



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

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F. M : 80

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1. Complete the sentences which follow, choosing the correct answer from the alternatives given:

1X5=5

- a. Leela wanted to hear from her mother the story of the –
i. tiger ii. elephant iii. lion iv. rabbit

Ans. ii. elephant

- b. 'Ek Chota' refers to –
i. a small glass of water ii. a small glass of milk
iii. a small glass of scotch iv. a small gift

Ans: iii. a small glass of scotch

- c. The clerk had handed Jimmy Valentine a railroad ticket and a –
i. five dollar bill ii. ten dollar bill iii. one dollar bill iv. twenty dollar bill

Ans: i. five dollar bill

- d. The essay 'The Place of Art in Education' is taken from –
i. Dhrishti ar Shrishti ii. Gitanjali iii. Education and Arts iv. Chayanika

Ans: i. Dhrishti ar Shrishti

- e. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Prize in
i. 1995 ii. 1997 iii. 1979 iv. 1910

Ans: iii. 1979

2. Answer any five of the following questions in a single sentence:

1X5=5

- a. What did Mr. Sivasanker say after looking at Sidda for the first time?

Ans: After looking at Sidda for the first time Mr. Sivasanker had said that he didn't seem to her worse than the other servants that they had.

- b. Why was Leela asked to be 'very quick' about examining the ball to find traces of the moon?

Ans: Leela was asked to be very quick because according to Sidda, the traces of the moon would all evaporate and go back to the moon.

- c. Why was the mirror in the first class waiting room at the railway station imperfect?

Ans: The mirror was imperfect as the red oxide at its back had come off at several places and long lines of translucent glass cut across its surface.

- d. Who had responded to Mohan Lal's call of 'Koi Hai!'?

Ans: A bearer in white livery had appeared through a wire gauze door in response to Mohan Lal's call of 'Koi Hai'.

- e. What does 'four-in-hand' mean?

Ans: 'Four-in-hand' refers to a method of knotting a necktie.

- f. Where had Jimmy decided to move after his marriage to Annabel Adams?

Ans: After his marriage to Annabel Adams, Jimmy had decided to sell out his shoe business and go west.

g. Who is referred as the first messenger of peace?

Ans: John the Baptist is referred as the first messenger of peace.

h. What according to Mother Teresa is considered to be the greatest destroyer of peace today?

Ans: The greatest destroyer of peace at present according to Mother Teresa is abortion.

i. Who had illustrated Rabindranath's 'Sahaj Path'?

Ans: Nandalal Bose had illustrated Rabindranath's 'Sahaj Path.'

j. What does absence of a sense of beauty cheats man of?

Ans: Absence of a sense of beauty not only cheats man of aesthetic experience but it also harms his physical and mental well being.

3. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 100 words each: 5X2=10

a. "It gives her great joy to play the teacher to Sidha" –

i. Name the text from which the above line has been extracted.

Ans: The above line has been extracted from R.K. Narayan's popular short story 'Leela's Friend.'

ii. Identify the teacher.

Ans: The teacher was Leela, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sivasanker.

iii. What were the things taught to Sidha? (1+1+3)

Ans: Leela made Sidha squat on the floor with a pencil between his fingers and a catalogue in front of him. He had to try and copy whatever she wrote in the pages of her catalogue. She knew two or three letters of the alphabet and could draw a kind of cat and crow. Sidha couldn't even remotely copy as he was incapable of plying the pencil. It seemed as if his inflexible wrists would crack.

b. How did Sir Mohan Lal hope to impress an Englishman who might travel with him?

Ans: Sir Mohan Lal, who was an anglicized barrister, travelling in the first class coupe thought that it would be delightful to strike an impressive conversation with an English co-passenger. He never showed any sign of eagerness to strike an impressive conversation with an English co-passenger. He never showed any sign of eagerness to talk to the English as most Indians did, nor was he loud, aggressive and opinionated like them. He would talk in a casual way as if due to circumstantial compulsion and for the sake of courtesy he was talking to them. He would retire to his corner by the window and read the English newspaper, 'The Times'. He was careful to hold the paper in a manner which would display the name. He would even solve the crossword puzzle. When an Englishman would request him to lend the newspaper, he would readily oblige with an attitude of having finished reading the paper. His sartorial elegance and particularly his tie would in all probability attract the attention of the co-passenger. The conversation would reveal his experiences at Oxford, the masters, tutors, boat races, rugger matches, sports blazers, mixed doubles and dinners at the inns of Court and nights at Piccadilly. Sir Mohan's handsome gold cigarette case filled with English cigarettes also acted as an object of temptation.

c. Describe the contents of Jimmy's suitcase. Why do you think 'he gazes fondly at them'?

