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SECOND TERMINAL EVALUATION 2023-24**

ENGLISH

Time : 2.30 hrs

Standard IX

Max.Score : 80

INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions given.

✓ **Questions 1-5.** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

(5x1=5)

The next morning, I crawled out slowly because everything swam dizzily before me. I saw a small package and opened it. It contained some sweets and a Christmas cake. I tasted the cake and dropped it. It was soaking wet and revolting. Then I picked up a long stick with which to probe the ground to avoid snakes, poisonous spiders and ants. My parents had taught me about the perils of the jungle in the years we had lived in it—that it is not the big animals that are the most dangerous, but the snakes and the insects.

- ✓ 1. Why did Juliane crawl out slowly?
- ✓ 2. Which sentence in the passage shows that the cake was not edible?
- ✓ 3. What did the narrator intend to do with the long stick?
- ✓ 4. What are the perils of the jungle mentioned in the passage?
- ✓ 5. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'serious and immediate danger.'

✓ **Questions 6-9.** Read the following lines from the poem *Song of the Rain* and answer the questions that follow.

I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven
By the Gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn
Her fields and valleys.

I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the
Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn
To embellish the gardens.

When I cry, the hills laugh;

When I humble myself, the flowers rejoice;

When I bow, all things are elated.

- ✓ 6. Who is the 'I' mentioned in the poem? **(1)**
- ✓ 7. The poet compares the rain to a lot of things. What are they? **(2)**
- ✓ 8. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the given lines. **(1)**

9. What does nature do with the 'silver threads'? (1)
10. Read the following lines from *On Killing a Tree* and prepare a note of **appreciation** focusing on its theme, images and poetic devices. (1x5=5)

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out of its leperous hide
Sprouting leaves.

So hack and chop
But this alone wont do it.
Not so much pain will do it.
The bleeding bark will heal
And from close to the ground
Will rise curled green twigs,
Miniature boughs
Which if unchecked will expand again
To former size.

- Questions 11-15. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (5x1=5)

Ben jumped from bed as soon as the first rays of sun peeped through his window. He grabbed his bag from the shelf and opened it. He then kept some of his favourite things in the bag. His summer holidays had just begun, and as usual, he was preparing to visit his Grandpa. He selected a book on building forts, one on making go-carts and a new book he had borrowed from the library about a child detective who created his own spy gear. He also picked a car kit and his stuffed bear. He was ready to go!

Visiting his grandfather was always a favourite part of his summer vacation. Grandpa would take him out for fishing, and for playing baseball. Grandpa also taught Ben how to fix damaged household items. Last year, though he was only eight, he had learned how to replace a broken doorknob and how to repair a leaky tap. Grandpa was patient enough and did not mind spending many hours to show Ben how to use his tools.

Ben's mom came to his bedroom. "Grandpa's here," she said with a smile. Ben grabbed his backpack and ran into the kitchen where Grandpa was waiting. "Ready, big guy?" asked Grandpa. "Or do you want to eat breakfast before we leave?" "Ready," said

Ben. As he kissed his mother good-bye, he felt his stomach rumbling. "We can eat later!"

- / 11. Why did Ben jump out of bed?
- / 12. Which expression in the passage shows that Ben was hungry?
- / 13. 'Visiting his grandfather was always a favourite part of his summer vacation'. Why?
- / 14. What were the two things that Ben learnt from his Grandpa last year?
- / 15. What is your impression of Ben's Grandpa?

/ **Questions 16-17.** Answer **any ONE** of the following questions. (1x7=7)

16. The G20 summit held recently considered climate change as a major concern in the present world. Based on the speech, 'Climate change is not hysteria- it's a fact', prepare a **write-up** on the topic 'Climate Change: Human Impact on the Environment'.
(march on the streets- droughts intensify- oceans acidify- climate change- greatest threat- economy dies- eco-system collapses - climate crisis)

- / 17. Juliane Koepcke, the sole survivor of the air crash was alone in the forest for nearly ten days. You narrate Juliane's experience to one of your friends. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

(sits next to the window- quite normal- invisible power shake- lost consciousness- perils of jungle- looks for streams - nights frightening- wounded severely- will power and determination- mestizo men - survives)

/ **Questions 18-20.** Answer **any TWO** of the following questions. (2x5=10)

- 18. Everybody can benefit from vocational education as it provides an opportunity to learn a skill or a trade. In the light of your reading of the lesson *The Tolstoy Farm*, prepare a **paragraph** on why Gandhiji taught every youngster some useful manual vocation.
- / 19. The grandmother in the lesson *Listen to the Mountain* is concerned about the village and its ecological balance. Prepare a **character sketch** of the grandmother.
- / 20. The Science Club of your school has decided to celebrate the National Science Day on 28th February, 2024. As the convenor of the Science Club you are asked to prepare a **notice** for the programme giving necessary details.

