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FIRST TERM EVALUATION 2024-25

ENGLISH

Time : 2.30 hrs

Total Score : 80

STD: X

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.

Questions 1-5. Read the following excerpt from the story *Adventures in a Banyan Tree* and answer the questions that follow. **5X1=5**

Halfway up the tree I had built a small platform on which I would often spend the afternoons when it wasn't too hot. I could read there, propping myself up against the bole of the tree with cushions taken from the drawing room. *Treasure Island*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Mowgli* stories, and the Novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Louisa May Alcott made up my bag of very mixed reading. When I did not feel like reading, I could look down through the banyan leaves at the world below, at Grandmother hanging up or taking down the washing, at the cook quarrelling with a fruit vendor or at Grandfather grumbling at the hardy Indian marigolds which insisted on springing up all over his very English garden.

1. Where did the boy build the platform?
2. Why did the grandfather grumble at the Indian marigolds?
3. What do we infer about the boy's hobby from the passage?
4. What did the boy see when he looked down through the banyan leaves at the world below?
5. Pick out the word that conveys the meaning 'strong enough to bear extreme conditions or difficult situations.'

Questions 6-10. Read the lines from the poem *Blowin' in the Wind* and answer the questions that follow. **5x1=5**

Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?

Yes, and how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?

Yes, and how many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

6. What does the word 'sky' refer to here?
7. Why does the writer say that the answer is 'blowin' in the wind' ?
8. What impression do we get about the **man** when Bob Dylan says '...how many ears must one man have / Before he can hear people cry?'
9. Comment on the lines 'Yes, and how many deaths will it take till he knows / That too many people have died'.
10. Which literary device is used in the line 'Yes, and how many times must a man look up...'

Question 11. Read the following lines from the poem *Lines Written in Early Spring* and prepare an **appreciation** focussing on its theme, imagery and poetic devices. **1x5=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.

Questions 12-16. Read the story given below and answer the questions that follow. **5x1=5**

Sarah, an eighth-grader with a voracious appetite for adventure, stumbled upon a mysterious library in the heart of the city. As she pushed open the doors, she was enveloped in a world of wonder. The librarian, Ms. Abernathy, with a knowing glint in her eye, revealed the library's extraordinary secret. The shelves were lined with enchanted books that could transport readers to far-off lands, mythical realms, and fantastical worlds. As Sarah delved into the pages, she found herself amidst swashbuckling knights, fire-breathing dragons, and wise-cracking animals. The stories came alive, and she felt herself soaring through the skies, exploring ancient ruins, and witnessing historic events. With each turn of the page, Sarah's imagination soared, and her love for reading deepened. The library became her sanctuary, a place where she could escape the mundane and embrace the magic that lay within. As the hours ticked by, Sarah's wonderland became her second home, where she could explore, dream, and discover the boundless possibilities of the written word.

12. Where did Sarah discover the magical library?
13. Who is the librarian of the magical library?
14. What is special about the books in the library?
15. How did the library have an impact on Sarah's life?
16. What happened when Sarah delved into the pages of the book?

Questions 17-18. Answer any ONE of the following.

1x7=7

17. The story *The Snake and the Mirror* is about a frightening incident narrated with a dash of humour. The author has made use of certain striking contrasts in the story to bring about humour. Prepare a **write-up** on the use of contrasts in the story to create a humorous effect.

(Homeopath-admires himself- dreams about his future- decides to keep an attractive smile -snake coils around his arm- attitude changes- considers himself stupid)

18. Majid Majidi is able to provide a very nuanced perspective of the Iranian life in the film *My Sister's Shoes* which poignantly captures the story of an impoverished family in Iran. Prepare a **review** of the film focusing on the theme, setting, characters and their performance.

(life in Iran- brother-sister relationship- impoverished and complex life- loses mended shoes- frantic search – unable to find the shoes- copes with challenges- subtle emotional overtones)

Questions 19-21. Answer any TWO of the following questions.

2x5=10

19. The Film Club of your school announces a special film festival, paying tribute to the works of two iconic directors - Satyajit Ray, the master of Indian cinema, and Majid Majidi, the celebrated Iranian storyteller, featuring a curated selection of their films. Prepare a **notice** inviting everyone to the film festival.

20. Zahra was quite shocked when she learned that Ali had lost her shoes. She jotted down her feelings in her diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry** of Zahra.

