



ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

A JESUIT CHRISTIAN MINORITY INSTITUTION

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

PRE TEST EXAMINATION 2019

Sub: ENGLISH SOLUTION

CLASS: X

F. M : 75

Duration : 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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GROUP – A

(37 Marks)

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

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

A month later a letter came for Father. After he finished reading it, his eyes looked as if he had been crying. "Do you want to know what became of your kite?" he said. Then he sat down beside us and told us the whole story.

Father had a brother and a sister. He had quarrelled with his brother and left home. Years afterward, he felt sorry and when he went back, he found his brother had died and couldn't find his sister.

The letter father had just received was from his sister, Aunt Esther, mother of Dick and Mimi. She was a widow who lived hundreds of miles inland. One day when Dick and Mimi were out in the woods, they discovered the kite on the top of a tree and carried it home. When their mother saw the kite patched with the letter, she turned pale. It was the very letter she had once written to her brother. Philippa was her mother's name and Claude was her father's. She knew who we must be. So she sat down and wrote to the Big Half Moon and Father received her letter.

Next day, Father went and brought Aunt Esther and Dick and Mimi with him. They have been here ever since. Aunt Esther is a dear and Dick and Mimi are too jolly for words.

But the best of it all is that we have relations now!

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

1x4=4

a. A letter came for Father after a –

- i. day ii. week iii. fortnight iv. month

Ans. A letter came for Father after a iv. month

b. Aunt Esther lived –

- i. hundreds of miles inland ii. hundreds of kilometers inland
iii. Five miles inland iv. ten miles inland

Ans. Aunt Esther lived i. hundreds of miles inland

c. Father left home after quarrelling with his –

- i. brother ii. sister iii. aunt iv. uncle

Ans. Father left home after quarrelling with his i. brother

d. Dick and Mimi discovered the kite on the top of a –

- i. roof ii. tree iii. lighthouse iv. light post

Ans. Dick and Mimi discovered the kite on the top of a ii. tree

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text:

1x3=3

i. The name of Aunt Esther's mother was Philippa .

ii. The kite was patched with the letter that Aunt Esther had once written to her brother.

iii. Aunt Esther was the mother of Dick and Mimi .

C. Answer the following questions briefly:

2x2=4

i. What did Father find when he went back home years afterwards?

Ans. When Father went back home years afterwards he found his brother had died and his sister was missing.

ii. Why did Aunt Esther turn pale?

Ans. Aunt Esther had turned pale by seeing the letter pasted on the kite. It was the letter which she had once written to her brother and the names Claude and Philippa were the names of her parents.

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

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.
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 alternative to complete the following sentences:

1x3=3

i. The poet asks for a sail the colour of which would be

a. blue b. grey c. black d. white

Ans. The poet asks for a sail the colour of which would be d. white

ii. While going down to the sea, the poet wants to hear the crying of

a. Seagulls b. cuckoos c. eagles d. swallows

Ans. While going down to the sea, the poet wants to hear the crying of a. Seagulls

iii. The wind on the sea is like a whetted –

a. sword b. axe c. knife d. spear

Ans. The wind on the sea is like a whetted c. knife

B. Answer the following questions:

2x2=4

i. What kind of day does the poet prefer for sailing?

Ans. For sailing the poet prefers a windy day with the white clouds sailing.

ii. What does the poet John Masefield expect to hear from a fellow rover as well as at the end of his journey?

Ans. The poet prefers to hear a merry tale from an accompanying sailor/fellow rover. He also wishes for a 'quiet sleep' and 'a sweet dream' when the journey ends.

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Fourteen-year-old Shivanand Tiwari has neither received any formal education nor been to school, but he is on his way to joining an IIT. The prodigy from Rohtas district's Dharmapura village has secured the 2587th rank in IIT-JEE (Advanced) 2014.

"Till 2010, I didn't have much inclination towards studies, except for solving maths problems," he said. "But then somebody suggested I aim for the IITs: , he recapitulated. Shivanand's father Kamalakant Tiwari is a farmer and a history graduate, while his mother Kiran Devi is a homemaker.

"Since childhood I liked spirituality and learnt the epics," he said. "However, when my father saw I liked studying maths and science, he also agreed to my higher studies." The teenager can recite 700 'Shlokas' from the Gita. Shivanand is well conversant with many works of Vivekananda. He declared, "I'm really interested in correlating spirituality and science."

Shivanand scored 93.4% in his Higher Secondary exams this year, but was hoping for better grades in both exams. He desires to take another attempt at JEE next year to improve his rank.

