



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

PRE-MIDTERM EXAMINATION (2022-2023)

Class: VII

ENGLISH

Max Marks: 30

Date: 29.05.2022

Time: 1 hour

Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory
- (ii) The question paper consists of four sections. Section A-Reading (10 marks), Section B- Grammar (6 marks), Section C- Writing (5 marks) and Section D- Literature (9 marks).
- (iii) Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.
- (iv) Use of correction fluid (whitener) is prohibited.
- (v) Note: This paper consists of 6 printed pages.

SECTION A: READING (10 marks)

Q1 Read the given passage carefully.

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

Sophie Amundsen was on her way home from school. She had walked the first part of the way with Joanna. They had been discussing about robots. Joanna thought the human brain was like an advanced computer. Sophie was not certain she agreed. Surely a person was more than a piece of hardware?

When they got to the supermarket they went their separate ways. Sophie lived on the outskirts of a sprawling suburb and had almost twice as far to school as Joanna. There were no other houses beyond her garden, which made it seem as if her house lay at the end of the world. This was where the woods began.

She turned the corner into Clover Close. At the end of the road there was a sharp bend, known as Captain's Bend. People seldom went that way except on the weekend.

It was early May. In some of the gardens the fruit trees were encircled with dense clusters of daffodils. The birches were already in pale green leaf.

It was extraordinary how everything burst forth at this time of year! What made this great mass of green vegetation come welling up from the dead earth as soon as it got warm and the last traces of snow disappeared?

As Sophie opened her garden gate, she looked in the mailbox. There was usually a lot of junk mail and a few big envelopes for her mother, a pile to dump on the kitchen table before she went up to her room to start her homework.

From time to time there would be a few letters from the bank for her father, but then he was not a normal father. Sophie's father was the captain of a big oil tanker, and was away for most of the year. During the few weeks at a time when he was at home, he would shuffle around the house making it nice and cozy for Sophie and her mother. But when he was at sea he could seem very distant.

There was only one letter in the mailbox — and it was for Sophie. The white envelope read: "Sophie Amundsen, 3 Clover Close."

That was all; it did not say who it was from. There was no stamp on it either.

As soon as Sophie had closed the gate behind her she opened the envelope. It contained only a slip of paper no bigger than the envelope. It read: Who are you?

Nothing else, only the three words, written by hand, and followed by a large question mark. She looked at the envelope again. The letter was definitely for her. Who could have dropped it in the mailbox?

Sophie let herself quickly into the red house. As always, her cat Sherekan managed to slink out of the bushes, jump onto the front step, and slip in through the door before she closed it behind her. Whenever Sophie's mother was in a bad mood, she would call the house they lived in a menagerie. A menagerie was a collection of animals. Sophie certainly had one and was quite happy with it. It had begun with the three goldfish, Goldtop, Red Ridinghood, and Black Jack. Next, she got two budgerigars called Smitt and Smule, then Govinda the tortoise, and finally the marmalade cat Sherekan. They had all been given to her to make up for the fact that her mother never got home from work until late in the afternoon and her father was away so much, sailing all over the world. Sophie slung her schoolbag on the floor and put a bowl of cat food out for Sherekan. Then she sat down on a kitchen stool with the mysterious letter in her hand.

Who are you?

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct options. (1X5=5)

1. Why does Sophie have so many pets?

- a. She buys animals to keep her company.
- b. She rescued them from the pet shelter.
- c. They were given to her by her friend Joanna.
- d. They are gifts from her parents for not being around.

2. What was unusual about the envelope for Sophie? Choose two options.

- a. It didn't have her full address.
- b. It didn't have a sender's name
- c. It didn't have a stamp.
- d. It was written by hand.

3. In which season is the story set?

- a. Winter
- b. Spring
- c. Summer
- d. Autumn

4. How does Sophie feel about the mysterious letter she received?

- a. She is excited.
- b. She is frightened.
- c. She is curious.
- d. She is angry.

5. "There were no other houses beyond her garden, which made it seem as if her house lay at the end of the world." What does this line show?

- a. It makes Sophie's house feel like a living thing.
- b. It tells the readers how Sophie's friends feel about her.
- c. It gives the story rhythm and makes it fun to read.
- d. It shows how isolated Sophie feels from other people.