Ans: Jimmy's suitcase contained the finest set of burglar's tools in the East. It was a complete set, made of specially tempered steel, the latest designs in drills, punches, braces and bits, jimmies, clamps and augers with two or three novelties, invented by Jimmy himself in which he took pride. The cost of making those ordered tools was over nine hundred dollars.

Jimmy was very fond of the finest set of burglar tools chiefly because they enabled him to break open safes and vaults in no time. They were with him and he could never think of discarding them. Working with these tools he naturally developed an affinity with the set of tools as these articles never betrayed him. Thus he gazed fondly at them.

- d. Why does Mother Teresa believe that it is not enough for us to say, 'I love God, but I do not love my neighbour'?

Ans: Mother Teresa was a person of immense humanitarian qualities. In her 'Nobel Lecture', she started with the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and soon talked about the love for God. St. John says 'you are a liar if you say you love God and don't love your neighbour.' It is indeed true. Mother Teresa argues that to love one's neighbour is the stepping stone to the attainment of the divine. One can see and touch and live with one's neighbour. God made man in his image and man must love man rising above petty individual and selfish interest. One's neighbour, thus needs attention and companionship. Jesus died on the cross for the redemption of mankind, ignoring all the physical and mental pain that he experienced. One must practice the philosophy of samaritanism while seeking God and paying homage to Christ.

- e. Compare and contrast between the aesthetic sensibilities of a poor Santhal and an educated college student.

Ans: The absence of a sense of beauty cheats man of aesthetic experience. People forget that the vitality of a work of art lies in its sense of beauty and order, not in its money value. A poor Santhal sweeps and mops his hut, stacks in order his earthen pots and tattered quilts. An educated college student keeps his clothes and things in disorganized mess in a palatial hostel room or lodging. It is often seen that in the hostel rooms shirts hang from picture frames. Tea cups and combs litter the study table. Paper flowers were stuck in used cocoa cans. In fact for the poor Santhal, the sense of beauty is an essential part of his life and for the educated rich person it is superficial.

4. Complete the sentences which follow, choosing the correct answer from the alternatives given:

1X5=5

- a. The beauty that Wordsworth describes is –
i. noisy, ugly ii. silent, bare iii. clothed, noisy iv. smoggy, clothed
Ans: ii. silent, bare

- b. In the poem 'Brotherhood', the stars write
i. a poem ii. the destiny of man iii. the present iv. the future
Ans: ii. the destiny of man

- c. The moon in 'Meeting at Night' is
i. large and low ii. large and high iii. small and low iv. small and high
Ans: i. large and low

- d. The worm is the symbol of
i. creative force ii. destructive force iii. goodness iv. love
Ans: ii. destructive force

- e. In the poem "Daybreak", the wind touches the folded wing of the
i. sea-bird ii. river-bird iii. wood-bird iv. night-bird
Ans: iii. wood-bird

5. Answer any five of the following questions in a single sentence:

a. Name the river mentioned in the line “ The river glideth at his own sweet will.”

Ans: The river mentioned in the given line is Thames.

b. Which city according to Wordsworth is the fairest one?

Ans: The city of London is the fairest one.

c. In the poem ‘Brotherhood’ with what is the sky covered?

Ans: The sky is covered with stars.

d. Who has written the poem ‘Brotherhood’?

Ans: The poem ‘Brotherhood’ is written by Octavio Paz.

e. Mention the set of poems from which ‘The Sick Rose’ has been extracted.

Ans: ‘The Sick Rose’ occurs in the ‘Songs of Experience’.

f. Who flies at night?

