



V & C Patel English School  
Half Yearly Exam

Date: 18/09/17  
Subject: English

Max. Marks: 80  
Std.: VII  
Time: 3 hours

**General Instructions:**

(i) The question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B – Writing	15 marks
Section C – Grammar	15 marks
Section D – Literature	30 marks

ii) All questions are compulsory

iii) You may attempt any section at a time

iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**Section A (Reading)**

**Q-1 Read the following passages carefully and gives the answers. [10]**

The load was very heavy for the old camel. He tried his best to carry it as far as the next village. There his master would be able to get another camel to carry this heavy load. But he was so tired and exhausted that he could not go any further. His master took off the load from the camel's back and put it on the back of another camel and went his way. A tiger was passing by at this time. He had been hurt by the tusk of an elephant. As the tiger was in pain, he found it difficult to walk. So he lay down by the side of the camel. The camel began licking the tiger's wound with his long tongue and offered him food that his master left behind. In a few days, the tiger and the camel recovered. As the tiger was very hungry the old camel told him to kill him and eat his meat. The tiger could not think of killing his friend. At that time a deer came running toward them. A hunter had shot at him with an arrow. He lay down by the side of tiger. He told the tiger to kill him and eat his flesh as he did not want the wicked hunter to take him away. The tiger did as he was told. Just then the hunter came on the spot. The angry tiger jumped on him and killed him also. Another young deer was in the bag that the hunter was carrying. The tiger sat it free. The tiger and the camel lived happily ever after in the forest.

**Q-1** The camel began to lick the tiger's wound because the .....

- a) Tiger was in pain
- b) Tiger was tired
- c) Tiger could not walk
- d) The camel was hungry
- e) Camel tongue is long

**Q-2** How many living beings in all are mentioned in the passage?

- a) Nine
- b) Eight
- c) Seven
- d) Six
- e) Five



- Q-3 What did the tiger do the dying deer?
- a) He ate his flesh
  - b) He killed him
  - c) He killed him and ate his flesh
  - d) He set him free
  - e) He licked his wounds
- Q-4 All of the following were either exhausted or wounded or killed except the
- a) Deer which lay near the camel
  - b) Tiger
  - c) Old camel
  - d) Elephant
  - e) Hunter
- Q-5 The tiger refused to eat camel because of all of the following except the camel had
- a) Become his friend
  - b) Offered him food
  - c) Licked his wound
  - d) Become old
  - e) None of this
- Q-6 The tiger lay down near the camel because
- a) They became friends
  - b) He felt tired
  - c) There was enough space to lay down
  - d) He was unable to walk
  - e) He wanted to kill the hunter if he came there
- Q-7 The old camel wanted to carry the load as far as the next village because
- a) The village was at a short distance
  - b) He was sure to meet his master
  - c) Another camel was available
  - d) The journey was to end at the next village
  - e) His master wished him to do so
- Q-8 Write the synonyms of 'exhausted'
- Q-9 Write a suitable title for the story.
- Q-10 Write a moral of the story.

Q-2 Read the following passage and answers the following questions. [6]

Water is the most precious gift of nature, but it is unfortunate that we do not understand its worth and over exploit this resource for our selfish purposes. It is a matter of serious attention that water must be conserved at all cost. We need water for daily use at home and for agriculture. Drinking water is however limited as we get it mainly from the clouds and glaciers. If this resource used wisely, then there will be no problem. But unfortunately, it is being over exploited. Our over increasing population has created scarcity of water. It is predicted that by the year 2025, nearly two billion people will live in absolute water scarcity. This is a signal to be cautious enough in the use of water. Every drop of water is precious and it must not go in vain. Water storage is a grim reality for the cities as well as village. We need to wake up too it now than be sorry later. We must conserve water in ponds and tanks. We should try our best to use water cautiously. If we continue to use it



recklessly, we will have to face dire consequences. By saving water, we will save ourselves.

**Answer the following questions.**

- a) Why is water the most precious gift of nature?
- b) What is the main cause of water scarcity?
- c) How do you think we can conserve water?
- d) Give a suitable title to this passage.
- e) What will be the result of using water carelessly?
- f) From where are we getting drinking water mainly?

**2.1 find a word from the passage which mean the same as following- [2]**

- a) An intense painful emotion of fear.....
- b) Randomly distributed.....

**2.2 Find word from the passage which means the opposite of the following. [2]**

- a) Gentle, mild, peaceful.....
- b) Exciting .....

### **Section B (Writing)**

**Q-3 With the help of the given notes, write a paragraph on each of the following in about 150 words. [5]**

The Importance of reading books in the age of TV and the Internet.

