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ENGLISH MS SET 1

Class: VII

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Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION - A READING (7 Marks)

I. Read the following comprehension and answer the questions briefly:

1x7=7

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Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. It goes beyond mere sympathy, which is feeling pity for someone; instead, empathy involves "stepping into someone else's shoes." This quality is essential for building strong communities and fostering kindness in our daily interactions. When we practice empathy, we become better listeners and more supportive friends, as we try to perceive the world from a perspective different from our own.

In a digital age where communication often happens through screens, practicing empathy has become more challenging yet more vital than ever. Online interactions can sometimes lack the emotional depth of face-to-face conversations, leading to misunderstandings or unkind behaviour. However, by taking a moment to consider how our words might affect others, we can create a more positive and inclusive environment. Empathy allows us to bridge gaps between different cultures and backgrounds, helping us realize that despite our differences, we all share similar human emotions and needs.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the questions:

1. According to the passage, how does empathy differ from sympathy? (1)
2. Why is empathy considered more challenging in the digital age? (1)
3. Name one benefit of practicing empathy mentioned in the text. (1)
4. What is the result of considering how our words affect others online? (1)
5. How does the passage define the phrase "stepping into someone else's shoes"? (1)
6. In what way does empathy help bridge gaps between different cultures? (1)
7. "Empathy is essential for building strong communities." Do you agree? Justify your answer based on the passage. (1)

1. **Empathy** means understanding and sharing feelings, while **sympathy** is only feeling pity.
2. Because online communication lacks **emotional depth** and can cause misunderstandings.
3. It helps us become **better listeners** and more supportive friends.

4. To create a more **positive and inclusive** environment.
5. It means trying to **perceive the world** from a perspective different from our own.
6. It helps us realize that all people share **similar human emotions** and needs.
7. **Yes**, because empathy fosters the **kindness and support** needed to build strong communities.

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)

II. You recently visited a beautiful hill station during your summer vacation. Write a diary entry describing the scenery and how the trip made you feel. 1x4=4

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Dear Diary,

Today I visited a beautiful hill station during my summer vacation. The lush green valleys, cool breeze, and misty mountains made the place look magical. The sound of birds and flowing water was very calming. I felt relaxed and happy being so close to nature. This trip refreshed my mind and filled me with peace and joy. It was truly an unforgettable experience.

III A. Find out the main clause, the subordinate clause and rewrite the sentences: 1x2=2

1. Because the bell rang, the students left the classroom.
2. I will call you after I finish my homework.

1. Main clause: the students left the classroom

Subordinate clause: Because the bell rang

2. Main clause: I will call you

Subordinate clause: after I finish my homework

B. Choose the correct answers: 1x2=2

1. The long trek was very **tiring** / tireless, and we needed to rest.
2. It is **lawful** / lawless to follow the traffic rules while driving.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 marks)

IV. Choose the correct answer to the following questions: 1x3=3

1. Which of the following is NOT a reason why Ivan hesitated to look at the winning lottery numbers immediately?
 - a. He wanted to savour the moment.
 - b. He thought there was plenty of time to be disappointed.
 - c. **He was afraid of losing the ticket.**
 - d. He was enjoying the implications of winning.
2. Which of the following is NOT a reason why Ivan considered going abroad in the winter after winning the lottery?
 - a. He wanted to experience different cultures.

- b. He thought Masha might worry about the house and children.
- c. He preferred warm climates like the south of France and Italy.
- d. He wanted to avoid the cold and wet winters.

3. Pushing the limits means ...

- a. putting your shoulder against the wall to push.
- b. forcing away the limitations that cause hindrances.
- c. attempting to go a little further than is usually considered advisable.
- d. putting away all stress and worry.

V. Attempt the questions given below, within 30-43 words each.

2x2 = 4

1. Explain the significance of the number 46 in the story and its impact on Ivan and Masha's emotions.

The number 46 was the actual winning number on the ticket, causing a shift from excitement to realisation that they didn't win. It led to a moment of reflection on their contentment with their current life.

2. Write a short note on Jesse Owens.

Jesse Owens (James Cleveland Owens, 1913–1980) was an American track-and-field icon who made history at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by winning four gold medals in the 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump, and 4×100 meter relay. His victories were not only remarkable athletic achievements but also a powerful statement against Nazi Germany's ideology of racial superiority.

VI. Attempt ANY ONE of the questions given below.

1x3=3

1. How has technology affected the performance of swimmers?

Technology has impacted the performance of swimmers. Gutters built on sides of the pools prevents waves from slowing down the swimmers. Special swimsuits have been designed to reduce the drag or the slowing-down force of water. These days, even the depth and temperature of the pool are carefully calculated to improve speed.

2. What lesson or message about happiness and contentment do you think the story “The Lottery Ticket” conveys? Support your answer with examples from the text.

The story conveys the message that true happiness is not necessarily linked to wealth or external circumstances. Ivan and Masha realise that their current life, filled with simple joys, is already perfect, and the pursuit of material gains can potentially lead to discontent and strained relationships.
