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| 9 th CBSE Batch : | MAHESH TUTORIALS SUBJECT : ENGLISH Fiction : 1, 2, 3, 4 Poem : 1, 2, 3, 4, Moments : 1, 2, 3, Grammar and Writing Skills Model Answer Paper | Test - Date: Time: 2 Hrs Marks : 60 |
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| Q : 1 1.1 (a) (b) (c) (d) | <u>Grammar and Writing Skills</u> Read the following passage given below and answer the questions that follows : [2 Marks] Answer the following questions in brief:- [2 Marks] Melting ice and warming water have raised average sea-level worldwide by more than an inch since 1995. If the current rate continues or accelerates as they say is likely, the world's seas will rise atleast a foot by the end of this century, causing widespread flooding and erosion of islands and low-lying coastal areas. The rise in the sea level was caused by a recent speed-up in the melting of glaciers and ice-sheets, especially in Greenland and Antarctica, due to global warming, another serious man-made problem threatening the world with severe consequence. Humans have significantly affected the flow of half of the world's major rivers by building dams according to the first detailed global assessment of the activity's impact. | 08 |
| | Q : 2 Read the following outline given. Using your own creativity and ideas, write a story. Assign it with a title and moral. <p style="text-align: center;">STRANGE TOYS</p> <p>Once a teacher shows three toys to a student and asks the student to find out the differences. All the three toys seemed to be identical in their shape, size and material. After keen observation, the student observes holes in the toys. The first toy has holes in the ears. The second toy has holes in one ear and mouth. The Third toy has only one hole in one ear.</p> <p>Then with the help of needle, the student puts the needle in the ear hole of the first toy. The needle comes out from the other ear. In the second toy, when the needle was put in the ear the needle came out of the mouth. And in the Third toy, when the needle was put in, the needle did not come out.</p> <p>The first toy represents those people around you who give an impression that they are listening to you and care for you. But they just pretend to do so. After listening, as the needle comes out from the next ear, the things you said to them by counting on them are gone. So be careful while you are speaking to this type of people around you, who do not care for you.</p> <p>The second toy represents those people who listen to all your things and give an impression that they care for you. But as in the toy, the needle comes out from the mouth. These people will use your words you tell them against you by telling it to others and bringing out the confidential issues for their own purpose.</p> <p>Speaking about the third toy, the needle does not come out from it. These kinds of people will keep the trust you have in them. They are the ones who you can count on.</p> <p>Moral: Always stay in the company of people who are loyal and trustworthy. People, who listen to what you tell them, are not always the ones you can count on when you need them the most.</p> | 07 |

Q : 3 Letter Writing :**05**

The Principal,
St. Peter's High School,
Bandra (W),
Mumbai – 400 050.
10 January 2017.

Subject : Request to enhance the school library.

Respected Madam,

I am a student of std X B. The school teachers have inculcated a good habit of reading in each one of us. The new syllabus demands submission of projects in all the subjects.

It is a pleasure to go through various books to gather reference material for our projects. Our library has a good stock of books. Most of the subjects require the latest updated version. Our library has mostly old editions so the matter is outdated. Students are dejected with this and lose interest in reading. They prefer surfing the net which is very convenient. I am an avid reader. Don't you think that each day fewer and fewer people are attracted to reading ? If our school library has the latest collection of books, students will flock to read them regularly.

It is an earnest request to you to avail us of this facility. Kindly, look into this matter at the earliest so that we have a greater number of students flocking to the school library.

