

Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission
Model Answer for Special Test – 2020
Sub – English
Class – VII

Full Marks - 100

1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Velan was perfectly contented and happy. He demanded nothing more of life. As far as he could see, the people in the big house too seemed to be equally at peace with life. One saw no reason why these good things should not go on and on for ever. But Death peeped around the corner. One midnight he was awakened and told that the master was dead. "What is to Happen to the garden and to me ? The sons are no good", he thought at once.

And his fears proved to be not entirely groundless. The sons were no good, really. They stayed for a year more, quarrelled among themselves and went away to live in another house. A year later some other family came in as tenants. The moment they saw Velan they said, "Old gardener ? Don't be up to any tricks. We know the sort you are. We will sack you if you don't behave yourself". Velan found life intolerable. These people had no regard for a garden.

Fortune, however, soon favoured him. The tenants left. The house was locked up for a few years. Occasionally one of the sons of the late owner came round and inspected the garden. Gradually even this ceased. They left the keys of the house with Velan. Occasionally a prospective tenant came down, had the house opened and went away after remarking that it was in ruins. A year later another tenant came, and then another and then a third. No one remained for more than a few months. And then the house acquired the reputation of being haunted.

Even the owners dropped the practice of coming and seeing the house. Velan was very nearly the master of the house now. The keys were with him. He was also growing old.

A) Choose the correct alternative: -

5×1 = 5

- i) Velan was the gardener of the house.
a) caretaker b) owner c) gardener

- ii) Velan was perfectly happy in that big house.
a) happy b) angry c) sad

iii) After Velan's master's death he was worried about his garden.

a) village b) own son c) garden

iv) Velan's master's sons were bad.

a) good b) bad c) lazy

v) The house acquired the reputation of being haunted.

a) luxurious b) royal c) haunted

B) Answer the following questions: -

5×1 = 5

i) From where is the above text taken?

Ans : The above text is taken from the short story 'The Axe' written by R.K. Narayan.

ii) Who was Velan ?

Ans : Velan was the old gardener of a big house in the story 'The Axe' written by R.K.Narayan .

iii) Did the tenants have any regard for the garden?

Ans : No, the tenants had no regard for the garden.

iv) Did the owners of the house visit the house frequently?

Ans : At first, the owners of the house used to visit the house occasionally. Later they stopped that practice too.

v) How long did the tenants remain in the big house?

Ans : The tenants remained in the big house not more than a few months.

C) Identify which of the following statements are true or false. Give a supporting statement for each of your answer :-

5×2 = 10

i) Velan was very happy in the big house.

Ans : True.

S.S- Velan was perfectly contented and happy.

ii) The other people of the big house were not so happy.

Ans : False

S.S- As far as he could see, the people in the big house too seemed to be equally at peace with life.

iii) The death of his master made Velan afraid of his future.

Ans : True.

S.S- "What is to happen to the garden and to me?"

iv) The first tenants loved the garden very much.

Ans : False.

S.S- These people had no regard for a garden.

v) Velan became almost the master of the house.

Ans : True.

S.S- Velan was very nearly the master of the house now.

D) Complete the following sentences with information from the text :- 5×1 = 5

i) One midnight Velan was told that the master of the house was dead.

ii) A year later some other family came in as tenants.

iii) Occasionally one of the sons of the late owner came round and inspected the garden.

iv) The sons of the late owner left the keys of the house with Velan.

v) Even the owners dropped the practice of coming and seeing the house.

2) Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :-

A simple child,
That lightly draws its breath,
And feels its life in every
limb, What should it know of
death ?

I met a little cottage girl
She was eight years old, she
said Her hair was thick with
many a curl That clustered
round her head

She had a rustic Woodland
air And she was wildly
clad;
Her eyes were fair and very
fair; Her beauty made me
glad.

"Sisters and brothers, little
made How many may you be
?
How many ? seven in all", She
said, And wondering looked at
me .

"And where are they ? I pray you
tell". She answered, "Seven are
we
And two of us at conway
dwell And two are gone to
sea.

Two of us in the churchyard
lie, My sister and my
brother;
And in the churchyard cottage I
Dwell near them with my
mother

A) Choose the correct alternative :-

5×1 = 5

- i) The girl whom the poet met was **eight** years old.
a) seven b) eight c) nine
- ii) Her hair was **thick and curly**.
a) thick and straight b) curly c) thick and curly
- iii) Her eyes were **very fair**.
a) blue b) very fair c) brown
- iv) She had a **rustic** look.
a) sophisticated b) rustic c) bohemian
- v) The girl lost **a brother and a sister**.
a) two brothers b) a brother and a sister c) two sisters

B) Answer the following questions :-

5×1 = 5

i) How was the little girl ?

