

September - 2010
Class-IX, Subject: English

Time: 3 hrs.

M.M.70

Section-A
(Reading Skills)

Q.1 Read The passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

One evening a boy of three was out for a walk with his father. There was also an elderly man with the boy's father. Chatting they walked on and went beyond the village. Green crop delighted the eyes. The elders were walking along the edge of a field. Not hearing the footsteps of the boy, the father looked back. The boy was sitting on the ground and seemed to be planting some thing. The father became curious. "What are you doing?" said he. "Look father, I shall grow guns all over the field," was the innocent reply of the boy. His eyes shone with the strong faith that guns would grow in the field. Both the elders were struck with wonder at the little boy's words. The boy was Bhagat Singh who later fought like a hero for India's freedom and sacrificed his life.

1. Where were the elders walking ?
2. What was the boy doing ?
3. What faith did the boy have ?
4. The boy said, "Look father
 - a) I shall grow rice.
 - b) I shall grow guns.
 - c) I shall grow wheat.

Which of these is true?

(2+2+2+1=7)

OR

Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :

Whenever the moon and stars are set,
Whenever the wind is high,
All night long in the dark and wet,
A man goes riding by.
Late in the night when the fires are out,
Why does he gallop and gallop about ?

1. When does a man go riding by
 - (a) in the day
 - (b) late in the night
 - (c) early in the night.
2. What is the position of moon and stars ?
3. What kind of night is that ?
4. What is the position of fires indoors ?

(1+2+2+2=7)

Section-B

(Main Course Book and Supplementary Reader)
Main Course Book. (35 Marks)

Q.2 a) Answer any two of the following questions in 10-20 words each. (2×2=4)

- 1) What should Lincoln's son be steered away from ?
(Grooming of a boy)

OR

Name the instrument made by Jagdish Chandra Bose
(Plants also breathe and feel).

- 2) How can one be glorious ?
(Plants also breathe and feel)

OR

How did the Post master feel in the village and why ?
(The Postmaster)

- 3) What do people believe about the power of money ?
(Budgeting your time)

OR

Who was Sher Singh Bahadur ?
(Journey by Night)

b) Answer the following questions in 30-50 words each. (4×2=8)

1. Describe some of Ratan's childhood memories (The Postmaster)

OR

Write a short note on Jagdish Chandra Bose's contribution to Science.
(Plants also breathe and feel)

2. Reproduce in your own words the dialogue between The Yaksha and Yudhishtira.
(Budgeting your time)

OR

Write a few lines about the character of Sher Singh
(Journey by Night)

Supplementary Reader (Literature Book)

Q.3 Answer each of the following questions in 30-50 words : (4×2=8)

1. What did the old man give to the boy ? (The Magic Violin)

OR

Why did Sushil not want to go to school one Saturday ? What happened then?
(Wishes Come True)

2. Where did the villagers take shelter ? Why ? (In The Flood)

OR

Why did Ruskin Bond not want to leave his father ? How did he spend time in Delhi ?
(My Father and I)

Q.4

Poetry

a) **Read the passage given below and answer any two of the questions that follow :**

Leave the chanting and
singing and telling of beads !
Whom dost thou worship in this
lonely dark corner of a temple
with doors all shut ? Open thine
eyes and see the God is not
before thee !

1. What does the poet want us to leave ?
2. The poet in this stanza asks a question ? What is that question ?
3. What does the poet say to the worshipper of God ?

(2×2=4)

b) **Answer the following in 30-40 words :**

(4)

What is the central idea of the poem, 'Open Thy Eyes and See Thy God !'

OR

Write the theme or central idea of the poem, 'No Men are Foreign'

Section-C (Vocabulary)

Q.5 **Attempt the following :**

(5 marks)

1. Use the word 'Light' as noun and verb in sentences of your own.
2. Give the synonyms of : vacant, glad.
3. Distinguish between the words 'brake' and 'break' by framing sentences.
- 4.a) Form noun from 'elect'
Form adjective from 'power'
5. **Fill in the correct words in the blanks with the help of words given in brackets.**
 - a) You can't ----- me with your lies any more (fool)
 - b) I am going to make my ----- trip to Banaras in June (year)

Section-D (Grammar)

Q.6 **Do as directed :**

(11 Marks)

a) **Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners :**

1. Will you give me ----- money ?
2. He is ----- one-eyed man.
3. How ----- pencils do you want ?

(3)

b) **Supply the correct modal :**

(2)

1. ----- I come in ? (May/Can)
2. He said that it ----- be true. (may/might)

c) **Supply suitable prepositions :** (3)

1. He is ashamed ----- his conduct.
2. Attend----- what I say.
3. I get ----- at six in the morning.

d) **Supply suitable conjunction.** (3)

1. Trust in God ----- do the right.
2. She worked hard ----- she failed in the exam.
3. She is neither beautiful ----- intelligent.

Section-E
(Writing Skills)

Q.7 a) Write a letter to the Manager, Chandigarh Transport Undertaking Chandigarh complaining against the poor bus service in your area.

OR

Write a letter to your sister describing your school trip. (6)

b) Read the passage given below and make notes for your personal reference. (6)

There are three types of American rice. Long grain is slender and the grains remain separate when cooked. It is suited to main dishes, salads and soups. Medium grain is plumper than long grain and more tender when cooked. Short grain is almost round; the grains stick together when cooked.

Rice is also classified according to the ways it is processed. Brown rice retains the bran and germ (and therefore more nutrient); Parboiled or converted rice is soaked, steamed, and dried before milling. It retains more nutrients than white rice but takes 5 to 10 minutes longer to cook. precooked white rice is cooked and dehydrated after milling and needs little cooking.