Ans: The invisible worm flies at night.

g. What does the poem ‘Meeting at Night’ describe?

Ans: In the poem ‘Meeting at Night’ the poet describes the journey that ends in a secret meeting between lovers.

h. Where did the secret meeting take place?

Ans: The secret meeting took place in a farm house.

i. What does ‘belfry tower’ mean?

Ans: The ‘belfry tower’ is a tower that contains the church bell.

j. What did the wind tell the mists?

Ans: The wind had asked the mists to make room for it.

6. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 100 words each:

5X2=10

a. What are the different things that the poet can see from his position on the bridge?

Ans: The poet, William Wordsworth can see from his position on the Westminster Bridge, the bright sunlight, the clear sky, the ships, towers, domes, theatres, temples, the gliding river Thams, the endless houses and fields. Moreover he can feel the pure smokeless air all around, presenting a touching and majestic sight.

b. “.... And at this very moment/someone spells me out.” –

i. Name the poem and specify the ‘moment’.

Ans: The above lines are extracted from the poem ‘Brotherhood’ by Octavio Paz. The moment refers to the time of deeper understanding and observation. He looks up and discovers the relation between him and the endless stars in the night sky.

ii. What does ‘spells me out’ mean here?

Ans: The fact that we all belong to a ‘brotherhood’ and the stars and men and all that we see and feel around are well connected. ‘Someone spells me out’ means that we are destined to act as designed by the supreme creator. The overwhelming influence of control over all the beings and non beings is of greater importance of understanding. No man or being is an island. We learn of the speaker’s link to the greatness that brotherhood calls for. He has a choice between accepting that he is small and inconsequential.

c. Explain the line ‘Than the two hearts beating each to each!’

Ans: The above line is extracted from the poem ‘Meeting at Night’ by Robert Browning. This is the climax of the poem. The triumph of love and lovers is recorded here. But, then the attainment of

fulfilment in love is not an easy one. The long tedious journey offers an union of two yearning souls but hazards remain. The caution exercised is suggestive of the lover's proper reading of the situation. The silence makes the heartbeats of the two lovers audible.

d. Explain the relationship between the worm and the rose.

Ans: In 'The Sick Rose' by William Blake, the dark pessimistic aspect of sensuality is presented at the cost of sensible, mellow and harmonious love. Blake does not specifically spell out any definite aspect of want of chastity on part of the rose, except the fact that the invisible worm invades its crimson bed stealthily to gratify its lust. An intimate physical relationship between the rose and the invisible worm is suggestive of the relation between a woman and a lustful man. The relationship between the two is certainly not a lasting one. The conclusion of the poem records the triumph of lust which normal human relationship would never like to own or recognize.

e. Comment on the aptness of the title of the poem 'Daybreak'.

Ans: 'Daybreak' by Henry Wardsworth Longfellow is an allegorical poem. The title is suggestive of the ushering in the era of liberty of the African slaves subdued and oppressed for centuries by the white men of Europe and America. Longfellow not merely welcomes the advent of a welcome change in their lives but appeals to them to celebrate and ring the bell of liberty. The gloom and haze of night gives way to the soft and mellow light of dawn. The rights and dignity is recognized only at the end all those who lie in silence in the grave in the churchyard remains unaffected. They wait in silence for the day of judgement.

7. Complete the sentences which follow, choosing the correct answer from the alternatives given(attempt any five): 1X5=5

a. Macbeth employed murderers to kill –

- i. Banquo ii. Fleance iii. both Banquo and Fleance iv. Malcolm and Donalbain

Ans: iii. both Banquo and Fleance

b. The hollow promises of the witch had filled Macbeth with a new –

- i. challenge ii. confidence iii. hope iv. task

Ans: ii. confidence

c. Iago hated Othello for –

- i. favouring Lago's wife ii. favouring Cassio iii. marrying Desdemona iv. None

Ans: ii. favouring Cassio

d. Desdemona was the daughter of –

- i. Iago ii. Brabantio iii. Othello iv. Cassio

Ans: ii. Brabantio

e. The fishermen sold Antipholus and older slave Dromio to –

- i. the duke Menaphon ii. the duke of Ephesus iii. Aegeon iv. a king

Ans: i. the duke Menaphon

f. Menaphon was –

- i. a famous warrior ii. uncle to the duke of Ephesus iii. both (i) and (ii) iv. a fisherman

Ans: iii. both (i) and (ii) that is a famous warrior and also the uncle to the Duke of Ephesus.

g. In 'As You Like It' the word 'usurper' can be applied to –

- i. Frederick ii. Oliver iii. Ferdinand iv. Orlando

Ans: i. Frederick

- h. Rosalind presented Orlando –
i. a new book ii. a photograph iii. a chain iv. a bunch of roses.

