



SECTION-A

(30 Marks)

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN) :

1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

It is always lovely on the Big Half Moon in summer. When it is fine, the harbour is blue and calm, with little wind and ripples. Every summer, we had some hobby. The last summer before Dick and Mimi came, we were crazy about kites. A boy on the mainland showed Claude how to make them. Back on the island we made plenty of kites. Claude would go around to the other side of the island and we would play shipwrecked mariners signalling to each other with kites.

We had a kite that was big and covered with lovely red paper. We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it and had written our names full on it - Claude Leete and Philippa Leete, Big Half Moon lighthouse. One day there was a grand wind for kite-flying. I'm not sure how it happened, but as I was bringing the kite from the house, I tripped and fell over the rocks. My elbow went clear through the kite, making a big hole.

We had to hurry to fix the kite if we wanted to send it up before the wind fell. We rushed into the lighthouse to get some paper. We knew there was no more red paper. We took the first thing that came handy - an old letter lying on the bookcase in the sitting room. We patched the kite up with the letter, a sheet on each side and dried it by the fire. We started out, and up went the kite like a bird. The wind was glorious and it soared. All at once - snap! And there was Claude, standing with a bit of cord in his hand, looking foolish. Our kite had sailed away over to the mainland.

A. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1X5=5

- a. In summer the Big Half Moon is always
i. lovely ii. unpleasant iii. boring iv. dull
- b. Back on the island, Claude and the narrator made plenty of
i. puppets ii. masks iii. kites iv. envelopes
- c. The kite was patched with a
i. newspaper ii. letter iii. envelope iv. card
- d. The narrator had tripped and fell over the
i. wall ii. rocks iii. table iv. basket
- e. The kite on the sky resembled
i. a bird ii. a dragon iii. a balloon iv. spiderman

B. Answer the following questions briefly :

2X5=10

- a. Describe the harbour in summer when the weather was fine.
- b. What had the boy in the mainland taught Claude?
- c. Mention a special reason for which the narrator and her brother used the kites.
- d. Describe the big kite.
- e. Where did the kite go to after it snapped?

2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife:

And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

A. Choose the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences:

1X5=5

- a. The call of the running tide
 - i. can be easily denied
 - ii. cannot be denied
 - iii. is not at all attractive
 - iv. is most discouraging
- b. The poet would like to hear the cry of the
 - i. nightingale
 - ii. skylark
 - iii. cuckoo
 - iv. seagull
- c. The poet likes to lead a gypsy life because it is
 - i. a carefree life full of adventures
 - ii. full of responsibilities
 - iii. full of luxury
 - iv. dull and uninteresting
- d. The wind on the sea is like a whetted
 - i. sword
 - ii. arrow
 - iii. spear
 - iv. knife
- e. In the poem the word yarn means
 - i. foam
 - ii. tale
 - iii. fabric
 - iv. sailor

B. Answer the following questions briefly :

2X5=10

- a. Why does the poet feel the urge to answer to the call of the running tide?
- b. What kind of day does the poet prefer for sailing?
- c. Why does the poet compare the life of the sailor to the life of the gypsies?
- d. What does the poet prefer to hear from a fellow rover?
- e. What does John Mansfield wish for when the sea voyage is over?

SECTION - B

COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

3. Read the following text carefully and answer the questions set on it:

Most men are eager for knowledge and what is mysterious interests them because they experience real pleasure in the efforts they make to find out the explanation of what puzzles them. For this reason, mystery stories are popular and the word 'mystery' is very common in the titles of books. One of the best known stories by Edgar Allan Poe, an American author, concerns the stealing of a letter. It was a very important letter and the man who stole it was able to gain great political advantage for himself by possessing it. The police knew that it was still in his possession and they knew quite well who he man was. But where the letter was hidden was a mystery. He was not carrying it about with him for the police had more than once arranged for him to be attacked, as if by robbers, and thoroughly searched, but without result. It was clear to the police that the letter was cleverly hidden somewhere in the man's house, and they used all their professional skills in trying to find it. They examined, as they thought, every square inch of the rooms; they took the furniture to pieces; they made sure that there were no secret drawers in the desks or hollow places in walls; they looked under the floors; they even satisfied themselves that the letter had not been buried anywhere near the house. All their efforts were in vain. A large reward was offered for the return of the missing letter. But the mystery remained. Where was the letter?

