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ANNUAL EXAMINATION

MODEL ANSWERS

Class: VII

Full Marks: 80

Subject: English Text

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SECTION - A

1. Fill in the blanks: (1x5=5)
 - a. Her flashing stars, her scented breeze.
 - b. One far fierce hour and sweet.
 - c. The room was full of flame and shadow that danced before my eye and lulled my nerves into a sort of waking sleep.

2. State whether the following statements are True or False: (1x5=5)
 - a. Christy grabbed the chalk with his right foot - **False**
 - b. Christy's father and mother held out against the relatives who advised them to take Christy seriously - **False**
 - c. The donkey's ears are like errant wings - **True**
 - d. Peacocks would flaunt in the court of the Lord of Tartary - **True**
 - e. Sir Charles Baskerville lived at Baskerville Hall for a long period of time - **False**

3. Write the meanings of the following words: (1x5=5)
 - a. butler - **chief manservant of a house**
 - b. ghastly - **unpleasant or full of horror**
 - c. recuperate - **get better after being ill or injured**
 - d. coroner - **an official who enquires in case of a violent or sudden death**
 - e. dale - **old English for valley**

4. Give one-word answers for the following: (1x5=5)
 - a. The donkey thought that he was the devil's walking - **parody**
 - b. What does the donkey keep still - **secret**
 - c. Sir Charles Baskerville had the habit of walking down this alley - **yew**
 - d. The distortion on the face of Sir Charles Baskerville was explained as a symptom of - **dyspnoea**
 - e. The chalk that attracted Christy was coloured a vivid - **yellow**

SECTION - B

5. Read the following sentences. Name the speaker and the listener: (1x5=5)
 - a. "Try again, Chris." -
Ans. The above line is spoken by Christy's mother to Christy.
 - b. "I know my boy is not an idiot."
Ans. The above line is spoken by Christy's mother to their relatives.
 - c. "It was at my advice that Sir Charles decided to go to London."
Ans. The above line is spoken by Dr. Mortimer to Sherlock Holmes.
 - d. "Then let me have the private ones."
Ans. The above line is spoken by Sherlock Holmes to Dr. Mortimer.

e. "I confess that at these words a shudder passed through me."

Ans. The above line is spoken by Dr. Watson to himself /the readers

6. Answer **any five** of the following questions briefly (within 2-4 sentences): (3x5=15)

a. When did Christy's mother notice that something was wrong with her son?
What did she notice?

Ans. Christy's mother noticed that something was wrong with her son when he was only four months old.

She noticed that his head kept falling backwards whenever she tried to feed him.

b. Why does the donkey consider himself as 'the devil's walking parody'?

Ans. The donkey considers himself as the 'devil's walking parody' because he is very ugly to look at. He has a monstrous head, ears that resemble errant wings and a sickening cry.

c. What kind of robe would the Lord of Tartary wear?

Ans. The Lord of Tartary would wear a robe made of beads that would be small and thick as seeds and they would be white, gold and green in colour.

d. Does the Lord of Tartary long to be an absolute ruler? Which line in the poem tells us this?

Ans. Yes, the Lord of Tartary longs to be an absolute ruler.

**The first two lines of the poem tell us this - "If I were Lord of Tartary,
Myself, and me alone."**

e. What is the donkey's secret?

Ans. The donkey never boasts about his hour of glory. He quietly keeps the secret to himself that once he had the privilege of carrying Jesus Christ, the Son of God, on his back into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

f. Whom does the donkey call fools and why? What does he mean by the phrase 'having my hour'?

Ans. The donkey calls people 'fools' because they regard him as a stupid insignificant animal. By referring to the phrase 'having my hour', the donkey refers to his time of significance and importance on earth.

g. Why is mankind's treatment of the donkey referred to as 'crooked will'?

Ans. Mankind's treatment of the donkey is referred to as 'crooked will' because man by his cruel, selfish nature ridicules, whips and starves the donkey. The donkey is a hard-working animal yet human beings never acknowledge his true worth. He is looked down upon as a beast of burden that is made to perform menial tasks.

SECTION - C

7. Write down the lines from the poem "The Donkey". Mention the poet. (10)

Ans. When fishes flew and forests walked

And figs grew upon thorn,

Some moment when the moon was blood

Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry

And ears like errant wings,

The devil's walking parody

On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,

Of ancient crooked will;

Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,

I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;

One far fierce hour and sweet:

There was a shout about my ears,

And palms before my feet.