21. Read the following passage and prepare **five questions** based on it.

In a village called Notun Gram we found a suitable bamboo grove to film the first meeting between Goopy and Bagha and the appearance of the tiger. Mr Thorat reached the shooting location with the tiger. There were about twenty five people in the location. A few local people took our permission to go with us to watch how we tackled the tiger. The cage on the lorry was covered. When the cover was removed we were surprised to see not one, but two well-fed and robust tigers.

Questions 22-25. Answer any TWO of the following questions.

2x6=12

22. The story *Adventures in a Banyan Tree* recounts three pivotal experiences that significantly shift our perspective on nature's diversity and its wonders. Prepare a **narrative** of the events in your own words.

23. Mr. Thorat, the ring master in *Project Tiger*, is a shining example of resilience and determination. He displayed his unwavering patience, perseverance, and dedication in

the face of challenges he faced during the shooting with the tiger. Prepare a brief **character sketch** of Mr. Thorat.

24. The Homeopath was shocked to find that some thief had stolen most of his belongings. He lodged a complaint with the Sub Inspector of Police about the burglary. Prepare the likely **letter**.

25. The sighting of the three wonderful white squirrels in the banyan tree was widely reported in the newspapers the next day. Prepare the likely **news report**.

26. Prepare a **profile** of Samuel Taylor Coleridge using the details given below.

1x6=6

Born	:	October 21, 1772, Devonshire, England
Occupation	:	Poet, philosopher, critic
Alma mater	:	Jesus College, Cambridge
Notable Works	:	Biographia Literaria, Dejection: An Ode, Kubla Khan The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
Features	:	characterized by vivid imagery, complex metaphors, and a focus on the supernatural and the mystical.
Movement	:	Romanticism
Died	:	July 25, 1834, Highgate, London

Questions 27-31. Read the information given below and answer the questions that follow.

5x1=5

Painting	Year	Name of the artist	Country
The Starry Night	1889	Vincent Van Gogh	Netherlands
The Last Supper	1498	Leonardo da Vinci	Italy
Guernica	1937	Pablo Picasso	Spain
The Night Watch	1642	Rembrandt	Netherlands

27. Which is the oldest painting listed in the table?
28. Name the artists who hail from the same nation.
29. What is the name of Vincent Van Gogh's painting?
30. Which country does Rembrandt belong to?
31. Name the artist who belongs to the 20th century.

32. Complete the paragraph using the appropriate forms of the **phrasal verbs** given in brackets.

4x1=4

Ali _____ **a** _____ at the cobbler's shop to get his sister's mended shoes. Then, he _____ **b** _____ to buy potatoes from Akbar's shop. He kept the mended shoes in the small gap between the boxes and then went inside to get potatoes. After the purchase, finding the shoes missing, he searched for them. Soon it _____ **c** _____ him that the junk collector had taken them. He was really _____ **d** _____ by the sudden turn of events.

(taken aback, go down, turn up, dawn on, set out)

33. **Edit** the passage given below. The errors are underlined.

4x1=4

In *Lines Written in Early Spring* wrote(a) by William Wordsworth, the poet listens to the harmonious sounds of nature and reflect (b) on the connection between the natural world and the human soul. It sadens (c) him to think about what man has done to destroy this beauty. He makes us realised (d) with a sense of regret the contrast between the deeds of nature and man.

34. **Report** the following dialogue.

2x1=2

A friend : Did you see the snake the next day?

Homeopath : I've never seen it again.

35. Complete the **conversation** between the Manager of Bharat Circus and Satyajit Ray suitably.

4x1=4

Ray : Good morning, sir,.

Manager : Good morning, Mr.Ray. Great to meet you. How can I help you?

Ray : I need a tiger for my upcoming film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Would you mind(a).....?

Manager : No I don't. But Ray,there is a likely chance that the tiger may go out of control.

You had better(b).....

Ray : Of course, I will talk to the trainer and take necessary precautionary measures.(c).....?

Manager : Mr.Thorat is our tiger trainer.

Ray : I hope he will assist me,.....(d).....?

Manager : Surely.

Ray : Thank you, bye.

36. Complete the following passage choosing the **right words** from those given in brackets. **4x1=4**

Grandfather / (a) had never seen white squirrels before gazed/(b)them in wonder. He was puzzled for some time, /(c) when the boy mentioned the white rat's frequent visits to the banyan tree, he came out with the theory/ (d) rats and squirrels could have offspring.

(but, who, at, that, this)

37. Identify the Noun Phrase in subject position and the Verb Phrase from the sentences given below. **2x1=2**

- 1) The cheerful and greedy rosy pastors flocked to the branches of the banyan tree during the fig season.
- 2) The magnificent old banyan tree with its spreading branches gave the boy endless pleasure.