A. Choose the correct alternative to complete each of the following sentences: (1x6=6)

- i) Mystery stories are
 - a) trash
 - b) popular
 - c) rejected
 - d) not enjoyable
- ii) The thief of the letter would gain _____ advantage.
 - a) economic
 - b) political
 - c) social
 - d) literary
- iii) The police knew that the letter was hidden somewhere in the
 - a) house
 - b) office
 - c) garden
 - d) cellar
- iv) The police used all their _____ skills.
 - a) physical
 - b) technical
 - c) social
 - d) professional

- v) The police searched each square inch of the
 a) terrace b) room c) field d) storehouse
- vi) The police declared a reward for the return of the missing
 a) book b) ornament c) certificate d) letter

- B. Answer the following questions briefly: (2x2=4)
- i) Why was finding the letter very important?
- ii) What did the police already know about the thief?

GRAMMAR

4. Replace the underlined words with suitable Phrasal Verbs from the given list. You may have to change the form where necessary: (1x5=5)

- i) Pamela wrote all the class notes correctly.
- ii) The soldier executed the commander's orders.
- iii) He escaped from the house when he was six.
- iv) The policemen are investigating the case.
- v) The child was reared by his aunt.

[look into, bring up, take down, carry out, run away]

5. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each: (1x3=3)
- i) She gave me a camera. (Change the Voice)
- ii) I saw an old beggar who was sitting under a tree. (Change to Simple sentence)
- iii) Father said to me, "Why are you so upset?"

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct articles and prepositions: (1/2x4=2)

The boys appealed ____ the Headmaster for ____ holiday but he didn't agree and insisted ____ their leaving ____ room.

Section C (Writing Skills)(25 marks)

7. a) Write a newspaper report on problems faced by public, at your area, due to an ongoing Metro Rail Project work. (100 words) 5
- Or,
- b) Write the summary of the unseen comprehension passage given above. (100 words) 5
- c) Write a dialogue between your friend and you about a football match that was stopped due to the onset of rain. (100 words) 10
- d) Write a story on 'Importance of self discipline'. (150 words) 10

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[Model Answers]

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SECTION-A

1.A.

- In summer the Big Half Moon is always (i) Lovely
- Back on the island, Claude and the narrator made plenty of (iii) Kites
- The kite was patched with a (ii) letter
- The narrator had tripped and fell over the (ii) rocks
- The kite on the sky resembled (i) a bird

B.

- In summer when the weather was fine, the harbor looked calm and blue, with little wind and ripples.
- A boy on the mainland had taught Claude how to make kites.
- On the Big Half Moon island, the narrator and her brother Claude played shipwrecked mariners. While playing, Claude would go around to the other side of the island and used kites for signalling to each other.
- The kite was big and covered with lovely red paper. Gold tinsel stars were pasted all over it. The names of the narrator and her brother i.e Claude Leete and Philippa Leete was written on it.
- After the cord attached to the kite had snapped, it had sailed away to the mainland.

2 A.

- The call of the running tide (ii) cannot be denied
- The poet would like to hear the cry of the (iv) seagull
- The poet likes to lead a gypsy life because it is (i) a carefree life full of adventures.
- The wind on the sea is like a whetted (iv) knife
- In the poem the word yarn means (ii) tale

B.

- The poet feels the urge to answer the call of the running tide as its a wild call and a clear call which the poet cannot ignore.
- The poet prays for a windy day with flying/sailing white clouds.
- The poet compares the life of the sailor to the life of the gypsies as both lead carefree lives full of adventures.
- The poet prefers to hear a joyful story from a fellow sailor.
- When the long sea voyage is over the poet John Masefield wishes for a quiet sleep and a sweet dream.

SECTION – B-COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

- III. A. i) Mystery stories are popular.
ii) The thief of the letter would gain political advantage.
iii) The police knew that the letter was hidden somewhere in the house.
iv) The police used all their professional skills.
v) The police searched each square inch of the rooms.
vi) The police declared a reward for the return of the missing letter.
- B. i) Finding the lost letter was important as the man who stole it was able to gain great political advantage for himself by possessing it.
ii) The police already knew that it was still in his possession and they knew quite well who he man was.

GRAMMAR

- i. Pamela took down all the class notes correctly.
ii. The soldier carried out the commander's orders.
iii. He ran away from the house when he was six.
iv. The policemen are looking into the case.
v. The child was brought up by his aunt.
- V. i) A camera was given to me by her.
ii) I saw an old beggar sitting under a tree.
iii) Father asked me why I was so upset.
- VI. The boys appealed to the Headmaster for a holiday but he didn't agree and insisted on their leaving the room.

SECTION C

a. **TOPIC**
- BY THE STAFF REPORTER

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WRITING.....Or,

**b. A summary should be written from the passage
It should be a paragraph within 100 words
It should clearly state all the important points**

**c. [A dialogue between my friend.....and me]
My Friend (name):.....
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Me/I:.....
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**d. Title
Begin the story.....
Introduction, body and conclusion to be mentioned within 150 words.**