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QUARTERLY EXAMINATION – 2024-2025

SUBJECT: LITERATURE IN ENGLISH – II

GRADE: VII

DATE:19-09-2024 **TIME: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS**

NAME OF THE STUDENT & SEC: _____ **MAX. MARKS:80**

- *Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.*
- *You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.*
- *This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.*
- *The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.*
- *The paper has **four** Sections.*
- ***Section A** is compulsory – **All** questions in Section **A** must be answered.*
- *You must attempt **one** question from each of the Sections **B**, **C** and **D** and **one** other question from any Section of your choice.*
- *The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].*

Section-A

QUESTION:1

Choose the correct option for the following: **16M**

1.Why does Chiru think that Dukduk is mean and grumpy?

a. because it made Chiru laugh. b. because it made Bhaiya sad .
c. because it made Bhaiya smile d. because it was sad.

2.Under which condition does the speaker in the lesson Perfect Dinner Table think that the table manners need not be?

a. when mother passes a patient smile.
b. when surrounded by kids who have a lot to speak about.
c. when all the dignified guests are sitting around the table.
d. when the speaker doesn't know the names of guests around the table.

3.Why was Anita not afraid of exams anytime?

a. because she has the knack of writing the exams.
b. because she always stood first in her class.
c. because the exams were a great for her.
d. because she was always well prepared for writing exams.

4.What is the tone of the poem Freedom?

a.spiritual. b. directive. c. philosophical. d. patriotic.

5.What does the phrase'beckoning call of the future' mean in the poem Freedom?

a.India controlling British. b. happiness in future.
c. independence and development. d. no government.

6.Why does the narrator paint the Himachali women with sheep?

a. because the Himachali women wear sheep's wool for what they make.
b. because Himachali women spin the wool to make thread out of it.
c. because Himachali women knit multicoloured wooly jumper.
d. because the Himachali women wear natural coloured outfit.

7. Burlmundi helped her mother. What quality would you think it is?
a. accommodative b. mindful c. apathetic d. solicitous
8. Which of the following words mean movement?
a. rustled b. grunted c. twitched d. echoed
9.What does the poet remember about, in the poem ' l remember I remember'.?
a.the little window of the house he was born. b. the time of sunrise.
c.the early morning. d.the lovely nights.
10.'The tree is living yet' Which tree is the poet taking about?
a.lily b.violet c.laburnum d.light flower
11. What is the tone of the poem in ' I remember I remember'?
a. regretful b.nostalgic c. distressing d.repenting
12.What was the 'rare pleasure' according to the speaker in 'The Perfect Dinner Table' ?
a. when napkins are kept in silver rings.
b. when there is no stranger
c. when the children soil the tablecloth with greasy hands.
d.when the speaker gets an opportunity, to dine with dignified people.
13.Choose the correct meaning of the word in bold letters
I cannot BEAR the high temperatures.
a. tolerate b. a wild animal c. understand d.enjoy
14.Which of the following is the quality of Nandini?
a.Ignorant b. Clever c. Helpful d. Selfish
15.Ankita is rich. She is humble. (Choose the best option)
a. Ankita is rich, she is humble. b. While Ankita is rich,she is humble too.
c. While Ankita is rich,she is humble. d. Though Ankita is rich, she is humble.
16.Which of the following lines show the poet's strong mental strength?
a. My head is bloody, but unbowed. b. I thank whatever gods maybe.
c. I am the master of my fate. d. I am the captain of my soul.

Section-B
(Answer one or more questions)

QUESTION:2
Read the poem 'Freedom'
given below, answer the questions that follow:

'Freedom from fear is the freedom
I claim for you my motherland!
Freedom from the burden of ages, bending your head,
breaking your back, blinding your eyes to the beckoning call of the future;
Freedom from the shackles of slumber wherewith
you fasten yourself in night's stillness,
mistrusting the star that speaks of truths adventurous paths
freedom from the anarchy of destiny
whole sails are weakly yielded to the blind uncertain winds,
and the helm to a hand ever
rigid and cold as death.'

a. Explain the phrase ,'shackles of slumber' in the poem above. 3M
b. Write about, what you understand by the last two lines,'whole sails are weakly yielded to the blind uncertain winds and the helm to a hand ever rigid and cold as death.' 3M
c. What does the poet claim for liberation of his motherland? 3M
d. Describe a situation here freedom helps you to live life happly. 3M
e. Explain the importance of freedom in your life. 4M

QUESTION:3

Read the extract from the poem, 'Invictus' and answer the questions below:

'It matters not how straight the gate,

How charged the punishments with scroll.