Ans : The little girl was simple, innocent and energetic.

ii) What does the little girl say about her living brothers and sisters ?

Ans : The little girl says that two of her brothers and sisters dwell at Conway and two have gone to sea.

iii) With whom did the girl live ?

Ans: The girl lived with her mother.

iv) How many brothers and sisters of the little girl lay buried in the churchyard ?

Ans: Two of the little girl's siblings – her brother and sister lay buried in the Churchyard.

v) Where did the little girl live ?

Ans: The little girl lived in the Churchyard Cottage.

Unseen

3) Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions :-

We are Bengalees. Bengali is our mother tongue. We live in West Bengal. It is a very beautiful state. There are many Hills and rivers in our state. A considerable Part of the state is covered by forests which are full of green trees and beautiful flowers. The Bay of Bengal is to the south of the state. The tea gardens in the north are full of beauty.

There are over five crores of people in West Bengal. The population of the state includes Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Jains, Christians, Gorkhas and many others. All these people live here like brothers and sisters. They love West Bengal and work for it. We are very proud of our state.

A) Answer the following questions :-

5×1 = 5

i) Where do the Bengalees live ?

Ans : The Bengalees live in West Bengal.

ii) What is the mother tongue of the Bengalees ?

Ans : Bengali is the mother tongue of the Bengalees.

iii) Name the people who live in West Bengal ?

Ans : Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Jains, Christians, Gorkhas and many others live in West Bengal.

iv) How many people live in West Bengal ?

Ans : More than five crores of people live in West Bengal.

v) How do the people of West Bengal live ?

Ans : The people of West Bengal live here like brothers and sisters

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the text :-

5×1 = 5

i) The Bay of Bengal is to the south of West Bengal.

ii) There are tea gardens to the north of West Bengal.

iii) There are green trees and beautiful flowers in the Forest of West Bengal.

iv) The population includes Hindus, Muslims etc.

v) People live here like brothers and sisters.

C) Right 'T' for true and 'F' for false ones :-

5×1 = 5

i) Our mothers speak Bengali. - T

ii) There is no forest in West Bengal. - F

iii) The Bay of Bengal is a big lake. - F

iv) Our forests are devoid of flowers. - F

v) We boast of our state. T

Radiant Readers

4) Answer the following questions :-

5×2 = 10

A)

i) What did Prince Thutmose do when he came to the sphinx ?

Ans : As Prince Thutmose was very tired for the long ride and the day was very hot, he wanted to take rest. So, he lay down in the shade of the huge lion and fell asleep soon.

ii) How do we know the story of Thutmose ?

Ans : Prince Thutmose himself believed in the promise of the Sphinx which made him King. So, he had carved the whole story on a big Slab of stone and set between the paws of the Sphinx. It remains there still now.

iii) What did Tell do when he saw the hat ?

Ans: William Tell was a brave man who had no wish to obey Gessler's order. So, he walked past Gessler's hat not bowing down. When Gessler's soldiers ordered him to bow down, Tell only laughed.

iv) What did Tell's son say to his father when he heard about Gessler's orders ?

Ans : When he heard about Gessler's orders Tell's son asked his father to shoot the apple without being afraid. He also said that he would stand still and he was not afraid at all.

v) Why do the cattle not raise their heads while they are grazing ?

Ans : The winter days were dull and dreary. So, the whole nature seems to be happy at the advent of the spring. The Cattle also had to remain confined and eat hay during the winter. When the cattle get the chance to graze in the field, they become much busy in eating the fresh grass of the field. So, they do not raise their heads.

B) Use the following words and phrases in sentences of your own :- **5×1 = 5**

- i) carved out – The Sculptor **carved out** the statue beautifully.
- ii) in times to come – People will remember his greatness **in times to come.**
- iii) Promise – Everyone should keep his **promise.**
- iv) the best shot – The man wanted to be famous as **the best shot.**
- v) miss by so much as a hair – unfortunately the hunter **missed** his target **by so much as a hair.**

Grammar

5) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :- **5×1 = 5**

- i) Good results depend **on** hard work.
- ii) The shopkeeper deals well **with** his customers.
- iii) Translate the passage **into** English.
- iv) The criminal is now **under** arrest.
- v) Bina is suffering **from** Malaria.