Ans: iii. a chain

- i. Viola had earlier learnt from her father that Duke Orsino was –
i. a bachelor ii. a musician iii. a coward iv. a dangerous man

Ans: i. a bachelor

- j. When Viola was dressed as a man, she looked exactly like –
i. the duke ii. the captain iii. Sebastian iv. her father

Ans: iii. Sebastian

8. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 100 words: 1X5=5

- a. What were Macbeth's arguments to himself against killing Duncan? What did the grooms do in sleep immediately after the murder of the king? (3+2)

Ans: Macbeth was not only a subject but also a close relative to Duncan. As King Duncan was a guest at Macbeth's palace, thus being the host his duty would be to protect the king from the threat of murderers. Duncan was a just and merciful king. To murder the king was against the laws of hospitality. Finally due to the king's favour towards Macbeth, he was held in high esteem.

Immediately after the murder, one of the grooms had laughed in sleep while the other cried out "Murder" which woke them both. They said a short prayer. One of them said: 'God Bless Us!' and the other had answered 'Amen'. Then they fell asleep again.

- b. Why did Brabantio appeal to the Duke of Venice? What was the outcome? (3+2)

Ans: When the news of Othello and Desdemona's marriage reached Brabantio, he appealed to the Duke of Venice and prayed for justice against Othello accusing him of casting spell and witchcraft to seduce the gentle Desdemona. He was annoyed as the marriage had taken place without his consent.

Othello was called upon his defence. He denied all charges/accusations and said that he had married Desdemona out of love. The statement of Othello was confirmed by Desdemona. Thus Brabantio's wish was not granted.

- c. Who was Aegeon? How did he arrive at Ephesus? (1+4)

Ans: Aegeon was an old merchant of Syracuse.

While returning from Epidamnus to Syracuse with his wife, two sons and two slave boys a violent storm arose at sea and they faced a shipwreck and got separated. His wife, their elder son and elder slave were rescued by fishermen near Corinth.

Aegeon himself, his younger son and younger slave Dromio were rescued by a ship and taken to Syracuse. When Antipholus younger reached eighteen years of age he went in search of his elder brother, elder Dromio and his mother. When it was past seven years since his departure then Aegeon went in search of his wife and son and finally reached Ephesus.

- d. Why did Orlando save Oliver who had treated him cruelly? How did Oliver and Aliena fall in love? (3+2)

Ans: One morning in the forest of Arden when Orlando was on his way to visit Ganymede, he saw a man lying asleep on the ground and a snake was twisted round his neck. As he went closer the snake glided away and he found that the man was his elder brother Oliver. He also saw a

lioness in the bush waiting for Oliver to awake. Orlando's brotherly feelings arose even though his brother had treated him cruelly and he fought the lioness and saved the life of his brother.

As a result of Orlando's fight with the lioness he lost a lot of blood. Thus he had asked Oliver to give the message to Ganymede that he would not be able to visit him that day. Oliver had visited their cottage and had confessed his own misdeeds and had also spoken about their reconciliation. Oliver's sorrow was so sincere and overwhelming that Aliena at once had fallen in love with him. Aliena's pity towards his distress due to his misdeeds had made Oliver fall in love with Aliena.

- e. How did Viola disguise herself? How did Cesario become the duke's most favoured attendant? (3+2)

Ans: Viola had decided to disguise as a man and serve the Duke as a page. She had given the Captain some money and had instructed him to provide her suitable dress of the same colour and of the same fashion her brother Sebastian used to wear. When she dressed herself in the new clothes, she looked exactly like her brother. She took the name Cesario.

