



# ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

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Sub: English Text

Class: VIII

F. M. 80

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## Section - A

### 1. Choose the correct options:-

[5 marks]

- a. The king gave this as a token of thanksgiving to Helena for having cured him-
  - i. Flower
  - ii. Palace
  - iii. Ring
- b. Ranji was brave and determined
  - i. Full of pluck
  - ii. Full of luck
  - iii. Full of strength
- c. After, marriage Bertram joins the
  - i. English army
  - ii. European navy
  - iii. Florentine army
- d. Children are questioning our
  - i. Disconnect
  - ii. Inaction
  - iii. Conferences
- e. The countess of Rousillon is Helena's --
  - i. Mother
  - ii. Friend
  - iii. Mother in law

### 2. Fill in the blanks:-

[10 marks]

- a. Lightly, O lightly we \_\_\_\_\_ her along,  
She \_\_\_\_\_ like a flower in the wind of our song.
- b. Ranji had a good \_\_\_\_\_ and a strong \_\_\_\_\_, and made a lots of runs.
- c. 'I am representing here the sound of \_\_\_\_\_. The cry of \_\_\_\_\_. And, the face of \_\_\_\_\_.'
- d. There is \_\_\_\_\_ serious \_\_\_\_\_ and that is lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

Section - B

4. **Who said this and to whom (ANY 5):** (3x5=15)
- a. "And I made fifty-eight - my highest score so far."
  - b. "Friends, all the great religions teach us to care for our children."
  - c. "Why is he working outside? Why is he not with us in the school?"
  - d. "Confidence is knowing you are good."
  - e. "I have never had a dream. Can my child have one?"
  - f. "Kill not your children because of poverty."
  - g. "Of course, it's an old bat."
5. **Answer the following questions in one sentence:** (1x10=10)
- a. The Countess of Roussillon is Helena's-
  - b. Helena's father was a celebrated-
  - c. When the play begins, Bertram is about to leave for-
  - d. Bertram is accompanied on his journey by-
  - e. The Countess' Steward overhears Helena saying that-
  - f. Helena decides to go to Paris in order to-
  - g. In return for her service, the King of France promises Helena-
  - h. After his marriage, Bertram joins-
  - i. In order to have Bertram as a true husband, Helena must-
  - j. Immediately after her marriage, Helena goes to-

SECTION C

6. Answer any 8 questions:

- a. "Lightly, O lightly we glide and we sing,  
We bear her along like a pearl on a string." (1+2+2)
    - i. Who does 'her' refer to in the extract?
    - ii. Why do you think the bearers are gliding and singing?
    - iii. Why is she compared to a pearl on a string?
  
  - b. "Something will have to be done about it." (1+2+2)
    - i. Who said these words?
    - ii. What does 'it' refer to? Why would something have to be done about it?
    - iii. How did the speaker propose to do it?
  
  - c. "It hasn't lost any of its magic." (1+2+2)
    - i. What hadn't lost its magic?
    - ii. What was the magic?
    - iii. did the magic work for the receiver?
  
  - d. "Whose children are they who stitch footballs yet have never played with one?" (1+2+2)
    - i. Who is the speaker?
    - ii. What is the point the speaker is trying to make?
    - iii. What are the speaker's feelings as he says these words?
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- e. "Then came the day for Helena's reward. The King kept his promise....." (1+2+2)
    - i. Why did the King want to give Helena a reward?
    - ii. What did the King promise to do if Helena was successful?
    - iii. What was the reaction of Bertram when Helena made her choice?
  
  - f. Who was Bertram and what was his nature? Why was he invited to the King's court?
  
  - g. Why did Bertram go to Florence? Mention the two letters he had written before leaving.
  
  - h. Who was Diana? What instructions did Helena give Diana?
  
  - i. Why did the King ask his guards to arrest Bertram?
  
  - j. In the end of the play, how did Helena solve the mystery? What was Bertram's reaction?



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**SECTION A**

**1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTIONS-**

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- a. iii. Ring
- b. i. Full of pluck
- c. iii. Florentine army
- d. ii. Inaction
- e. iii. Mother-in-law

**2. FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

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- a. Lightly, O lightly we bear her along,  
She sways like a flower in the wind of our song.
- b. Ranji had a good eye and strong wrists , and made lot of runs.
- c. 'I am representing here the sound of silence. The cry of innocence. And, the face of invisibility.
- d. There is one serious disconnect and that is lack of compassion.

