

ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO.3RAWATBHATA

PRE-MID TEST JULY 2019

CLASS: XI

SUB: ENGLISH CORE (CODE No. 301)

TIME 1:30 MINUTES

MAX MARKS: 50

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This question paper is divided into 4 sections:

Section A Reading Comprehension 12 Marks

Section B Writing 15 Marks

Section C Grammar 10 Marks

Section D Text Books 13 Marks

Section: A Reading 12 Marks

Q1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

1. A fisherman, enfeebled with age, could no longer go out to sea so he began fishing in the river. Every morning he would go down to the river and sit there fishing the whole day long. In the evening he would sell whatever he had caught, buy food for himself and go home. It was a hard life for an old man. One hot afternoon while he was trying to keep awake and bemoaning his fate, a large bird with silvery feathers alighted on a rock near him. It was Kaha, the heavenly bird. "Have you no one to care for you, grandpa?" asked the bird. "Not a soul." "You should not be doing such work at your age," said the bird. "From now on I will bring you a big fish every evening. You can sell it and live in comfort." True to her word, the bird began to drop a large fish at his doorstep every evening. All that the fisherman had to do was take it to the market and sell it. As big fish were in great demand, he was soon rolling in money. He bought a cottage near the sea, with a garden around it and engaged a servant to cook for him. His wife had died some years earlier. He had decided to marry again and began to look for a suitable woman.

2. One day he heard the royal courtier make an announcement. "Our king has news of a great bird called Kaha," said the courtier. "Whoever can give information about this bird and help catch it, will be rewarded with half the gold in the royal treasury and half the kingdom!" The fisherman was sorely tempted by the reward. Half the kingdom would make him a prince!

3. "Why does the king want the bird?" he asked. "He has lost his sight," explained the courtier. "A wise man has advised him to bathe his eyes with the blood of Kaha. Do you know where she can be found?" "No...I mean...no, no..." Torn between greed and his sense of gratitude to the bird, the fisherman could not give a coherent reply. The courtier, sensing that he knew something about the bird, informed the king. The king had him brought to the palace.

4. "If you have information about the bird, tell me," urged the king. "I will reward you handsomely and if you help catch her, I will personally crown you king of half my domain." "I will get the bird for you," cried the fisherman, suddenly making up his mind. "But Kaha is strong. I will need help." The king sent a dozen soldiers with him. That evening when the bird came with the fish, the fisherman called out to her to wait. "You drop the fish and go and I never get a chance to thank you for all that you've done for me," he said. "Today I have laid out a feast for you inside. Please alight and come in." Kaha was reluctant to accept the invitation but the fisherman pleaded so earnestly that she finally gave in, and alighted. The moment she was on the

ground, the fisherman grabbed one of her legs and shouted to the soldiers hiding in his house to come out. They rushed to his aid but their combined effort could not keep Kaha down.

5. She rose into the air with the fisherman still clinging onto her leg. By the time he realised he was being carried away, the fisherman was too high in the air to let go. He hung on grimly, and neither he nor Kaha were ever seen again.

A) Answer the following questions 2x5=10

- a. Why did the fisherman stammer when asked if he knew about the bird?
- b. How did the fisherman get Kaha to come down?
- c. What does the phrase 'rolling in money' in the passage refer to?
- d. Why was the fisherman doubtful about revealing information about Kaha to the courtier?
- e. Mention two traits of character of fisherman revealed through the story.
- f. How did the bird manage to escape?

1.3 Pick out the words/phrases from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following:

1x2 =2

- i. Take off (Para 1)
- ii. Released (Para 4)

Section B Writing (15 Marks)

Q2) You are Kabir/Kuheli Secretary Cultural Club of your school. Your school is organizing a Classical Dance workshop during the winter break for senior students of the school. Draft a notice for the school notice board informing the students with all relevant details. 04 Marks

OR

You are principal Delhi Public School, Rose Vihar Kota. Draft an advertisement for the vacant post of Teacher in your school to be published in the classified columns of a daily newspaper in not more than 50 words.

Q3) You are Suraj/ Soumya a member of Health club of your school. You are disturbed at the increasing instances of students facing stress due to examinations. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on "How to beat examination related stress". (150 to 200 words) 05 Marks

OR

You are Ramesh/ Remya. You attended an elocution competition on "Health Problem in India" organized by your school. Write a report on the event in about 150-200 words.

Q4) You are Rajesh/Rani of 45, New city area, Kolkata. Write a letter to the Editor, The Hindu complaining about the badly maintained roads in your area. 06 Marks

OR

You are Subhash/Sanchi of B-3/230, Dwarkesh Nagar, Manali. Last month you bought a Samsung Galaxy mobile from Rohan Electronics, Patel Nagar. Now it is not working properly. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about it.

Section C Grammar 10 Marks

Q5 A) Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences (1*2=2 marks)

a) Exercise/ mean/ does not/ to/ body/ pain/the

b) It/ should/ a safe/ programme/ and/ sensible/ be

Q5 B) Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. Write only the correct answers against the question numbers in your answer sheet. No need to copy the passage. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

All life on the earth can ultimately be traced back (a).....the sea creatures having limbs (b).....fingers rather than fins evolved from fishes about 335 millions years (c)..... the new fossil (d)..... in the rock formation near Scotland provides one of the few (e)..... to what has been happening (f)..... these 30 million years.

(a) (i) at (ii) in (iii) to (iv) into

(b) (i) and (ii) or (iii) on (iv) with

(c) (i) ago (ii) past (iii) away (iv) before

(d) (i) find (ii) found (iii) finds (iv) was found

(e) (i) cluing (ii) clued (iii) clue (iv) clues

(f) (i) between (ii) in (iii) to (iv) into

Q6) Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms given in the brackets and write the correct answers against correct blank number in your answer sheet. Do not copy the entire passage. $(\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3)$

a) I shall not go to his house unless he (invite).....me.

b) The police (catch).....the thief the last night.

c) The sun (shine)..... when we went out.

d) Bad students never (work).....hard

e) We(live)..... in Delhi since 1975.

f) I asked for lunch to my friend but he (take).....food already.

Q7) The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the answer sheet against correct blank number. No need to copy the passage

4 Marks

Incorrect

Correct

- (a) little girl was talking to his teacher
- (b) for whales. The teacher said it was
- (c) impossible to a whale to swallow
- (d) the human because, even though it
- was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

Section D Textual Questions (Literature) 13 Marks

Q8) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow 3 Marks

a) The cardboard shows me how it was
 When the two girl cousins went paddling by
 Each one holding one of my mother's hand
 And she the big girl some twelve years or so

- a) How were the girls going?1
 b) Who does she referred to?1
 c) What does the word 'cardboard' denote in the poem? 1

OR

b) some twenty thirty years later /she would laugh at the snapshot /"see Betty and Dolly."She'd say and look "how they/ dressed us for the beach." the Sea holiday/ was her past, mine is her laughter both wry/ with the laboured ease of loss.

- a) What was mother's reaction on seeing the photograph?
 b) How long back did the beach holiday take place?
 c) What is the poet's past?

Q9) Answer any five out of the following questions in about 40 words. 5*2=10 marks

- a) How does the story 'We are not Afraid to Die...' suggest that optimism helps to endure 'the direst stress'?
- b) Why grandmother did not like the school in the city?
- c) How did the Crewmen support the author when the ship was in danger because of storm?
- d) Explain the line from the poem The photograph "Its silence silences."
- e) Mention the odd ways in which the author's grandmother behaved before she died.