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MARKS: 80

SECTION – A (READING)

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions (8)

The Lion the Bear and the Fox

Once, it so happened that a Lion and a Bear were resting not very far from each other. They both chanced to see a strong kid nearby. The great Bear rushed to seize the kid from one direction and the Lion came towards it from the other.

Since both the lion and the Bear wanted the prey, they fought savagely for it. In the battle, both received so many wounds that they sank to the ground, as they were too exhausted to continue the contest. Just then the clever fox came by. The fox dashed up, seized the kid in his jaws by his teeth, and whisked it off.

The mighty lion and the powerful bear could only watch with helpless rage as a much weaker animal managed to get the prize, which they had themselves set their eyes upon. "It would have been much better," agreed the Lion and Bear, "to have shared the prey between us ourselves in a friendly spirit, rather than lose it to a third party!"

1. Give a suitable title to the passage. (1)
2. How was the fox able to get the Kid? (2)
3. Write the message of the story in a sentence or phrase? (1)
4. What lesson did the lion and the bear learn by their own action? (2)
5. Find the synonym of "tired" from the second paragraph (1)
6. Antonym of clever is _____. (1)

II. Read the following poem and answer the given questions. (12)

THE moon is shining over the field,
A little breeze is blowing,
The raddish leaves are crisp and green,
The lettuces are growing.
The owl is in the ivy-bush,
With both his eyes a-winking;
The rabbit shakes his little tail,
And sits him down a-thinking_
"Oh! Where are all the dormice gone?
And are the frogs a-vooring?
Will no one come to play with me?
What are they all a-doing?
Poor little rabbit, all alone,
Don't let the master meet you;
He'll shoot you with his little gun,
And merrily he'll eat you!

1. Give a suitable title to the poem. (1)
2. Find out four pairs of rhyming words? (2)
3. What time of the day is mentioned in the first stanza of the poem? (2)
4. What does the rabbit wish in the third stanza? (2)

the garden. He was also told wash himself	b) _____	_____
on water of the river there. The same water	c) _____	_____
was bring and sprinkled over everything	d) _____	_____
which had been change into gold by Mida’s touch.	e) _____	_____
The king felt a weight had been lift from his heart.	f) _____	_____

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

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

“Come and hire me,” I cried, while in the morning

I was walking on the stone-paved road.

Sword in hand the King came in his chariot.

He held my hand and said,

“I will hire you with my power,

” But his power counted for naught, and he went away in his chariot

1. Name the above poem and poet.
2. Who is the speaker in the poem?
3. “The king, sword in hand” suggests (i) wealth (ii) power (iii) more power than wealth.
4. Why did he refuse the kings offer?

XI. Read the extract from the text book and answer the following questions (4x1=4)

Jody said, “How are you feeling, Pa?” “Just fine, son. O1d Death has gone thieving elsewhere. But wasn’t it a close shave!” “I agree.” Penny said, “I’m proud of you, boy, the way you kept your head and did what was needed.” “Pa-” “Yes, son.” “Pa, do you recollect the doe and the fawn?” “I can never forget them. The poor doe saved me, that’s certain.” “Pa, the fawn may be out there yet. It might be hungry and very scared.”

1. What had happened to Jody’s father?
2. How did the doe save Penny’s life?
3. Why does Jody want to bring the fawn home?
4. How does Jody know that the fawn is a male?

X. Answer the following: (6x2=12)

1. Hafeez Contractor wanted to join the police force. Why didn’t he?
2. What are the three qualities that played a major role in the H.P.S.Ahluwalia’s climb to Mount Everest?
3. Mention any two things that Parimal Ghose knew about Bepin Babu.
4. In what ways did the British officers exploit Indians?
5. Why the Giant is called selfish in the story “The Selfish Giant”?
6. Who did Connie Macpherson think her visitor was?

II. “War is the greatest plague that can afflict humanity; it destroys religion, it destroys states, it destroys families. — Martin Luther. Explain this statement with the help of the chapter “The Best Christmas Present in the World”. (5)