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SUB: ENGLISH
CLASS: VIII

TIME: 90 MINUTES
MARKS: 40

SECTION – A (READING)

- I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions (5x1=5)**

Himalayan Valley is the geographical guard of Indian Territory against any foreign invasion keeping the enemy at bay from Western to Eastern sub-continent Asian sphere. The valley is surrounded with the classified variety of different glaciers, wild life, peaks and thick vegetation liable to support the human spine.

Pindari glacier is a range of four glaciers, namely, Sunderdunga, Namik, Pindari and Kafni. To go to Pindari glacier it is a 54 km trek and the walking part is covered in four days. In this trek, we cross many mountains and forests and see a lot of wild life. We were 8 members in the team. The whole trip took us 10 days in the mountains. Throughout the way, our guide and my father explained to us about the various features of the Himalayas we were passing through. We had to face bad weather for two days. There was a steep climb at some places and as we climbed up, we were affected by altitude sickness and lack of oxygen and we felt tired.

1. What is the geographical importance of Himalayan valley?
2. What is the Pindari glacier?
3. What does one see in the trek to Pindari?
4. Find a synonym of the word '**height**' from the passage.
5. How many days did it take to complete the whole trip?

- II. Read the following poem and answer the following questions – (5 x 1= 5)**

I HAD A DOVE

I had a dove and the sweet dove died
And I thought it died of grieving:
O, what could it grieve for? Its feet were tied
With a silken thread of my own hand's weaving;
Sweet little red feet! Why should you die-
Why should you leave me, sweet bird! Why?

You lived alone on the forest – tree,
Why, pretty thing! Would you live with me?
I kissed you oft and gave you white peas;
Why not live sweetly, as in the green trees?

-John Keats

6. How did the dove die?
7. Why did the dove live with the poet?
8. How did the poet show his love for the dove?
9. Was the dove happy with the poet? Why?
10. Can you suggest any other title for the poem?

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SECTION – B (WRITING)

11. Imagine that you are Jim Macpherson. You have returned to your town after the war. In your diary record you feel about the changes you see and the events that occur in your town. **(5x1=5)**
12. Imagine you are Naresh, secretary of Blood Donation Camp. Prepare a notice to inform students about the Blood Donation Camp that is going to organize in your school, as part of Independence Day. **(5x1=5)**

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

IV Rearrange the following words to change them into meaningful sentences. **(4x1=4)**

13. Recipe/ is/ what/the/for/Butter Paneer/?
14. Goods/production/on/of/necessary/a/scale/large/is
15. Keenly/children/are/interested/doing/in/work
16. Story/this/of/is/an/the/old couple

V Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs in brackets

(1/2x1=6)

My little sister is very naughty. When she _____ (come) back from school yesterday. She had _____ (tear) her dress. We _____ (ask) her how it _____, _____ (have, happen). She _____ (say) she _____, _____ (have, quarrel) with a boy. She _____, _____ (have, beat) him in a race and he _____, _____ (have, try) to push her. She _____, _____ (have, tell) the teacher and so he _____, _____ (have, chase) her, and she _____, _____ (have, fall) down and _____, _____ (have, tear) her dress.

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

VI Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow (4x1=4)

**Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground;
Not a flower could he see,
Not a leaf on a tree.
"Oh! What will become," says the cricket, "of me?"**

17. Name the above poem and poet.
18. Who was looking for the crumbs?
19. What did the Cricket usually do?
20. Why was the cricket worried?

VII Answer any 3 questions from the following: (3x2=6)

21. How did the East India Company subdue the Indian princes?
22. Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand?
23. Who had written the letter in the chapter "The Best Christmas Present in the World"? To whom?
24. What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the "humph"?
25. What material are the 'strange' huts made out of?