December-Exam. (2010), Subject : English, Class-VIII

Time: 3 Hrs.   **M.M.:100**

(Part-A)

Q.1 i) Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:

The crocodile had a wife who stayed at home. One day, the monkey gave a few Jamuns for his wife. The crocodile thanked him and carried the Jamuns to his wife. He presented the Jamuns to his wife and told her about his friend, the monkey. Mrs. Crocodile liked the Jamuns very much. However, the wicked wife of the crocodile thought, "If the fruit is so delicious, how delicious would be the person who eats this sweet fruit daily!" So she thought of a plan to eat the flesh of the monkey.

Questions:

    (i)   For what did the crocodile thank the monkey?

    (ii) What did Mrs. Crocodile think of?

    (iii) Choose true and false statements and write them in your answer-book:

        (a)   The crocodile told his wife nothing about his friend.

        (b)   Mrs. Crocodile liked the Jamuns very much.

    (iv) Complete the following sentences according to the meaning of the passage:

        (a)   The crocodile's wife was ....

        (b)   Mrs. Crocodile thought how delicious would be the person who ....

    (v) Write the meanings of the following words in English: (Any two)

        (i) presented   (ii) wicked   (iii) delicious   (2×5=10)

ii) Schools all over India celebrate Children's Day on 14th November every year. On this day, our great Prime Minister who had a great love for children, was born. His ancestors came down from Kashmir to the rich plains below. Kaul had been his family name; this changed to Kaul Nehru; and in later years Kaul was dropped and they became simply Nehrus. Jawahar Lal Nehru was the only son of his prosperous parents. His two sisters were much younger to Jawahar Lal Nehru. And so, he grew up and spent his early years as a lonely child with no companion of his own age. Private tutors were incharge of his education. Then he went to England and was educated at Harrow and at Trinity College, Cambridge.

    (i)   Why is 14th November celebrated as Children's Day?

    (ii) Why did Jawahar Lal Nehru spend his early years as a lonely child?

    (iii) Where did Nehru's forefathers come from?

    (iv) How many brothers and sisters did Nehru have?

    (v) Name the educational institutions he attended in England.   (2×5=10)

Q.2 (a) Answer any three of the following questions in 20-25 words:

    (i)   What did Gopal realize?

    (ii) What was Daddy's final decision?

    (iii) What does the lesson 'The Punjab-A Glimpse' say about Punjabis?

    (iv) What happened when eighth child of Devki was born?

    (v) Which is the biggest danger to mankind?   (3×3=9)

(b) Answer any two of the following questions: (2×3=6)

(i) What do the people of the area still believe? (Lucy Gray)

(ii) What did Abou see on the night when he suddenly woke up?

(iii) Write the central idea of the poem, 'This is My Prayer To THEE,'

Q.3 (a) Use any five of the following words/phrases in sentences of your own:

destroy, relish, jealous of, dungeon, give up, strange, motivate, giggle. (5×1=5)

(b) Fill in the blanks with the given words:

task, curious, gifted, fascinated, excellent, wished, plan

Tom was a .... child. He had an .... memory. He was always .... to know new things and tried hard to make new things himself. Once he read a book on Robots and was instantly .... by it. He .... he could make a Robot himself. His father made a .... for his going abroad and do his much desired .... of making a Robot. (5×1=5)

Q.4 Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow:

It is not growing like a tree.

In bulk, doth make man better be,

or standing as an Oak, three hundred years,

To fall a log at last, dry bald and sere.

(i) What is it that does not make man better?

(ii) What does the poet say about an Oak tree?

OR

At day break on a hill they stood

That overlooked the moor

And thence they saw the bridge of wood

A furlong from their door.

(i) Who stood on the hill and at what time?

(ii) What was the bridge made of ? How far was it from their house? (2×2½=5)

(Part-B)

Q.5 Do as directed:

(i) Name the part of speech of the underlined words:

(a) Yuvi is a great man.

(b) He works carefully.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

(a) Yesterday we went .... the Rose Garden.

(b) The hunter aimed .... the bird.

(iii) Fill in the blanks with Simple Past or Past Continuous tense:

(a) When I met Renu, she .... (wait) at the bus stop.

(b) Rita .... (not stand) first in the last test.

(iv) Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners:

    (a) I borrowed .... books from him.

    (b) I want .... pen.

(v) (a) Alas! How foolish I have been. (Change into Assertive)

    (b) My brother sings a song.   (Change into Negative)

(vi) After (discuss) the matter for half an hour, I decided (give) the salesman an order of five carpets. (Use the non-finites of the bracketed words)

(vii) Change the voice:

    (a) I can lift this box.

    (b) Who broke the windowpane.

(viii) (a) The climate of Shimla is .... than that of Delhi.

                              (Fill in the blank with proper degree of 'good')

    (b) What is the .... news? (Fill the correct Adjective latest /last)

(ix) Conjugate (any two)

    Do, bet, make

(x) (a) A tailor is a hard working man. (Change the gender of Nouns)

    (b) The cat is running after the mouse. (Change the number of Nouns)   (10×2=20)

Q.6 Imagine that you are Kewal, a student of S.D. Senior Secondary School, Abohar. You were fined Rs. 20/- for remaining absent from the school for a day. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to remit your fine.

<center>OR</center>

    Imagine you are Rajni. You live at 108, Friends Colony, Fazilka. Write a letter to your elder sister who lives is England telling how you celebrated Diwali.   (6)

Q.7 Attempt any two of the following:

    (a) You are incharge of the Junior Humanities Forum of your school. The Forum is organising a paper reading contest. Draft a notice inviting participants to give you their names.

    (b) Write a telegram to your friend giving him good wishes for his forth coming examination.

    (c) Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 10-15 words: Government Abolishes 300 Posts of Clerks.   (2×6=12)

Q.8 Attempt any two of the following in about 80-100 words each.

    (a) Study the hints given below carefully. Write a paragraph on 'A Visit to a Hospital':

  Last Sunday .... my friend met with an accident .... went to hospital .... a big hospital .... many wards .... the special ward .... the ward neat and clean .... nurse look very active .... white dressed .... he was lying .... bandaged .... simple fracture .... was cheerful .... came back.

(b) Complete the following paragraph:

Hints:- Last Sunday, I went to see the Baisakhi fair, we were many friends. We had to walk on foot for about four miles ....

(c) Suppose a friend of yours comes to see you at your house. He wants to know about your science teacher. Complete the dialogue by writing questions your friend asked.

Q.1 .... ?
Ans. Mr. Shekhar teaches us Science.

Q.2 .... ?
Ans. He is forty years old.

Q.3 .... ?
Ans. He is M. Sc., B. Ed.

Q.4 .... ?
Ans. He teaches us in a very interesting way.

Q.5 .... ?
Ans. All the students appreciate his teaching.

Q.6 .... ?
Ans. No, he does not punish the students.   (2×6=12)