

First Mid Term Evaluation

KP (G)
Std. 10

English

Time : 1¼ hrs
Score : 40

Instructions :

- The first 7 minutes and cool - off time
- Read the instructions carefully and attempt the questions

Questions 1 to 5 : Read the following passage from 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the question that follow: (5 x 1 = 5)

Though the house and grounds of our home in India were Grandfather's domain, the magnificent old banyan tree was mine-chiefly because Grandfather, at the age of sixty-five, could no longer climb it. Grandmother used to tease him about this, and would speak of a certain Countess of Desmond, an English woman who lived to the age of 117, and would have lived longer if she hadn't fallen while climbing an apple tree. The spreading branches of the banyan tree, which curved to the ground and took root again, forming a maze of arches, gave me endless pleasure. The tree was older than the house, older than Grandfather, as old as the town of Dehra, nestling in a valley at the foot of the Himalayas.

1. '.. the magnificent old banyan tree was mine' Why does the narrator think so?
2. Why did the grandmother tease the Grandfather?
3. What is the endless pleasure mentioned here?
4. Find out the word from the passage that means 'an area owned by a person'.
5. Pick out the sentence which tells you that the Banyan tree was very old.

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Question 6 : Read the following lines and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. 5

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.

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

Question 7 - 8 : Answer any ONE of the following in 120 words. (1x7 = 7)

7. Imagine that the Homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' is your friend. He told you in detail the frightening incident happened in his room. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

OR

8. 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' portrays some of the exciting experiences of a the boy. Prepare a **write-up** describing the experience of the boy.

Questions 9 - 10 : Answer any ONE of the following questions. (1x6 = 6)

9. The Homeopath was saved from the snake only because of his courage. Suppose the English Club of your school has decided to congratulate him. Prepare a **speech** congratulating the boy.
10. Prepare the **profile** of Vaikom Muhammed Basheer, using the hints given below.

Born : January 21, 1908

Place of birth : Thalayolapparambu, Vaikom, Kerala

- Nationality : Indian
 Occupation : Writer, Freedom fighter
 Notable works : Balyakalaskhi, Pathummayude Aadu,
 Ntuppuppakkoranendarnnu,
 Mathilukal
 Awards : Padmashri, Sahitya Akademi fellowship, Vallathol Award, Muttathu Varkey Award
 Death : July 5, 1994.

Questions 11 – 12 : Answer any ONE of the following questions. (5 x 1 = 5)

11. The boy in 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is a keen observer of nature. He watches everything around him with utmost interest. Prepare the character sketch the boy.
12. The boy and the grandfather were excited very much while they saw the white squirrels. Suppose the boy noted it in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.

Questions 13-16: The table given below shows the details of certain books. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow. (4 x 1 = 4)

Name of book	Author	Language	Publication year
The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy	English	1997
Riders to the Sea	J M Synge	English	1904
18 Poems	Dylan Thomas	English	1934
Shabdangal	Vaikom Muhammed Basheer	Malayalam	1947

13. Who wrote the book Riders to the Sea?
14. Name the collection written by Dylan Thomas.
15. is the only Malayalam book in the list.
16. Which book in the list published first?
17. Supply the missing words from the ones given in brackets to complete the passage given below: 4

A few drops (a) blood glistened on the cobra's back. The cobra struck again (b) missed. Again (c) mongoose sprang aside, jumped in and bit. Again the birds dived (d) the snake, bumped into each other instead, and returned shrieking to the safety of the cactus.

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18. Read the following conversation.

Friend : What happened to you?

Homeopath : A snake coiled around my arm.

Now, complete the following sentences. 2

- a) Friend asked
b) Homeopath replied

19. Read the following sentences and identify the noun phrases in the subject position of each sentence. 2

- a) The boy loved the squirrel
b) The young grey squirrel took pieces of biscuit from the boy's hands.