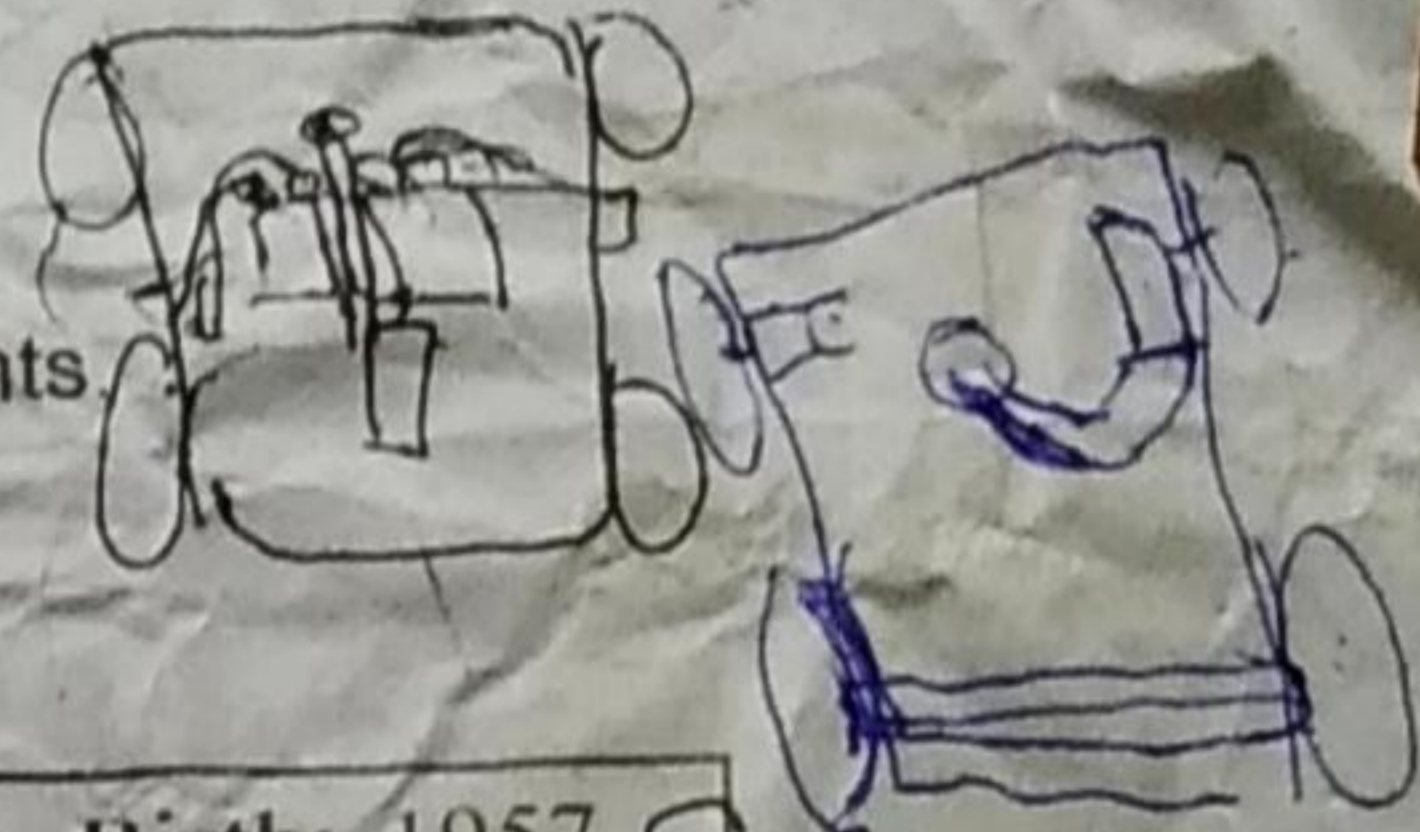
The boy in the story decided to write a letter to the village boy with whom he shared his loaf of bread. In the letter he wrote the wonderful experience he had felt in the lap of nature.

What would be the likely letter?

**Write the letter.**

### Activity 3. Profile writing

Develop a Profile of M J Radhakrishnan using the following hints.



**Popularity:**  
Cinematographer

**Place of birth:**  
Punalur - Kollam

**Birth:** 1957

**Father:**  
Janardhanan Vydier

**Death:** 12 th July 2019

**Mother:** Lalitha

**Awards:**  
Best cinematography  
award for 7 times.



**Career:** 30 Years of  
experience with 75 films  
and several short films

**Major works:**  
Kaliyattam, Marana simhasanam,  
Theerthatanam, Nalu pennungal, Pulijanmam  
Gulmohar, Thirakkatha, Veetilekkulla Vazhi,

### Activity 4. Thoughts

'The thing (snake) is somewhere here. If it is not found before the evening, we will dismiss you'.

This was the warning given by the family to Dasa - the old servant in the story 'A Snake in the Grass'.

What would be the thoughts of Dasa at that time?

### Activity 5. Editing

Edit the following passage.

He stood in front of his house on the hill opposite the mountain, and gazed across the valley, dreaming of (1) a river. (2) he was about twelve years old, a (3) sturdy boy, with untidy black hair and shining black eyes. He was (4) barefoot; not because he couldn't afford shoes but because he liked the feel (5) on warm stones and cool grass.

*deconstruction*

### Activity 6. Poster

"The water in the river was blue and white, and wonderful". The boy in the story 'How Far is the River' wishes to see all the rivers in the same way. He made a poster to encourage others not to pollute the rivers.

Design a poster with appropriate title, illustration, slogans, instructions and message.

*go to the river and see the water*