[An adaptation of a report published in 'The Times of India, June 21,2014]

A. Choose the correct option: 1x5=5

i. Shivanand Tiwari's age was:

- a. Ten years b. Twelve years c. Fourteen years d. Twenty years

Ans. Shivanand Tiwari's age was c. Fourteen years

ii. Shivanand's father was a –

- a. Historian b. Doctor c. Farmer d. Engineer

Ans. Shivanand's father was a c. Farmer

iii. The rank secured by Shivanand in IIT-JEE(Advanced) 2014 was

- a. 2587th b. 2857th c. 2758th d. 2578th

Ans. The rank secured by Shivanand in IIT-JEE(Advanced) 2014 was a. 2587th

iv. Dharmapura village belongs to –

- a. Kotak district b. Shivpura district c. Rohtas district d. Jabbalpur district

Ans. Dharmapura village belongs to c. Rohtas district

v. Since childhood, Shivanand had liked –

- a. Farming b. Spirituality c. recitation d. art

Ans. Since childhood, Shivanand had liked b. Spirituality

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the text. 2x3=6

i. Shivanand's father agreed to his higher studies when he saw that Shivanand liked studying maths and science.

ii. Shivanand wishes he take another attempt at JEE in 2015 because he wished to improve his rank.

iii. Shivanand's father is not only a farmer but also a history graduate.

C. Answer the following questions: 2x4=8

i. Why did Shivanand decide to sit for IIT-JEE 2014?

Ans. Shivanand decided to sit for IIT-JEE 2014 as somebody had suggested that he must aim for the IITs.

ii. Who is Kiran Devi and what is she?

Ans. Kiran Devi is Shivanand's mother and a homemaker.

iii. What does Shivanand aim to do in the future?

Ans. In future Shivanand aims at correlating spirituality and science.

iv. Why was Shivanand considered a prodigy?

Ans. Shivanand was considered a prodigy as he was on his way to joining an IIT without going to school and without receiving any formal education.

GROUP-B

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks: 1x3=3

Although children love (love/has loved/ are loving) outdoor games, their parents consider (is considering/consider/has considered) their interest as harmful and meaningless . A child who spends time and energy in outdoor activities grow (grow/had grown/is growing) up to be healthy and strong.

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 1x3=3

The empire of King Ashok extended from North and Central India to Central Asia. He conquered several states including the state of Kalinga.

6. Do as directed: 1x3=3

i. Mother Teresa had served the suffering humanity. (Change the voice)

Ans. The suffering humanity had been served by Mother Teresa.

ii. The teacher said, "Boys, do not make so much noise." (Change the narration)

Ans. The teacher ordered the boys not to make so much noise.

iii. The passengers were injured and they were taken to hospital. (Change to complex sentence)

Ans. As the passengers were injured, they were taken to hospital.

7. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the underlined words. Write the correct phrasal verbs changing the form where necessary. There is one extra option in the list. 1x3=3

i. The son continued with his father's business

Ans. The son carried on with his father's business

ii. The strike was withdrawn.

Ans. The strike was called off.

iii. She failed to appear in time.

Ans. She failed to turn up in time.

[List of phrasal verbs: turn up, call off, carry on, take after]

8. Given below the meanings of three words which will be found in the passage in Question 3. Find out the words and write them. 2x3=6

i. A young person who is unusually intelligent for his/her age. Ans. prodigy

ii. A feeling that makes you want to do something. Ans. inclination

iii. Recalled something to tell others about it. Ans. recapitulated

GROUP-C

(20 Marks)

WRITING SKILL

9. Write a notice (within 100 words) as the Secretary of the Cultural Committee of your school, inviting students to participate in an Inter-School Drama Contest to be held in your school. 10

ABC HIGH SCHOOL KOLKATA NOTICE		30.07.19
Inter School Drama Contest		
<p>Students are hereby informed that our school is going to organize an inter-school drama competition from 18th August to 20th August 2019. Fifteen Schools of Kolkata will participate in this competition. Students are requested to submit their names to their respective class teachers within 16th August, 2019. Students of classes 9,10,11,12 can participate in the competition. Each section can put in two entries of 1 hour duration each. The main competition will be held in the school auditorium. For further information the undersigned may be contacted.</p>		
Counter signed Headmaster	sd/- Student Secretary Cultural Committee ABC High School	

10. Write a story based on the given outline. Add a moral. 10

[King Bruce of Scotland – defeated by the British – in utter despair – sees a spider on the wall – spider climbs towards the top – falls and climbs again – at last climbs after many attempts – learns a lesson – ultimately wins]

Ans.

King Bruce and the Spider

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. He fought the British army many times but was defeated. He was lying in a cave in utter despair. He thought of giving up the idea of fighting the Englishmen. Suddenly he saw a spider on the wall of the cave. It was trying desperately to reach the top but was failing repeatedly. However, the spider did not give up hope. It went on trying and trying and ultimately succeeded in reaching the cobweb. King Bruce thought that if a spider can do it, so could he. Thus King Bruce was motivated by the spider and attacked the enemy with all his might and defeated them. The light of hope that the spider gave him enabled him to win the war at last and brought glory to his country.

Moral : Failure is the pillar of success.

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