/ **Questions 21-25.** Answer **any THREE** of the following questions. (3x6=18)

- / 21. Prepare a short **profile** of Khalil Gibran, using the hints given below.

- / Name : Khalil Gibran
- / Birth : January 6, 1883, Lebanon
- / Alma mater : Academie Julian, France
- / Occupation : Writer, poet, visual artist, philosopher
- / Notable works : *The Prophet, The Madman, Broken Wings*
- / Death : April 10, 1931, New York, U.S

22. Your school has decided to invite a famous ecologist to inaugurate the Science Exhibition. As the secretary of the club, you are asked to invite him. Draft the likely **letter**.
23. The Dharmagiri villagers opposed the construction of a star hotel. They conducted rallies to express their protest. These incidents appeared in the next day's leading dailies. Prepare the likely **news report**.
24. Juliane Koepcke had a miraculous escape from the air crash. Being a channel reporter, you get a chance to interview her. Prepare **six questions** that you would ask her.
25. Juliane was taken to the U.S. Mission base at Pucallpa for further treatment. At the hospital, she met her father and they comforted each other. Draft the likely **conversation**.

Questions 26-30. Read the details of the Asian Games 2023 medal winners and answer the questions that follow. (5x1=5)

| Name of Winners | Nationality | Medal | Item |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Palak Gulia | Indian | Gold | Women 10 metre Air Pistol |
| E J Obiena | Philippines | Gold | Pole Vault |
| Shanti Pereira | Singapore | Silver | Women 100 metre Race |
| Neeraj Chopra | Indian | Gold | Javelin Throw -Men |
| Ri Song-gum | North Korea | Gold | Weight Lifting |

26. Who won the gold medal for Philippines?
27. Which event did Neeraj Chopra win the gold medal in?
28. The woman athlete who won gold medal for India is.....
29. Which is the only country that won the silver medal in the given table?
30. Ri Song-gum bagged gold medal in

31. Report the following conversation.

(2x1=2)

Grandmother: How do you plan to stop the construction of the hotel ?

Narayan : We will stage a peaceful procession and submit a petition .

a) Grandmother asked.....

b) Narayan replied.....

32. Edit the passage given below.

(4x1=4)

The village of Dharmagiri is situated in the middle of a valley. The river that flow (a) through the village is the cleanest have we ever seen (b). The view from the top of its mountain is brehtaking (c) gorgeous. Dixit, the industrialist is planned (d) to build a hotel on Dharmagiri mountains.

33. Replace the underlined words with the appropriate **phrasal verbs** given in brackets.

(4x1=4)

Narayan decided (a) to act against the construction on Dharmagiri Mountains. He visited (b) Mr. Dixit. Narayan tried to explain (c) the matter in detail. But Mr. Dixit rejected (d) the demand of the villagers.

(put across, put up with, turned down, made up his mind, called on)

34. Complete the following passage by choosing the suitable words given in brackets

(4x1=4)

Juliane Koepcke was only 16 years old(a)..... her plane hit the storm(b).....crashed in the Amazon forest. She was flying(c)....her mother(d)....she lost in the crash.

(whom, when, and, though, with)

35. Find out the **noun phrases** in subject position from the sentences given below.

(2x1=2)

(a) The climate change is our single greatest security threat.

(b) Protecting our future on this planet depends on the conscious evolution of our species.

36. Complete the given conversation suitably.

(4x1=4)

Gandhiji: I'm planning to teach every student some manual vocation.

Kallenbach :(a).....?

Gandhiji : That's a good choice. Let's teach them shoe making.

Kallenbach : They teach shoe-making at the Trappist monastery,(b).....?

Gandhiji : Yes. You had better.....(c).....

Kallenbach : Sure. I will go there to learn the skill.

Gandhiji : Would you mind(d).....?

Kallenbach : Of course. I will teach the students carpentry as well.