**SECTION - B**

- 4.
  - a. Ranji to Mr. Kumar.
  - b. Kailash Satyarthi to the Nobel Committee and delegates.
  - c. Kailash Satyarthi to his school teacher.
  - d. Mr. Kumar to Ranji.
  - e. A child-mother from the streets of Colombia to Kailash Satyarthi.
  - f. The Holy Quran to all its followers and others.
  - g. Mr. Kumar to Ranji.
  
- 5.
  - a. Mother-in-law.
  - b. Physician.
  - c. France.
  - d. Parolles.
  - e. She wants to marry Bertram.
  - f. Cure the King thereby to marry Bertram.
  - g. That he would get her married to one of the nobles of her choice of his court.
  - h. The Florentine Army.
  - i. Possess his ring and bear his child.
  - j. Rousillion (to her mother-in-law, the Countess)

**SECTION-C**

- 6.
  - a.
    - i. In the extract, 'her' refers to a newly-wed bride who is sitting inside the palanquin.
    - ii. The bearers are happy to take the bride to her in-law's house. They don't consider this task to be a burden but a blessing.
    - iii. Just as the pearl looks beautiful and is a precious item, the bride too looks beautiful dressed in her bridal attire. She is very precious to her in-laws.
  
  - b.
    - i. These words are spoken by Mr. Kumar, the owner of the sports' shop.
    - ii. 'It' refers to Ranji's luck.  
Something will have to be done about it because, if Ranji doesn't perform well in the next match, he would be dropped from the school cricket team.
    - iii. Mr. Kumar took Ranji through the curtained partition to the back of the shop and gave him an old bat with which he had scored a century. He believed that with the lucky bat Ranji too would be able to make good runs.
  
  - c.
    - i. Mr. Kumar's lucky bat hadn't lost any of its magic.
    - ii. The lucky bat helped Mr. Kumar to make a century and many more runs. Therefore he thought the bat was magical and would also help Ranji to do the same.

iii. It did seem that the bat worked its magic for Ranji, as he was able to find his luck back and make good runs in the upcoming matches. He won the appreciation of his cricket coach and the captain.

d. i. The speaker is a Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi.

ii. Mr. Satyarthi is trying to make the point that children are forced to work and denied education. Therefore it's the responsibility of all citizens to do something for their welfare.

iii. As he says these words, he portrays a sense of urgency and the feeling of anger that these children continue to suffer. He feels that people should replace passivity, pessimism and neutrality with compassion and active participation.

e. i. The King was suffering from an illness no one was able to cure. Helena, being the daughter of a famous physician was able to cure the King, therefore he wanted to give her a reward.

ii. If Helena was successful, the King had promised to allow her to marry any one of his noble courtiers and make her equal in wealth and status to the person she chose to marry.

iii. Bertram was very proud of his title and felt that marrying Helena would ruin his family name. He was truly surprised when Helena proposed his name for marriage.

f. Bertram was the son of the Count of Rousillon, one of the most loyal lords of the King of Paris. Bertram was young and handsome but a bit immature because he had been spoiled and sheltered all his life by his parents. He had never seen the realities of life and was a bad judge of people.

Unfortunately, the Count, his father, had recently died and so the King called Bertram to attend him in court in his father's place.

g. When Bertram was forced to marry Helena, Parolles suggested that Bertram escape by running away to Florence and participate in the war.

Before leaving, Bertram wrote two letters, the first for Helena, stating that, until she could get his ring off his finger and bear his child, Bertram will not accept Helena as his wife. The second letter, addressed to his mother, stated that till the time Helena was in France, he would never come back home.

h. Diana was a young and lovely girl who lived in Florence. She was the daughter of a widow in charge of an inn.

Helena instructed Diana to start encouraging Bertram and to tell him that she would only marry him if his wife is dead. If Bertram says so, to get his promise to marry her and take his ring as a token of his love. Then invite him to her bedroom at night.

i. After Bertram returned to France to his own house, he agreed to the King's proposal of marrying Lafeu's daughter. As a token of his promise, he opened his ring and gave it to Lafeu. Lafeu recognised the ring to be Helena's. The King also recognised that it was the same ring he had given to Helena as a reward when he cured him. When Bertram lied that a lady in Florence had thrown it at him from her window, the King feared that Bertram had murdered his own wife and taken the ring from her.

j. At the end of the play Helena surprised everyone as she entered the palace because everyone thought she had died. She then explained that the ring had been given to Bertram by her, when Bertram came to Diana's bedroom at night, thinking it was Diana inside the room but it was actually Helena in her place. She also informed everyone that she was successful in fulfilling the two conditions set by Bertram.

Bertram was shocked and humbled. He realized his mistake and appreciated the lengths she had gone to for winning his love. He bowed his head and asked her pardon.