The duke had made Cesario his page. Cesario had showed such ready observance and faithful attachment to the duke that Viola in the guise of Cesario become his most favoured attendant. The duke confided to Cesario the story of his love for Olivia.

9. A. Rewrite the following sentences as directed without changing their meanings: 1X7=7
- a. The time of the festival should be decided according to the location. (change the voice)
Ans: We should decide the time of the festival according to the location.
- b. Literature certainly provides man inner delight, but its field of expression is limited. (change to simple)
Ans: Despite limited field of expression, literature certainly provides man inner delight.
- c. That began to interest rogue catchers. (change to complex)
Ans: That began to interest those persons who were rogue catchers.
- d. And so let us always meet each other with a smile. (change to negative)
Ans: And so let us never fail to meet each other with a smile.
- e. The poor people are very great people. (change to interrogative)
Ans: Aren't the poor people very great people?
- f. She insisted upon something. It was having his company all her waking hours. (join using a participle)
Ans: She insisted upon having his company all her waking hours.
- g. His love is dark and secret. It destroys the rose's life. (Join by using relative clause)
Ans: His love that destroys the Rose's life is dark and secret.
- B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 0.5X6=3
- i. His heart warmed at the prospect of an impressive conversation.
- ii. He covered the ball tightly with his fingers.

10. Write a paragraph in about 150-200 words on the 'Necessity of Physical Fitness' based on the Following points: 10

[Points : Intrduction – importance of fitness – conclusion]

Ans: Highlight the points: What is physical fitness? Health is wealth. Importance of physical fitness. Activities that enhances physical fitness – exercise, proper diet. Benefits of physical fitness. Miseries of an unfit person

OR

Develop the following outline into a short story in about 150 to 200 words. Add a title to the story (8+2)

[Two friends travelling together met a bear – one jumped up a tree – another lay down like a dead man – the bear smelt his nose and ears and took him to be a dead man – then left the place]

Ans: Two Friends and a Bear

Once two friends were passing through a forest. The forest was full of ferocious animals and the two friends were very frightened. They promised to stand by each other in danger. Suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. One of them knew to climb a tree and he at once climbed the nearby tree. The other friend stood on the ground and decided to lie flat on the ground and hold his breath thus pretending to be dead. The bear came near, smelled the person and took him to be dead and left the place. When the bear went away the friend came down from the tree and asked his friend that what the bear had spoken about in his ear. The bear told the friend not to trust other people but always remain simple.

Moral: A friend in need is a friend indeed.

11. Suppose, you are the secretary of an English medium Girl's school. You require English teachers. Write an advertisement for the classified columns of English daily in not more than 50 words inviting applications for filling the posts. 5

SITUATION VACANT

ENGLISH TEACHER REQUIRED

Convent educated Lady teachers required with specialization in English for an English medium Girl's school run by a reputed charitable organization. Remuneration negotiable. Apply within 7 days.

Secretary, St. Joseph's Convent, Rishra

Phone: 9xxxx7xxxx

OR

You run a travel agency in Kolkata, specializing in the package tours. Write an advertisement for An English daily in not more than 50 words announcing your next tour programme to be conducted during the Puja holidays. 5

TOUR AND TRAVEL

Package available for exotic tours during the summer holidays to Darjeeling-Lava-Lolegaon-Kalimpong @Rs.9000 per head for 5 days programme/Gangtok-Yumthang for 5 days @Rs13000 per head. Bookings going on. Please contact: Paradise Tours and Travels, 2 AJC Bose Road, Kolkata 700029. Phone : (033) 2xxx-4xxx.

12. An apparel store in Kolkata announces its discount sale. Draft a commercial leaflet. 5

SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE!

GRAND DISCOUNT ON ALL GARMENTS FOR LADIES, GENTS, KIDS UPTO 50% DISCOUNT. HURRY LIMITED STOCK AT RAM STORES, 5, ELGIN ROAD, KOLKATA -20

OR

A shoe company in the city offers Chaitra sale. Draft a commercial leaflet.

Please draw an identical commercial leaflet for a shoe company Chaitra Sale. Visual impact must be there.