

ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO. 3 RAWATBHATA
CONFIDENCE I (2019-20)

CLASS 10
Subj.- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A

1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow:

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. There are many different species of sparrows. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Many people appreciate their beautiful song. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places-usually on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities, they build their nests in building nooks or holes. They rarely build their nests in high places. They build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibres. Their nests are usually small and well-built structures.

Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish-brown spots. They hatch within eleven to fourteen days. Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. The large feet of the sparrows are used for scratching seeds. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds. The sparrows are some of the few birds that engage in dust bathing. Sparrows will first scratch a hole in the ground with their feet, then lie in it and fling dirt or sand over their

bodies with flicks of their wings. Many birds, particularly game birds and sparrows, take dust baths as part of their regular preening. The dust helps dislodge parasites and absorbs excess preen oil so feathers are not heavily coated. Birds that do not bathe in water are more likely to use dust baths frequently, but many birds use both types of bathing. They will also bathe in water, or in the dry or melting snow. Water bathing is similar to dust bathing, with the sparrow standing in shallow water and flicking water over its back with its wings, also ducking its head under the water. Both activities are social, with up to a hundred birds

participating at once, and is followed by preening and sometimes group singing.

Answer the following questions :

[8]

- a. The chief food for the adult sparrow is _____.
- b. Sparrows live wherever _____.
- c. The word, 'species' means _____.
- d. Sparrows _____ in high places.
- e. _____ take care of the young sparrows.
- f. Sparrows take bath in _____.
- g. Bathing for the sparrows is a _____.
(a) personal activity (b) routine activity (c) social activity (d) difficult task
- h. Bathing is followed by preening and _____.
(a) dancing (b) praying (c) flying (d) group singing

2. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow them:

(12 marks)

The young liftman in a city office who threw a passenger out of his lift the other morning and was fined for the offence was undoubtedly in the wrong. It was a question of 'Please'. The complainant entering the lift, said 'Top'. The lift-man demanded 'Top-please' and this concession being refused, he not only declined to comply with the instruction but also hurled the passenger out of the lift. This, of course, was carrying a comment on manner too far. Discourtesy is not a legal offence, and it does not excuse assault and battery. If a burglar breaks into my house and I knock him down, the law will acquit me, and if I am physically assaulted, it will permit me to retaliate with reasonable violence. It does this because the burglar and my assailant have broken quite definite commands of the law, but no legal system could attempt to legislate against bad manners or could sanction the use of violence against something which it does not itself recognize as a legally punishable offence. And whatever our sympathy with the lift-man is, we must admit that the law is reasonable. It would never do if we were at liberty to box people's ears because we did not like their behaviour, or the tone of their voices, or the scowl on their faces. Our fists would never be idle, and the gutters of the city would run with blood all day. I may be as uncivil as I may please and the law will protect me against violent

retaliation. I may be haughty or boorish and there is no penalty to pay except the penalty of being written down an ill-mannered fellow. The law does not compel me to say 'please' or to attune my voice to other people's sensibilities any more than it says that I shall not wax my moustache or dye my hair or wear ringlets down my back. It does not recognize the laceration of our feelings as a case for ompensation. There is no allowance for moral and intellectual damages in these matters. This does not mean that the damages are negligible. It is probable that the liftman was much more acutely hurt by what he regarded as a slur upon his social standing than he would have been if he had a kick on the shins, for which he could have got a legal redress. The pain of a kick on the shins soon passes away but the pain of a wound to our self-respect or our vanity may poison a whole day

I. **On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words**

each: (2 4 =8)

[12]

- i. Why did the young lift man throw a passenger out of the lift? Why was the liftman in the wrong?
- ii. Why aren't bad manners punishable?
- iii. According to the narrator, what is the maximum punishment that can be given for being ill-mannered?

Section B

iv. Explain the statement in your own words, "Our fists would never be idle and the gutters of the city would run with blood all day."

II. **On the basis of your reading of the passage, find a suitable word for the following:** (1x4 = 4)

- i. Make an attack in return for a similar attack.
- ii. A punishment imposed for breaking a rule or a law or conduct.
- iii. Rude and inconsiderate behaviour.

