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SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
PRE-MID TERM EXAMINATION 2024-25
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (101)



Class: X

Date: 31.07.24

Duration: 1 hr

Max Marks: 25

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (7 marks)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.

1. D. Concept and Exemplification.

Paragraph 1 introduces the concept of the "envy trap," while paragraph 2 provides an example to illustrate this concept.

2. C. Celebrate our achievements big or small

3. B. Exclusive paths define each person's characteristic narrative.

Paragraph 3 conveys that everyone's journey is unique and that each person has their own distinct story with different highs and lows that shape who they are.

4. B. Gratitude helps us focus

5. Contentment: Protection

6. True

7. B. (1), (2) and (4)

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (7+ 4 marks)

II. Your school has added a new Aeroponics tower for students of Classes VIII-XII. Write a brief description of the Aeroponics tower in 100 words.

Our school's new Aeroponics tower is a cutting-edge addition designed for students of Classes VIII-XII. This innovative system allows plants to grow without soil, using a nutrient-rich mist to deliver essential minerals directly to the roots. The tower provides a hands-on learning experience, helping students understand plant biology, sustainable agriculture, and environmental science. Through this project, students can explore topics like plant nutrition, water conservation, and the benefits of advanced farming techniques. The Aeroponics tower not only enhances our science curriculum but also promotes eco-friendly practices and inspires future innovations in agricultural technology.

III. Write an Email to your parents to invite them for the investiture ceremony, where you are to receive a badge of head boy/ head girl. Give them some details about the program.
4 marks

To:
From:

Subject: Invitation to Investiture Ceremony – Receiving the Head Boy/Head Girl Badge

Dear Mom and Dad,

I hope this email finds you well. I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you. I have been selected as the Head Boy/Head Girl of our school for the upcoming academic year!

The investiture ceremony will be held on [date] at [time] in the school auditorium. It would mean the world to me to have you both there to share this special moment. The program will include a speech by the principal, the formal presentation of badges, and a short performance by the school choir. Refreshments will be served afterward.

I am looking forward to celebrating this achievement with you.

Yours Faithfully/truly,
[Your Full Name]

IV. Make one sentence from two. Use the words in the bracket in your sentence.

4 marks

a. Although my foot was injured, I managed to walk to the nearest village.

or I managed to walk to the nearest village although my foot was injured.

b. I enjoyed the film in spite of the silly story.

Or In spite of the story being silly I enjoyed the film.

Or In spite of the silliness of the story I enjoyed the movie.

Or In spite of the fact that the story was silly I enjoyed the movie.

Or in spite of the silly story, I enjoyed the film.

c. I got very wet in the rain even though I had an umbrella.

Or even though I had an umbrella, I got wet in the rain.

d. Despite living in the same street, we hardly ever see each other.

Or despite the fact that we live in the same street we hardly ever see each other.

Or we hardly ever see each other despite living in the same street.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (7 marks)

V. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follows:

1x3=3marks

a. D. Monarch's power is ephemeral

b. D. Live through this poem

c. Yes, the narrator likes writing ghost stories because a ghost story has been his first fiction. The idea comes to the narrator out of nowhere when Jenkins wants the narrator to write, the story comes by itself and the narrator is always able to dig one story.

OR

No, the writer had no desire to write ghost stories. He lacked the self-confidence as he himself talked of how he didn't specialised in her stories instead he said that the ghost stories specialised in him.

VI. Attempt ANY Two of the four questions given below, within 30-43 words each. 2x2=4 marks

a. The statue of Ozymandias was found in a distant desert. The head of the statue was broken and nearby two vast legs of stone stood without a body. The head was half sunk in the sand. The statue had a bitter and cruel expression of command and power.

b. The poet refers to Time as sluttish because it spoils the marbled or gilded monuments. It discolours them, spoils them and ruins them gradually through its various agents or forces. The poet also personifies time as a whore, a woman who is unfaithful, because time is never the same for a person and even great men are forgotten with the passage of time.

c. She urged the narrator to influence his friends and acquaintances to stop using the Ouija board. It was on this condition she promised to help the narrator to write stories.