Thanking you,

Yours obediently,
Kinjal Jain

Q : 4 Gap Filling:**04**

- (a) all (b) worshipped (c) if (d) meditate
(e) pleased (f) worship (g) neglect (h) others

Q : 5 Fill in the blanks by giving the appropriate word from the options given below.**04**

- (a) shopping complexes was destroyed
(b) bomb blast
(c) 80 people were burnt alive
(d) two young men were seen speeding off

Q : 6 Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.**04**

- (a) shouted for help (b) passing by jumped (c) As the man
(d) boy stopped him (e) him the reason (f) boy thanked him
(g) that when you (h) your life was

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Q : 7 Answer the following questions :

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1. Margie was doing badly in geography because the geography lessons had been more difficult to follow. They were not in tune with the mental level of Margie. The County Inspector checked the mechanical teacher and reset it keeping in mind Margie's mental level.
2. The poet must be living a fast paced life. He is deprived of peace and simplicity and natural beauty. He is surrounded by lights and noise, he wishes to lead a life full of peace and solitude. He wishes to enjoy nature in its purest form. He wishes to live in Innisfree.
3. Evelyn Glennie's loss of hearing had been gradual. Her mother remembers noticing something was wrong when Evelyn was waiting to play the piano. They called her name and she didn't move. She had been concealing her deafness. By the time she was eleven, her marks had deteriorated and her headmistress urged her parents to take her to a specialist. That is when Evelyn's parents came to know about her deafness.
4. Many fanciful and imaginary pictures and memories of the past play across in the poet's mind on a rainy day. The thoughts of his mother, his childhood memories, the pleasant experiences he had and they all put him in a lovely mood on a rainy night when he goes to bed.

Q : 9 Answer in detail : [Any 1]

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1. Ustad Bismillah Khan was a great maestro in the world of music, an outstanding Shahnai player of great national and international fame. He was a great musician. The Shehanai was brought to its classical stage by Ustad Bismillah Khan. He practised for hours and worked very hard to attain perfection. It was his incredible talent of music that made him the first Indian to greet independent India. He also created many new ragas and brought musical innovation. He was a winner of the most prestigious award 'The Bharat Ratna' and many other awards. He refused all opportunities to stay abroad and chose to stay in India which shows that he was a true patriot. He advised all Indians to learn and teach music to their children. In his opinion, music is considered to be the richest tradition of Hindustan. The Indians should preserve their heritage as the West is also influenced to learn it.
Bismillah Khan refused a request made by one of his students to start a Shehnai school in the USA because he did not wish to live away from Hindustan, specifically from Benaras, the River Ganga and Dumraon. He was a great artist who maintained simplicity always. Ustad Bismillah Khan devoted his life to preserving, improving and spreading Indian music. He was a devout Muslim but he played Shehnai in the Hindu temple every day. He found his inspiration from the River Ganga. His life was a perfect example of the rich, cultural heritage of India.
2. **The need for better understanding between parents and children.**
It is certainly true that there is a lack of understanding between parents and children today. The mutual understanding between parents and children is really important to maintain a cordial relationship with each other. Every generation evolves with time. Especially today, we live in a world which is full of competition. If both the parents are working, they hardly have any idea of what the child might have been going through. The child on the other hand is not mature enough to express his feelings about this. This even furthers the problem. Our parents belonged to a generation where they had their mother

and grandparents to look after them and to pamper them. Today we see that the child is left alone at the day-care centre and the parents leave for their work. We do understand that our parents strive for our better future and work hard for that. Having said that, there needs to be a middle path to ensure that the understanding between the parents and the children is not affected negatively in any way.

Q : 10 Read the passage and answer the questions :

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- (a) Einstein saw Mileva Maric, a fellow student at the University in Zurich as his ally.
- (b) The people in Einstein's family and at the University who were always at odds with him, are referred to as 'philistines'.
- (c) The letters that Einstein and Mileva wrote to each other while at the University, exist as memoirs of their love story.

Q : 11 Read the poem and answer the questions :

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- (a) The poet here, is addressing the wind.
- (b) The papers get scattered all over and the books get thrown down on the shelf.
- (c) Wind, the mischief-monger, breaks the shutters of the windows.

