

FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2015 -16

ENGLISH

Class VIII

Time : 1 Hour 30 min

Total score : 40

Instructions:

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

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

The Captain of the Guards was a tall, well-built, red haired man of about twenty-five. He was handsomely dressed in his gold- braided uniform. Tyl looked at him coolly and then dismounted from his donkey. He bowed low and said, 'May God bless you, Sir Captain! If I look like a skeleton, It is not my fault. I'm very hungry. I've come here because I'm forced to. If you will be so good as to give me a piece of the gold cord that you wear on your coat, I'll go and hang myself by the teeth on that large leg of mutton that I see hanging in that butcher's shop.'

The Captain was playing a game of chess with another officer. He looked curiously at Tyl.

'Where do you come from?' he asked.

'From Flanders,' replied Tyl.

- a). Describe the appearance of 'The Captain of the Guards' (1)
- b). Name the game The Captain of the Guards played? (1)
- c). What did Tyl demand to the Captain of the Guards? (1)

- d) Find out a polite expression used by Tyl? (1)
- e) Pick out one word for 'To get off a horse'; bicycle or motor cycle (1)

(Looked ; bowed ; dismounted ; forced )

2. Read the lines from the song 'We are the world' and answer the questions that follow

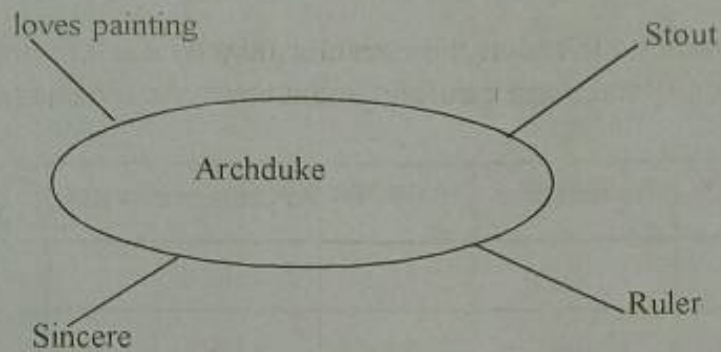
There comes a time when we heed a certain call  
When the world must come together as one  
There are people dying  
And it's time to lend a hand to life  
The greatest gift of all  
We can't go on pretending day by day  
That someone, somewhere will soon make a change  
We all are a part of God's great big family  
And the truth, you know,  
Love is all we need

- a) What is the greatest gift of all ? (1)
- b) What do you understand by the expression 'lend a hand to life'? why? (2)
- c) Name the value that we all need ? (1)
- d) What is the message of the poem ? (1)

3. "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"

The jester gets back home and narrates the whole incident to his wife. Write the likely **narrative**. (5)

4. You have come across the character 'Archduke' in the story 'The mysterious Picture'. Prepare a **character sketch** with the help of the character map (5)



5. Write a profile of famous writer 'Gabriel Garcia Marquez'. Hints are given below (5)

Birth	:	1928
Nationality	:	Columbia
Famous as	:	Novelist, Short story writer, Screen writer and Journalist.
Major works	:	One Hundred Years of Solitude, Love in the Time of Cholera.
Awards	:	Nobel prize for literature (1982), Neustadt International Prize for literature (1972)
Death	:	April 2014

6. Tyl leaves the place and on the way he meets a boy. The conversation between them is given below. But it is not complete. Complete it suitably. (5)

Boy	:	You are the court painter, ---(a)--- ?
Tyl	:	Yes, I am
Boy	:	---(b)--- ?
Tyl	:	I painted a beautiful picture
Boy	:	Will you please teach me the art of painting ?
Tyl	:	Sure. If you come with me, __ (c) __
Boy	:	----(d)----?
Tyl	:	You may come at any time.
Boy	:	We shall meet tomorrow morning.
Tyl	:	---(e)----

7. Edit the following. (5)

Tyl reach (a) the palace of the Archduke of Battenburg. He had to wait there for sometime the (b) Captain of the gaurds (c) was play (d) chess with his friends. He stopped Tyl on (e) the gate and asked why he came over there.

8. The following table shows the results gained by a school in the SSLC examination. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Year	No.attended	No.passed	Percentage of pass
2006	98	32	32.6
2007	75	64	85.3
2008	103	90	87.5
2009	105	92	87.5
2010	103	90	87.4
2011	100	93	93

- a). Which year did the highest number of students qualify for higher studies ? (1)
- b). Identify the years in which equal number of students attended the examination? (1)
- c). What was the lowest percentage of pass recorded ? (1)
- d). How many students appeared for exam in the year 2008 ? (1)
- e). Compare the results of the years 2006 and 2011. (1)