8. Answer **any five** of the following questions: (5x5=25)

a. "Never!" said my mother almost fiercely when this was suggested to her.

i. What had been the suggestion?

- Ans.** The relatives had suggested to Christy's mother to put him into an institution for special children.
- ii. Why was his mother against this decision?
- Ans.** His mother was against this decision because she knew that her son was not an idiot. It was his body that was shattered, not his mind.
- iii. What did the relatives think?
- Ans.** The relatives thought that Christy was an idiot and needed help. They believed that an institution for the differently-abled would help him.
- b. "The tattered outlaw of the earth..."
- i. Who is tattered?
- Ans.** The donkey is tattered.
- ii. Why does the speaker think that he is a 'tattered outlaw'?
- Ans.** The donkey calls himself a 'tattered outlaw' because he belongs to the lowly class of animals and is a beast of burden that is made to do menial tasks.
- iii. Why does the speaker call himself a product of 'crooked will'?
- Ans.** The donkey calls himself a product of 'crooked will' because man by his cruel, selfish nature ridicules, whips and starves the donkey. The donkey is a hard-working animal yet human beings never acknowledge his true worth.
- c. "And in my courts should peacocks flaunt..."
- i. Who is the speaker here?
- Ans.** The speaker here is an imaginary person who wishes to be the Lord of Tartary.
- ii. Where is Tartary? Who lives here?
- Ans.** Tartary is an imaginary place, a magical wonderland where the speaker wishes to live and rule all by himself.
- iii. What would the peacocks, tigers and fishes do in this kingdom?
- Ans.** The speaker says that in his kingdom, peacocks would flaunt his court, tigers would haunt the forest and fishes would swim in his pools, their fins gleaming in the sun.
- d. "How long will it take you to make up your mind?"
- i. Who said this and to whom?
- Ans.** Dr. Mortimer asked Sherlock Holmes the above question.
- ii. Why was this statement made?
- Ans.** Dr. Mortimer asked Sherlock Holmes this question because he wanted to know what was to be done with Sir Henry Baskerville.
- iii. What did the speaker do after this?
- Ans.** After this, Dr. Mortimer scribbled the appointment on his shirt-cuff and hurried off in his strange, peering, absent-minded fashion.
- e. "That was a momentous decision as far as my future life was concerned."
- i. What was the momentous decision?
- Ans.** Christy's mother's decision not to discard her son but to make him a part of the family was a momentous decision as far as his future life was concerned.
- ii. What did the decision mean for Christy?
- Ans.** This decision meant that Christy would always have his mother on his side to help him fight all the battles that were to come and to inspire him with new strength when he was almost beaten.
- iii. What did his mother and father fight against?
- Ans.** Christy's parents fought against their relatives and friends who advised them to take him kindly and sympathetically but not seriously.
- f. "When fishes flew and forests walked..."
- i. What happened when fishes flew and forests walked?
- Ans.** When fishes flew and forests walked, then surely the donkey was born.
- ii. What does the above line refer to?
- Ans.** The above line refers to the chaos and confusion that reigned on earth at the time of the donkey's birth when the natural order of things was disturbed.
- iii. According to the donkey, what else happened at that time?
- Ans.** According to the donkey, at the time of his birth, figs grew upon thorny bushes and the moon was blood-red in colour.

g. "Lord of the fruits of Tartary.
Her rivers silver-pale!"

i. What can be concluded about the Lord of Tartary from this stanza and this line? Identify an adjective in these lines.

Ans. The above line and stanza reveal that the speaker is an arrogant, self-obsessed person who gives a lot of importance to himself as he says that he wishes to be the sole ruler of Tartary and enjoy all the fruits himself. It also shows that he appreciates beauty as he enjoys nature and loves her various forms.

An adjective used in these lines is "silver-pale".

ii. What landforms is the Lord a ruler of?

Ans. The Lord of Tartary is the ruler of various natural landforms such as rivers, hills, valleys, forests, seas and lakes.

iii. Which words in the stanza mean 'valley'?

Ans. The words in the stanza that are synonymous with 'valley' are glen, vale and dale.