

Set - A

KHM HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VALAKKULAM

FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION - 2021

ENGLISH

Time: 40 Minutes.

STD: X.

Max.Marks: 20

Questions 1- 4: Read the excerpt from ‘**Adventures in a Banyan Tree**’ and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

In a clearing beneath the tree, in bright sunshine, they came face to face. Cobra knew only too well that the grey mongoose, three feet long, was a superb fighter, clever and aggressive. But the cobra was skilful and experienced fighter too. He could move swiftly and strike with the speed of light, and the sacs behind his long, sharp fangs were full of deadly venom.

1. Name the two enemies described here? 1
2. What was the sacs of the cobra filled with? 1
3. Which word in the paragraph means “having fighting spirit”? 1
4. How could the cobra strike? 1

Questions 5 – 7: Read the lines from the poem ‘**Lines Written in Early Spring**’ and answer the questions that follow.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature’s holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

5. What is nature's holy plan? 1
6. Write two examples for rhyming words 1
7. Write the rhyme scheme of the given lines. 1

8. After watching fight between cobra and mongoose, the boy in the story "Adventures in a Banyan tree" shares his thoughts with one of his friends through a letter. Write the likely **letter**. 5

9.The doctor in the story ' The snake and the Mirror' was very much happy about his escape from the snake bite. He writes his feelings in his diary, prepare the **diary** entry. 5

10. There are some errors in the following sentences. Edit them.

When the doctor was sitting at (a) a chair, a snake coiled up his arm. He tried to stood (b) up, but he couldn't. Then the snake look(c) into the mirror. 3

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Questions 1- 4: Read the excerpt from ‘**The Snake and the Mirror**’ and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

'Has a snake ever coiled itself round any part of your body? A full blooded cobra? All of us fell silent. The question came from the homeopath . The topic came up when we were discussing snakes. We listened attentively as the doctor continued with the tale. It was a hot summer night about ten o' clock I had my meal I at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table .The house was not electrified; it was a small rented room . I had just set up medical practice and my earnings were meagre. I had about sixty rupees in my suitcase. Along with some shirts and dhotis. I also possessed one solitary black coat which I was then wearing.

1. What was the topic the doctor and his friends were discussing? 1
2. 'The sound was a familiar one.' What was the sound? 1
3. Pick out the word that means 'lacking in quality or very low' 1
4. What were the doctor's only possessions? 1

Questions 5 – 7: Read the lines from the poem ‘**Lines Written in Early Spring**’ and answer the questions that follow.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much to grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man

5. What grieved the mind of poet? 1
6. Write two examples for alliteration ? 1
7. What is the rhyme scheme of the given lines? 1

8. Suppose the homeopath in the story "Snake and mirror" writes a **letter to his friend** after his terrific experiences at night. Write the likely letter. 5

9. Satyajith Ray was very much disappointed when he realised that his first shooting experience went wrong. He expressed his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary** entry? 5

10. There are some errors in the following sentences. Edit them.

Mr Thorat's men had fix (a) a five foot iron rod to the ground about thirty five feet from the area whom (b) the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar maid (c) of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing. 3

Set - C

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Questions 1-4: Read the excerpt from **'Project Tiger'** and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made a possible in Hollywood when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called Birds. In the story, birds from all over the world start attacking humans.

Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what was required in the target number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the filmmaker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens. Someone replied within a few days. He was asked to bring his birds, and he arrived with almost a hundred trained ravens. Admittedly, their training had not gone very bad. That is to say, they could not do anything that might be seen as extraordinary. But if as many as fifty ravens are told to perch quietly in a row on a specified spot, and if they obey this command instantly, isn't that pretty impressive?

1. What did Hitchcock do to get ravens for his film? 1
2. What is the peculiarity of animals used in Hollywood films? 1
3. Name the film made by Hitchcock mentioned in the passage. 1
4. What was 'pretty impressive' about the trained ravens? 1

Questions 5 – 7: Read the lines from the poem **'Lines Written in Early Spring'** and answer the questions that follow.

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

5. Who is the speaker of the poem 1
6. Write two examples for rhyming words 1
7. What does I sate reclined Shows about poet's state of mind.? 1

8. Mr.Satyajit Ray wants to get permission from the Chairman of Animal Welfare Board of India for shooting a film in which a tiger is used. Prepare a likely **letter**. 5

9.The boy could not stop about wondering about the white Squirrels. If he scribbled down this unforgettable sight in his **diary**, how could it be? 5

10. There are some errors in the following sentences. Edit them.

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I'm so excited. I could met(a) the doctor for the second time . Still I remembers (b) that night. Then I was only 17 and the doctor whom (c) was practising in London was living next to me. 3