QII. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions by choosing the correct option.

I saw you hide your hands in line
behind that lady fair,

I noticed too, hers soft and white-
Immaculate from care.

But Ma, I say, it's no disgrace
to have workin' hands like you,
and had she lived the life you have,
she'd have hands just like it too.

But her hands have never hauled in wood,
or worked in God's good earth.

They've probably never patched blue jeans,
or had worn ol' socks to darn.

They've never scrubbed a kitchen floor,
Or done dishes everyday.

They've never guided with those hands
a child who's lost the way.

So, you see, my dearest Mama yours
are hands of love.

And I bet the Lord will notice
when he greets you from above.

Answer the following questions by choosing the correct options:

(1X5=5)

1. The poet's mother wants to hide her hands from the

- (a) child.
- (b) fair lady.
- (c) people in the queue.
- (d) poet's father.

2. The fair lady's hands were

- (a) rough and coarse.
- (b) soft and dark.
- (c) soft and white.

(d) ugly.

3. Pick out the word from the poem which means ‘unstained or flawless’.

(a) darn.

(b) care.

(c) immaculate.

(d) soft.

4. Mother had worked hard to mend

(a) shawl and socks.

(b) socks and jeans.

(c) gloves and caps.

(d) jeans and caps.

5. The poet finds his mother’s hands

(a) disgraceful.

(b) shameful.

(c) dreadful.

(d) honorable.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (6 marks)

QIII. Choose the correct article to complete the sentence.

(1/2X6=3)

1. Who are _____ people in this photograph?

a. a

b. an

c. the

d. no article required

2. _____ English uses many words from Latin origin.

a. a

b. an

c. the

d. no article required

3. How many strings does _____ bass guitar have?

- a. a
- b. an
- c. the
- d. no article required

4. My brother always exercises for _____ hour in the morning.

- a. a
- b. an
- c. the
- d. no article required

5. Help! Somebody please call _____ policeman!

- a. a
- b. an
- c. the
- d. no article required

6. _____ Amazon Rain Forest is located in South America.

- a. a
- b. an
- c. the
- d. no article required

QIV. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles (put X if no article is required).

(1/2X6=3)

Mr. Coleman was (1) ___ very fastidious person. He lived three (2) ___ streets away from us, in (3) ___ small house with (4) ___ most beautiful garden in the neighborhood. He had taken (5) _____ early retirement from his job as (6) ___ button counter. So, he had plenty of time to worry, and this he did very successfully.

SECTION C: WRITING (5 marks)

Q V. Write on any one from the two topics given below.

(1x5=5)

1. Today you happened to visit the market where you saw an old building that used to be your primary school. Now the school has been moved to another place. Make a diary entry, recording your feelings in it in a single paragraph. (80-100 words)

OR

2. You are Raju/Ranjana of Salwan Public School, New Delhi. You are motivated by the 'Clean India Campaign' initiated by the Prime Minister of India and you also participated in it in your own way in your colony. Taking help from the hints given below, write a diary entry in a single paragraph, recording your experience and feelings. (80-100 words).

(Hints: • PM's 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' • motivated millions of young children like me • called a meeting of all young boys and girls • volunteers • started removing dirt • bought new bins • distributed pamphlets • enlightened public • good results • appreciable change in the mindsets • things in the right direction • I feel proud of myself and my companions)

SECTION D: LITERATURE (9 marks)

QVI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow. (1x3=3)

I. 'They belong to whoever rubs the lamp or the ring, and they've got to do whatever he says.'

- a. Who is the speaker?
- b. Whom is the speaker speaking to?
- c. Who are 'they' mentioned in the above lines?

QVII. Match the following. (1/2x4=2)

- | A | B |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sight or Awareness | (a) stupid |
| 2. Grasped | (b) surprise attack |
| 3. Pinhead | (c) Clutched |
| 4. Ambush | (d) Ken |

QVIII. Answer the following questions in brief. (1x2=2)

- 1. Why did the man in the poem, 'The Fog', rap the stones?
- 2. Where is the poem, 'The Fog' by William Henry Davies set?

QIX. Answer the question in detail. (2x1=2)

- 1. What happened at the Sunday-school picnic?
