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SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

POST MID TERM EXAMINATION-2025-26
ENGLISH

Class: VII
Date: 06.1.26
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

1. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(7 marks)

In the heart of a dense forest stood an ancient banyan tree that had lived for hundreds of years. Many travellers, tired from their long journeys, would rest under its vast canopy. The villagers believed that the tree had witnessed countless events—storms, droughts, festivals, and even the rise and fall of kingdoms. Though the tree could not speak, its twisted branches and deep roots seemed to hold stories of the past. One evening, a young boy named Rohan, curious by nature, wandered into the forest after hearing tales about the tree. As he sat beneath it, a cool breeze rustled the leaves, making it sound almost as if the tree was whispering. Rohan felt a deep sense of calm, as though the tree was sharing its wisdom with him. From that day, he visited the banyan tree often, finding peace and inspiration beneath its silent yet powerful presence.

I. The banyan tree was believed to be how old?

(1)

- a) Fifty years old b) Hundreds of years old
c) A few decades old d) Thousands of years old

II. What did the villagers believe about the ancient banyan tree?

(1)

III. What made Rohan curious to visit the tree?

(1)

- a) He got lost in the forest. b) His teacher asked him to write about trees
c) He heard tales about the banyan tree. d) He wanted to pick fruits from the tree

IV. Find a word from the passage that means “strange or unusual, causing interest.”

(1)

V. What did Rohan feel when he sat under the tree?

(1)

- a) Fear b) Sleepiness
c) Hunger d) A deep sense of calm

VI. What did Rohan feel the tree was doing when the leaves rustled?

(1)

VII. What made the leaves of the banyan tree rustle when Rohan sat under it?

(1)

- a) A storm b) A cool breeze c) Birds flying d) Heavy rain

SECTION B- GRAMMAR

(4 marks)

2. Convert the following sentences from Active Voice to Passive Voice.

(2x1=2)

- I. The chef prepared a delicious meal.
- II. The students are painting the classroom.

3. Identify whether the following sentences are Declarative or Interrogative.

(2x1=2)

- I. The museum closes at 6 p.m.
- II. Where did you keep my notebook?

SECTION C-WRITING SKILL

(4 marks)

4. Write any one of the following:

- I. Write a short book review of any storybook you have read recently.

OR

- II. Write a short essay on “The Importance of Reading” in about 100–120 words.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

(10 marks)

5. Answer the following questions in 1 word/1 sentence.

(1x3=3)

- I. What precious stones did Sindbad find in the valley?
- II. According to the poem “Leisure “what are we ‘full of care’ because we have no time to stand and do?
- III. What creature carried Sindbad away to the valley?

6. Answer any 2 of the following questions in about 40-50 words.

(2x2=4)

- I. Describe the valley Sindbad fell into. What made it both dangerous and valuable?
- II. Why does the poet say that our lives are “poor” if we have no time to enjoy nature?
- III. Explain the main message of the poem “Leisure.”

7. Answer any 1 of the following questions in about 60-80 words:

(1x3=3)

- I. What qualities of Sindbad’s character are revealed in his second voyage? Give examples.
- II. How does the poem show that modern life is too busy? Explain with examples.

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