(a) well- mannered

(b) ill-mannered

(c) Ridiculous

(d) Mentally retarded

iv. An angry or bad-tempered expression.

(a) Boorish

(b) Furious

(c) Coward

(d) Idiot

3. You are Nalini, Hostel warden of ABC Matriculation School, Pune. Write a letter to the Sales Manager Bharat Electronics and Domestic Appliances, Mumbai placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens, and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel. Also, ask for the discount permissible on the purchase. [8]

OR

Write an article on the topic 'Patriotism' in not more than 100-150 words.

4. Complete the story given below by using the clues provided:

[10]

Ravi was too excited as he is going to his favorite place Darjeeling. It was his lifetime wish to be there. Before starting his journey he wanted to make sure that he had not forgotten anything. He got into the train, settled in his seat and looked around.....

OR

Expand the following outlines into a complete story in about 150-200 words.

Outline: The king.....banquet.....orders his slave.....best food that moneythe main food.....tongue.....side dishes.....the king objected..... epitomizes wisdom and learning..... helps for business makes people famous.....interacted with the Almighty.....nothing equal.....astounded to hear all this wit.....another banquet.....worst kind of meat serve..... only tongue.....the king scolds the slave.....the tongue is the worst..... deaths, violence, etc. all decides by the tongue.....his great wit.

5. **Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options.**

[4]

Last year, a group of tourists (a) _____ to India and they decided to (b) _____ Goa. At Calangute, they were swept off their feet by the beauty (c) _____ the beach. They stayed (d) _____ for a week.

- a. (i) had come (ii) came (iii) have come (iv) are coming
- b. (i) visit (ii) visited (iii) visiting (iv) visits
- c. (i) on (ii) in (iii) about (iv) of
- d. (i) their (ii) there (iii) near (iv) far

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the correct word along with the incorrect word against the correct blank number. [4]

Error Correction

We go to the Valley of Flowers (a) _____
last month. After taking your dinner (b) _____
we relaxed. A man fall from (c) _____
the rocks or hurt his head. (d) _____

7. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example. [4]

Example: wheel / man's / is/the / invention / greatest / perhaps /
The wheel is perhaps man's greatest invention.

- a. very difficult / was / it / to travel / earlier, / long distances
- b. backs / their belongings / travellers / on their / carried
- c. few places / take rest / on the way / there were/ to / to travel / took months / and
- d. evolve many inventions / it helped / wheel / but / our world / did not / only shape / in transportation / the invention of

Section C

8. Read the following extracts and answer the question/complete the sentences that follow: [4]

He hears the last voice at night
The patrolling cars
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

- a. 'He' in the above stanza is _____.
- b. The last voice that he hears is that of _____.
- c. The tiger stares at stars because he is _____.
- d. Which word means the same as 'sparkling'?

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it:

(4 marks)

She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed.
“Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm?
No other aeroplanes were flying tonight.
Yours was the only one I could see on the radar.”
So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, and without any more fuel in my tanks?

Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane, flying in the storm, without lights?

- a. What was the reaction of the woman after hearing the pilot's question?
- b. How many aeroplanes were there in the air, according to the woman?
- c. Find out the opposite of 'depart' from the above passage.
- d. Why was the writer surprised?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [10]

- a) Why did Mandela thank the international leaders?
 - b) What did Mr. Petronski's letter say?
 - c) Who was Gautama Buddha? When and where was he born?
 - d) What was Mrs. Pumphrey's reaction after hearing Tricki's good health?
 - e) How is Ausable different from other secret agents?
 - f) Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated?
10. Give a brief character sketch of Mr. Keesing. [8]

OR

How did Valli behave with the passengers on her journey? What was its impact on the passengers?

11. 'The Necklace' reveals that vanity is an evil. It may bring joy for a short period but ultimately it leads to ruin. Write your views. [8]

OR

Describe Bholi's first-day experience at school. Did she enjoy it? Give a reasoned answer.