Children should cultivate habit of reading --- a pleasurable activity--- the earlier the better--- books are life--- long friends--- a store house of knowledge--- reading helps your language, vocabulary--- a lot of news and information on TV--- entertainment and useless programme showing violence also--- the internet--- information at the click of the mouse.

**Q-4 Write a notice for the following. [5]**

You are Agni Irani, the secretary of the karate Club in your school. Your school is holding an orientation -cum demonstration programme to introduce karate to beginners. Write a notice to inform your fellow students about it.

**Or**

You are Suresh staying in class X you, along with some students of your school, had the honour of participating in the ceremony held at Red Fort, Delhi on Independence Day. Write a brief report, mentioning the title and all that you saw there.

**Q-5 To the Editor - Against Pathetic condition of roads.**

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper describing the conditions of roads in your town. [5]

### **Section C (Grammar)**

**Q-6 Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms. [3]**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ in Chicago for 20years (be).
2. The sun \_\_\_\_\_ when the climber reached Mount Everest (shine).
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ in an apartment right now because they can't find a cheap house (live).
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful film in the cinema last night (See).
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ to Bombay tomorrow. (go)
6. I was very angry that I \_\_\_\_\_ such a stupid mistake (make).



**Q-7 Complete the following sentences with suitable modals choosing from the alternative given below.** [2]

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ fight injustice.  
a) Will                      b) shall                      c) can                      d) could
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ respect our parents.  
a) Can                      b) must                      c) may d) should
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ do as he likes.  
a) Must                      b) should                      c) can                      d) may
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ rather suffer than borrow.  
a) Should                      b) would                      c) could                      d) must

**Q-8 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by choosing the suitable prepositions from the list given at the end of this exercise.** [3]

( to, with, in, to, since, upon )

1. Don't interfere \_\_\_\_\_ his affair.
2. This noise interferes \_\_\_\_\_ my studies.
3. You are invited \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.
4. Don't look down \_\_\_\_\_ the poor.
5. I look forward \_\_\_\_\_ your visit.
6. He has been unwell \_\_\_\_\_ last night.

**Q-9 Change the voice of the following sentences.** [2]

1. I have read comic book.
2. Whom are you calling?

**Q-10 What part of speech are the underlined words?** [3]

1. She thought of wise plan.
2. I want to go now.
3. Where are you going?
4. That was a lovely evening.
5. My father works in a factory.
6. She must be stupid.

**Q-11 The paragraph has not been yet edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. (any four)** [2]

Dolphins are small toothed whales. Any people think e.g                      any                      some  
That those slim and smooth skinned mammals are                      a) \_\_\_\_\_  
as we are. Since an ancient times, there has                      b) \_\_\_\_\_  
been the special friendship between human                      c) \_\_\_\_\_  
and this playful animals. Moreover, there                      d) \_\_\_\_\_  
are much stories of dolphins saving                      e) \_\_\_\_\_  
a drawing sailors.                      f) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section D (Literature)

**Q-12 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow each of them.** [4]

I knew him from the days of my extreme youth because he made my father's boots. He lived with his elder brother in his shop which was in a small by street in a fashionable part of London.



The shop has a certain quit & distinction. There was no sign upon it other than the name of Gessler Brothers; and in the window a few pairs of boots. He made only what was ordered, what he made never failed to fit. To make boots- such boots as he made – seemed to me then, and still seems to me, mysterious and wonderful.

**Questions:**

1. How long was the writer associated with the Gessler Brothers?
2. In what sense did Gessler's shop have a certain distinction?
3. What does the author admire most about Gessler brothers' mode of work?
4. Give two meaning of the word 'Still' and use them in sentence of your own

**12.1 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow each of them.**

[4]

Trees are for birds.  
 Trees are for children.  
 Trees are to make tree house in.  
 Trees are to swing swing on.  
 Trees are for the wind to blow through.  
 Trees are to hide behind in 'hide and sick'.

**Questions:**

1. What are trees for us?
2. What do the children with trees?
3. What do we can under the trees?
4. Give a word opposite in meaning to 'reveal.'

**12.2 Answer the following question in 30 to 40 words**

[10]

1. How did the servant punish the old fool?
2. What is the attitude of the grown-ups towards the children?
3. How did Gopal get inside the palace to see the king after he had bought the fish?
4. Why does the poet want to go inside the shed?
5. 'Hermit was a wise person.' Justify the statement.

**12.3 Explain the kind gesture of children towards the beggar in the story. (value base)**

[3]

**Q-13 Draw the character sketch of Kari in your own wards.**

[3]

**Q-13.1 Imagine that you landed in a desert. How will you survive?**

[3]

**Q-14 Write the meaning of the following idioms.**

[3]

1. To blow your top
2. A piece of cake
3. To hold your horses

b) Tiger could not walk

d) The camel was hungry

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