6) Change the voice :-

5×1 = 5

i) Mou does not help me.

Ans : I am not helped by Mou.

ii) When did you post the letter ?

Ans : When was the letter posted by you?

iii) The cat drank all the milk.

Ans : All the milk was drunk by the cat.

iv) Are the boys playing football ?

Ans : Is football being played by the boys?

v) I was satisfied with his work.

Ans : His work satisfied me.

7) Complete the following sentences using infinitives with verbs from the list : 5×1 = 5

i) You need not **fear** us.

ii) Birds have wings **to fly** in the sky.

iii) To sleep we need peace of mind.

iv) Don't make me **laugh**.

v) To err is human.

[List :- err, fly, laugh, fear, sleep]

8) Change the following sentences from direct to indirect :-

5×1 = 5

i) Amar said to Rafija, "I have passed the exam".

Ans : Amar told Rafija that he had passed the exam.

ii) Rahaman said, "yesterday we were happy"

Ans : Rahaman said that they had been happy the previous day.

iii) The poor man said, "I am having a bad time".

Ans : The poor man said that he was having a bad time.

iv) Rupsee said, "The sun rises in the east".

Ans : Rupsee said that the Sun rises in the east.

v) Budan said to Piuli, "I scored a century yesterday".

Ans : Budan told Piuli that he had scored a century the previous day.

9) Translate into English :-

7×1 = 7

i) পুলিছ আসাৰ আগে চোৱটি পালিয়েছিল।

Ans : The thief had fled before the Police came.

ii) আমৰা কাল পুকুৰে সাঁতাৰ কাটবো না।

Ans : We shall not swim in the pond tomorrow.

iii) মা সকালে ৰান্না কৰতে থাকবেন।

Ans : Mother will be cooking in the morning.

iv) তোমৰা নিশ্চয়ই ৰবীন্দ্ৰনাথৰ নাম শুনে থাকবে।

Ans : You must have heard the name of Rabindranath.

v) আমাৰ কোন অতিৰিক্ত জামা নেই।

Ans : I have no extra shirt.

vi) এই পুকুৰটি গঙ্গাৰ মতই গভীৰ।

Ans : This pond is as deep as the Ganges.

vii) তাৰা কি ক্লাসে গোলমাল কৰছিল না?

Ans : Were they not making a noise in the class?

1) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on banning polybags and plastic packets.

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Write a paragraph on --- “your Favourite National Hero”.

Letter

To,
The Editor,
The Telegraph,
Kolkata-700001

Sub- Banning of polybags and plastic packets.

Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper I would like to draw the attention of

the concerned authorities to the need of immediate banning of polybags and plastic packets.

Plastic pollution is one of the greatest problems of our modern life. Today plastic packets are used recklessly. Toys, medical instruments, household wares, carry bags are also made from plastic. Many of us do not know that plastic reacts with food and makes it toxic. Moreover, these polybags and plastic packets are non-biodegradable. They are thrown away after being used. This often clogs drains causing accumulation of filthy water in places. When plastics are burnt for disposal, they give out poisonous gases which may cause asthma, skin disease and even cancer. Plastic wastes reduce the fertility of the soil.

It is, therefore, high time for the Government to formulate strict laws to ban the use of plastic to save our existence.

Address of sender:

Date :

Yours faithfully,

Name : _____

Or,

Your favourite National Hero

Great heroes are honoured in every country. In our country, too, many great heroes were born in the past. They were great patriots. They sacrificed their lives for their country's freedom. Among the great heroes of modern India, the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra is uppermost in my mind. His life is a great ideal to us. It inspires every Indian with ardent patriotism. Subhas Chandra Bose was born on 23rd January, 1897 in Cuttack. His father was a famous lawyer. He came of a very well-to-do family. Even as a child he showed signs of future greatness. He passed the Matriculation Examination from Cuttack. Then he joined the Presidency Collage, Calcutta. He also passed the I.C.S. Examination. But he was not interested in becoming a high official. He chose the difficult path of serving his motherland. He joined the movement of the Indian National Congress. He had to suffer much all through his life. During the Second World War he escaped from India to Germany and Japan. He raised the Indian National Army. The members of the I.N.A. lovingly called him 'Nataji'. It is said that he met his death from the crashing of an aeroplane. But many Indians still do not believe that he died in that plane crash. The life of Netaji Subhas Chandra is a bright example of wonderful patriotism and indomitable spirit. Hence I regard him as my favourite national hero.

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