

## FIRST TERM EVALUATION 2016-17

Std : VII

ENGLISH

Time : 2 Hrs

*Instructions*

- ◆ 15 minutes is given as cool - off time. This time is to be spent for reading the activities.
- ◆ Answer all questions.

**Activity - I**

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below

All around the garden flowers  
Big velvet bees are bumbling,  
They hover low and as they go  
They're mumbling, mumbling, mumbling.

To lavender and snapdragons  
The busy bees keep coming,  
And all the busy afternoon  
They're humming, humming, humming.

Inside each bell shaped flower and rose  
They busily go stumbling,  
Collecting pollen all day long  
And bumbling, bumbling, bumbling.

(Stumbling- to move in an unsteady way)

1. Who are the bees speaking to in a quiet voice?
2. Why do they move on different flowers?
3. Pick out the idea/message that the poem gives us.
  - i) the bees make a lot of noise throughout day and night .
  - ii) the bees love beautiful flowers.
  - iii) the bees say something slowly into the ears of the flowers.
  - iv) the bees work hard throughout the day making different types of sounds.
4. What may be the reason for the stumbling of bees?
5. Write the rhyme scheme of the first stanza.

**Activity - II**

'Dasa caught the snake!' Mother exclaimed. Everybody in the bungalow appreciated him. Dasa became the hero of the day. He went out proudly to the snake charmer with the pot in his hand. Back home, he wrote a letter about his heroic experiences to his wife Geetha who lives in Chennai.

Write the letter.

### Activity - III

Read the following information about the famous poet O.N.V Kurup and prepare a **profile**.

Name	:	Ottapalakkal Neelakandan Velu Kurup
Born	:	27 May 1931
Place of birth	:	Chavara, Kollam, Kerala.
Died	:	13 February 2016 (aged 84)
Occupation	:	Professor, poet, lyricist
Spouse	:	Sarojini
Children	:	Rajeevan, Mayadevi
Notable works	:	Agni Shalabhangal, Uppu, Ujjayini, Swayamvaram.
Title	:	Professor Doctor
Awards	:	Jnanpith Award Padma Shri Padma Vibhushan

### Activity - IV

The boy in the story 'How far is the River?' crossed all the hurdles successfully and reached the river. He stepped into the cool mountain water. He was thrilled. He wrote his feelings and experiences in his diary, when he reached home. **Prepare the diary entry.**

### Activity - V

Vimal's grandmother tells stories for him every night. Here's one story. Read it.

Sonu was walking to school. At the roadside there were thick bushes. Some of them had flowers on them. Tiny red flowers. 'How nice!' he said to himself. Suddenly, he noticed that the leaves on the bushes were moving.

'There is no wind and only those bushes are moving'. Sonu became curious. 'There must be something in that bush? He went near the bush, moved the leaves to one side with his hand and peeped in. 'What's that?' Sonu wondered

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- ♦ Fix four more events and **complete the story**
  - ♦ Give a suitable title to the story.

### Activity - VI

Edit the following passage and rewrite it.

A old beggar came for alms at the gate of the bungalow. The family members told her that they was busy with the snake hunt. 'Don't kill the snake,' the old beggar said. 'I wish I do the Abhishekam,' mother replied. She gave a coin to the beggar that promised to sent the snake charmer.