I am the master of my fate

I am the captain of my soul.'

a. Why would it not matter how straight the gate be? 3M
b. What do the last two lines of the poem indicate?Also write your own impressions. 3M
c. What's the rhyme of the poem ? Pick out the rhyming words in lines above.. 3M
d. Explain the spirit and theme of the poem ?write your own appreciation in a few sentences. 4M
e. What does it mean 'the punishment of scroll' ?
In which context the phrase is used? 3M

Section-C (PROSE)

(Answer one or more questions)

QUESTION:4

Read the extract from 'Bravo Burli' given below and answer the questions :

'Aya, guess where I am?'

she cried out to her mother Premsila Majhi , Burlimundi's mother pretended to look for her daughter and shouted, 'Oh no,I cannot find my daughter.May be, I need to call Jani , the medicine man to get her back!

Spirits who whisked children away and spread misfortune were feared by all adivasis.'

a. 'Aya, guess where I am? ' Who spoke these words and to who? 3M
b. What were the beliefs and fears of Adivasis according to the text? 3M
c. Where and why was Burlimundi hiding? 3M
d. How does the mother Premsila Majhi tease her daughter? 4M
e . When do the women of the Adivasi go to the jungle? Who are Adivasis? 3M

QUESTION:5

Read the following extract from the lesson, 'The Meaning Of Education' and answer the questions that follow:

'When Anita walked into her home , she knew something was wrong.Her relatives were present in the house, her mother was looking tense and the doctor was calming everyone.

Back in the hall her mother explained, 'Your daddy left for, his morning -walk when he suffered a stroke and collapsed on the pavement. Thank God one of your classmates passed by and took your father to the hospital.'

'He said , some one called Nandini '.

a. How did Anita know that something was wrong at home? 3M
b. What happened to Anita's father? 3M
c. Who helped Anita's father ?And how? 3M
d. Write a few lines about the relationship between Anita and Nandini as per the lesson 'The meaning of Education',? 3M
e. Why was Anita not in friendship with Nandini? 4M

Section-D

(Answer one or more questions- Prose and poetry)

QUESTION:6

Read the following extract from the lesson,'Who Stole Bhaiya's Smile' and answer the questions below:

Chiru tries distracting Bhaiya.

'Look at this new book, Bhaiya! Aren't the pictures
pretty?' Chiru says.
'They are okay, Chiru.' Bhaiya says.
'Bhaiya ,have you seen the new train set? Chiru sqeals.
'Hmm nice,' Bhaiya says.'Mangasura is here ! Run, Bhaiya,'Chiru yells.
'Chiru throws a pillow at Dukduk. Take that you horrible thing! Get away from Bhaiya and give back his smile.'

a. Why does Chiru throw a pillow on Dukduk ? 3M
b. With reference to the story above, write a note on how Chiru and Bhaiya were bonded. 3M
c. What was the problem Bhaiya was facing at the time? How it works on a person? 3M
d. How did Bhaiya get well at the end? 3M
e. Suggest measures to prevent depression. 4M

QUESTION:7

Read the extract from the poem, 'The Perfect Dinner Table' and answer the questions below:

'A tablecloth that's highly soiled

Where greasy little hands have toiled;

The napkins kept in silver rings,

And only ordinary things

From which to eat, a simple fare,

And just the wife and kiddies there,

And while I serve, the clatter glad

Of little girl and little lad

Who have so very much to say

About the happenings of the day.'

a. What according to you was the tablecloth soiled? 3M
b. What were the ordinary things over the table? 3M
c. Who were all there at the table? What is the setting of the poem? 3M
d. What makes the kiddies happy over the table? 3M
e. What would be the most perfect dinner table according to you? 4M



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