Q : 12 Answer in detail from Moments : [Any 2] [5 Marks]

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1. 'Iswaran the Storyteller' is an interesting narrative written by R. K. Laxman who is well-known for his interest in the supernatural. In this story, Mahendra, a young man who worked as a junior supervisor in a construction firm narrates his own account to Ganesh. Mahendra doesn't believe in the existence of ghosts, until Iswaran, his cook, ignites this fear in his mind after the narration of a ghost story one night. Whatever happened the next full moon night is for the readers to read, either to cherish or to dread. But strangely, the next morning Mahendra submits his resignation papers as he decides to leave the haunted place.
Iswaran was really an asset to his master Mahendra. He was a very useful person. His great quality was cooking. There were no shops around the place where they lived. Even then Iswaran would produce vegetables and cooking material from nowhere. He had the ability to cook the most delicious dishes with fresh vegetables in just an hour. Naturally, Mahendra was quite happy and satisfied with him.
Besides being a good cook, Iswaran was a good storyteller as well. He would narrate each and every event in a way that would create suspense and surprise the listener. He would use dramatic gestures for the purpose. For example, he narrated in detail an incident of his childhood when he was able to tame a wild, destructive elephant. Then he began telling Mahendra about seeing skulls on the way. He said that he had also seen a female ghost carrying a foetus. He so frightened his master that his master finally resigned his job and left the place for ever.
2. 'The Adventures of Toto' is an interesting narrative by Ruskin Bond. It contains a very amusing description of the mischievous acts of a baby monkey named Toto. The author's Grandfather who was a great lover of pets tried to tame it, but failed. The wild mischief of Toto could not be controlled and they had to sell him back to its owner.
Toto, like any other monkey, was full of pranks and mischiefs. He would never keep himself quiet or still in one place. He loved to jump about and get involved in one trouble after another and be a nuisance to others. He was so restive that he would bring some destruction or the other to the narrator's family and pets around him. He tore away the wallpaper on the walls, twisted the socket of the peg, broke off wall plaster and tore the author's blazer.

The author's donkey Nana suffered a lot of trouble from Toto who held Nana's ears with his sharp teeth and put her to great discomfort. Toto's fancy for taking bath was also quite fantastic. He would cunningly test the temperature with his hand, then gradually step into the bath, first one foot, then the other, until he was into the water up to his neck. He would take the soap in his hands or feet and rub himself all over. His action of trying to bathe in the luke warm and then hot water was beyond imagination.

But when the water became cold he would get out and run quickly to the kitchen fire to dry himself. If anyone ever happened to laugh at him during this performance, Toto's feelings would be hurt and he would stop his bath.

Once, Toto even jumped into the boiling water to enjoy the warmth on a cold winter evening. But when the temperature increased, he jumped up and down until Grandmother came to rescue him from being half-boiled. In this way, his mischievousness was beyond any stretch of imagination.

3. This story, 'The Lost Child' by Mulk Raj Anand, depicts vividly the tender , yet strong emotions of a child. It leaves an unforgettable impression on the minds of the readers. It tells us that parents are an inseparable part of a child. He values his parents more than any worldly possessions. When the child gets separated from his parents all the charm of the external world disappears for him. He only longs to be in the arms of his parents.

Once the child entered the fair, he was attracted to many things. First of all he wanted to buy a toy. But his father looked at him in anger. The child understood that his father would not buy him that toy. Then he was charmed by the dragonflies, insects and worms but he could not catch them.

Later, he saw a sweetmeat shop. He wanted to eat burfi. He slowly murmured too. But he feared his parents would say he was greedy. So he moved on without saying anything. Then a flower-seller attracted him. He wanted to have a flower garland. But he could not get it. Then he saw a balloon seller. He was attracted by the multicoloured balloons. But he knew well that his parents would not buy him a balloon. So he moved on. Thus he could not get the things he desired. Finally he came to a roundabout. He wanted to have a ride in it. So he kept looking at it till it slowed and came to a standstill. He made a bold request to his parents. But he got no reply. He painfully realized that his parents were not there. He was lost.

★★★★ *Best of Luck* ★★★★★