

SECTION –A: READING

(10 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. High up above the world, in the extreme north of Uttar Pradesh, the clouds swirl down to touch the Himalayas, smattering them with affectionate layers of fresh snow. Over the years the snow has accumulated into thick layers. This is Uttar Khand-the abode of sages and seers, munis and mahamunis, rishis and maharishis. This is Tapobhoomi-the land for meditation and penance and the birth place of two of our most sacred rivers-the Yamuna and the Ganga.
2. The Yamuna and the Ganges hurtle down steep canyons and deep ravines, cross the plains, unite at Allahabad to become the mighty Ganga which finds solace in the oceans. In its long journey, the Ganga drains 9,75,900 sq.km of land- roughly a fourth of the country. It imparts fertility and prosperity to 300 million people making the Gangetic plain one of the
3. most fertile and densely populated regions in the world.

Answer the following questions.

(5 Marks)

- a) Where do the Yamuna and the Ganga rush violently to?
- b) What is the importance of Uttar Khand?
- c) How is the Gangetic plain helping various regions in the world?
- d) Write the word that means:
  - (i) flow at varying speed with twists and turns.
  - (ii) Explain - to find solace.

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

Trees are the kindest things I know,  
They do not harm, they simply grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows,  
And gather birds among the boughs....  
They are the first when day's begun  
To touch the beams of morning sun,  
They are the last to hold the light  
When evening changes into night,  
And when a moon floats on the sky  
They hum a drowsy lullaby  
Of sleepy children long ago....  
Tree are the kindest things that I know.

Fill in the blanks:

(5 Marks)

- a) The poet feels that trees are the ..... gift of nature to mankind.
- b) They grow on this earth and provide ..... to the sleeping cows.
- c) The ..... of the morning sun fall on the trees.
- d) They seem to be singing a drowsy ..... when the moon appears in the night sky.
- e) The sweet music produced by the trees makes the .....go to sleep.

## SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(15 Marks)

Q3. You are the CCA Captain. The school management has decided to conducted English Elocution competition instead of English Skit for classes VI – XII. Inform the details with regards to the event and also give a topic for the competition. (3 Marks)

Q4. Write an article on “Child labour and its ill effects.” (5 Marks)

Q5. Complete each sentence below using the appropriate forms of the verbs in brackets.

(6 x ½ = 3Marks)

- I..... [phone] you when I..... [get] home from school.
- If it..... [rain] today, we..... [not] go to the play.
- When you..... [see] Mandal again, you..... [not/recognise] him. He is growing a beard.

Q6. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. (1x4 = 4 Marks)

- the/body/sleep is/essential/a good night's/for
- to/catch/people/get/sleep/cold/7 hours/who less than/of/are/likely
- loss of/may also/appetite/they/experience
- sleep deeply/comfortable/hence to/clothes/relax/and/wear/one must

## SECTION C - LITERATURE

(15 Marks)

Q7 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. (1x3 = 3 marks)

“Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,  
And out of the door turned the poor little cricket.  
Folks call this fable. I'll warrant it true;  
Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.”

- What is meaning of the word ‘Fable’?
- What does the poet here means by the last line, “Some crickets..... have two.”?
- Do you think the behavior of the ant was appropriate?

Q8 Answer any THREE of the following Questions in 30-40 words each (2x3 = 6 Marks)

- What were the factors/ reasons that led to the Revolt of 1857? (Give atleast 2 reasons)
- Why is the Scotland Yard baffled by Macavity, the Mystery Cat?
- Do you think games and sports are a good way to resolve disputes. Give reasons to support your answer.
- What are the two different ideas about why so few animals are killed during a natural calamity?

Q9. Answer any THREE of the following Questions in 30-40 words each. (2x3 = 6 Marks)

- Do you think that you are luckier than the children like Velu and Jaya. Give reasons for your answer.
- What kind of material was Jaya's house built off? Why did Velu find it strange?
- Can the story ‘How the camel got his hump’ be related to real life? Give reasons.
- The camel was too engrossed in self appreciation. What does it suggest to you about the camel?