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A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
PRE MID TERM 2026-27

ENGLISH SET1

Class: VII

Time: 1hr

Date: 20.07.26

Max Marks: 25

Admission no:

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

Wilma Rudolph was born in 1940 in Tennessee as a premature baby who faced severe health struggles. At the age of four, she contracted polio, a terrible disease that paralyzed her left leg. Doctors bluntly told her mother that Wilma would never walk again. However, her mother refused to accept this grim verdict and encouraged Wilma to believe otherwise. For years, her family meticulously massaged her leg every day, and she had to wear a heavy, uncomfortable metal brace just to stand up.

Against all medical expectations, Wilma's unyielding determination paid off. By the time she was twelve, she surprised everyone by discarding her heavy leg brace and walking completely on her own. She did not just stop at walking; she discovered a deep passion for running and joined her school's track team. Her natural speed, combined with an intense work ethic, quickly made her a standout athlete.

At the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Wilma made history by becoming the first American woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympic Games. She was instantly celebrated worldwide as "The Tornado," the fastest woman on Earth. Wilma's life story remains an enduring testament to the power of perseverance, showing generations of young people that physical limitations cannot restrict a person's spirit.

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

Q1. What major physical challenge did Wilma Rudolph face during her early childhood? [1 Mark]

- A) She lost her sight due to a severe injury. B) A disease left her left leg paralyzed.
C) She was unable to speak until age twelve. D) She suffered from a chronic heart condition.

Q2. How did Wilma surprise her doctors when she was twelve years old? [1 Mark]

- A) She won her first international running race.
B) She managed to walk completely without her metal leg brace.
C) She decided to become a professional doctor herself.
D) She invented a new type of therapy for polio patients.

Q3. What historic achievement did Wilma accomplish at the 1960 Olympic Games? [1 Mark]

- A) She became the oldest athlete to ever compete.
- B) She coached a team of young girls to victory.
- C) She became the first American woman to win three gold medals in one Olympics.
- D) She broke the world record for the long jump event.

Q4. Find a word in the passage that is an ANTONYM for 'surrendering'. [1 Mark]

Q5. Find a word from the passage that means: "very carefully, precisely, or with great attention to detail".

Q6. What did the doctors tell Wilma's mother when Wilma contracted polio? [1 Mark]

Q7. How did Wilma's family actively help her during her years of physical recovery? [1 Mark]

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)

II. A. Your friend who lives in another city recently won the first prize in an Inter-School Debate Competition. Write an email to congratulate them on their achievement. Express how proud you are, ask them how they prepared for it, and ask when they are visiting next to celebrate. Write the **email** in about 80–100 words.

OR

B. You are Reyan / Riya, a student of Grade VII. Your class is working on a major social science project that requires online research and digital presentations, but your scheduled computer lab time is only once a week. Write a **letter** to the Principal requesting extra computer lab slots for your class during free periods. 1x4=4

III. Complete the sentences using the clues provided in the brackets. 1x4=4

1. [Use the **gerund** form of the verb]: I really enjoy _____ (**read**) science fiction books in my free time.
2. [Use the **infinitive** form of the verb]: She promised _____ (**help**) me with my math homework after school today.
3. [Use the **present perfect continuous** tense]: Your clothes are covered in flour! _____ you _____ (**bake**) cakes in the kitchen?
4. [Use the **past perfect continuous** tense]: When the bell finally rang, the students _____ (**listen**) to the teacher's lecture for nearly an hour.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 Marks)

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

1. What misconception had Johnsy developed in her mind?

- A) she was great
- B) she can't be cured
- C) she would die with the fall of last the leaf on the creeper
- D) all

2. What are the weavers weaving in the early morning?

- A) Robes for a new-born child
- B) Marriage -Veils of a queen
- C) A dead man's funeral shroud
- D) A bright colored curtain

3. How did the ranger deal with the polar bear?

A) He gave him an injection.
C) He shot at it with a tranquilliser gun.
he could

B) He attacked it with a weapon.
D) He ran away from there as fast as

V. Attempt **ANY TWO** of the questions given below, within 30-43 words each.

2x2 = 4

1. What is the significance of the "halcyon wild" in the first stanza?
2. Why are the weavers described as "solemn and still" in the final stanza?
3. How was the writer and her family's stay in Iceland?

VI. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions in about 60-80 words:

1x3=3

1. Describe the polar bear that the author spotted. What did the ranger do with the bear?
2. What lessons can be learned from the story "The Last Leaf"?

*****ALL THE BEST*****