

# ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO. 3

## RAWATBHATA

### CLASS 09 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

#### PT - 3

Time Allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

#### Section A

1. **Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions carefully: (8 Marks)** [8]

The moon was coming up in the east, behind me, and stars were shining in the clear sky above me. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. I was happy to be alone high up above the sleeping countryside. I was flying my old Dakota aeroplane over France back to England. I was dreaming of my holiday and looking forward to being with my family. I looked at my watch: one thirty in the morning.

**I should call Paris Control soon**, I thought. As I looked down past the nose of the aeroplane, I saw the lights of a big city in front of me. I switched on the radio and said, **Paris Control, Dakota DS 088 here. Can you hear me? I'm on my way to England. Over.**

The voice from the radio answered me immediately: **DS 088, I can hear you. You ought to turn twelve degrees west now, DS 088, Over.**

I checked the map and the compass switched over to my second and last fuel tank and turned the Dakota twelve degrees west towards England.

'I'll be in time for breakfast,' I thought. A good big English breakfast! Everything was going well — it was an easy flight.

Paris was about 150 kilometers behind me when I saw the clouds. Storm clouds. They were huge. They looked like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky. I knew I could not fly up and over them, and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or south.

**I ought to go back to Paris**, I thought, but I wanted to get home. I wanted that breakfast. **I'll take the risk**, I thought and flew that old Dakota straight into the storm.

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes: the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any eight of the following questions briefly: (1×8=8)**

- a. How was the sky when he began his flight?
  - i. Dark and cloudy
  - ii. Clear and stars were shining
  - iii. Rainy
  - iv. Sunny
- b. Where was he going from Paris?

- i. England
  - ii. America
  - iii. India
  - iv. France
- c. Why couldn't he believe his eyes?
- i. He was lost
  - ii. It was a dark night
  - iii. He had reached the destination
  - iv. The compass was dead
- d. What was the condition of other instruments?
- i. They were not working
  - ii. They were alright
  - iii. They were lost
  - iv. They were broken
- e. What was he dreaming of?
- i. His picnic
  - ii. His holiday
  - iii. His career
  - iv. His Studies
- f. The voice on the radio answered him giving directions to \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Why couldn't he fly around the dark clouds and reach England?
- i. He was running short on fuel.
  - ii. He was lost somewhere
  - iii. He was so hungry
  - iv. He was overexcited
- h. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air when it was among the thick dark clouds.  
(True/False)

**Section B**

2. When Topsy got up in the morning and opened the window, she beheld a white puppy roaming on the roadside. She thought that any vehicle could crush him any moment. She could not resist and \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the story in 150-200 words. [8]

OR

Sneha wanted to write a story but could not go beyond a line or two. Taking help from, the information given below along with the lines Sneha wrote a complete story, in about 100-120 words. **(10)**

Mr. Aggarwal was a very wealthy businessman. One day he was alone sitting at his dining table when...

3. **There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write it with the correction in the spaces given. (4 marks)** [4]

	incorrect	correct
Once, the guru and his disciple	e.g. the	a

means came to this kingdom for fools.	(a) _____	_____
The guru made down his mind to	(b) _____	_____
leave it, because he thinks it was	(c) _____	_____
danger to stay in that town.	(d) _____	_____

4. **Rearrange the following to create-meaningful sentences : (do any four) (1×4=4)** [4]

- not/ find/ nowadays/ easy/ good/ is/ it/ friends/ to/ but
- many/ friendship/ know/ value/ infact/ not/ do/ of/ the/ good
- born/ Cockermouth/ was/ at/ England/ in/ he
- was/ poet/ nature/ of/ a/ wrote/ poems/ simplicity/ remarkable/ their/ for/ and/ many
- in/ God/ saw/ nature/ worshipped/ till/ it/ his/ in 1850/ death/ and

### Section C

5. **Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.** [4]

A slumber did my spirit seal-  
I had no human fears.  
She scented a thing that could not feel  
The touch of earthly years.  
No notion has she now, no force-  
She neither hears nor sees,  
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course  
With rocks and stones and trees

- Name the poet of the above lines.
- What does 'the slumber' refer to in the first line?
- What can she not feel?
- What does she do then?

6. Why did the author bring barium carbonate and who ate some of the poison? Write your answer in the context of The Bond of Love. [2]

OR

What was Jerome's real intention when he offered George and Harris to pack?

7. What did the doctor tell Sue? [2]

OR

How did the villagers make the helicopters drop regular quantities of the food? Write your answer in the context of Weathering the Storm in Ersama.

8. Why did the policeman not allow the westerners to enter the temple? [2]

OR

What does the poet appeal? Write your answer in the context of the Poem 'The Snake Trying'.

9. Draw a comparison between Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova. [6]

OR

What would happen if the tree is hacked and chopped? Write your answer in the context of Poem On Killing a Tree.