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ENGLISH MS

Class: VII

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Admission no:

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

Honesty is not merely a virtue, but the very foundation of trust and integrity. In all walks of life—whether in personal relationships, professional environments, or public life—honesty serves as a crucial pillar. It is the quality that ensures that others can rely on a person's words and actions. However, true honesty is more than just telling the truth—it involves transparency, sincerity, and the courage to admit mistakes, even when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable.

In today's world, the temptation to lie or hide the truth is often strong. People may deceive others for personal gain or to avoid the consequences of their actions. While dishonesty may provide short-term advantages, it often leads to long-term harm. Trust, once broken, is difficult to rebuild, and relationships based on lies are often fragile and unreliable.

An honest person, on the other hand, does not fear the consequences of truth. They are not afraid to admit their faults, take responsibility, and learn from their mistakes. This kind of honesty, though difficult at times, fosters respect and strengthens relationships. Moreover, it allows individuals to live with peace of mind, knowing that they have acted with integrity.

Though it may not always lead to immediate rewards, honesty brings enduring benefits. It ensures that we are seen as reliable, trustworthy, and authentic, which can lead to lasting success—whether in personal growth, relationships, or career.

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

1. Which of the following best describes the role of honesty in relationships, as per the passage?
 - a) Honesty is an optional trait in relationships
 - b) Honesty helps build trust and strengthens connections**
 - c) Honesty is often inconvenient and should be avoided
 - d) Honesty is valuable only in professional environments
2. What does the passage suggest about people who are dishonest?

- a) They quickly gain trust and respect from others
 b) They avoid difficult situations by lying
 c) They may experience temporary benefits but face long-term consequences
 d) They always experience immediate success and rewards
3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a quality of honesty in the passage?
 a) Transparency b) The ability to avoid mistakes
 c) Sincerity d) Courage to admit faults
4. What is the main argument against dishonesty presented in the passage?
 a) Dishonesty leads to success and prosperity
 b) Dishonesty is a natural human trait
 c) Dishonesty destroys trust and damages relationships in the long run
 d) Dishonesty can be beneficial in the short term but has no lasting effects
5. How does the passage describe the consequences of broken trust?
 Broken trust is difficult to rebuild, and relationships based on lies are fragile and unreliable.
6. What are the benefits of honesty, according to the passage?
 Honesty brings enduring benefits such as reliability, trustworthiness, peace of mind, and lasting success.
7. An honest person does not fear the consequences of truth and takes responsibility for their actions. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.
 Yes, I agree because taking responsibility for one's actions and being truthful helps build trust. People are more likely to respect someone who admits mistakes rather than hiding them, as it shows strength of character. Dishonesty, however, can lead to more problems in the future.

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (8 Marks)

II. You met your old friend in the market today after five years. Write a diary entry expressing your thoughts and emotions on the meeting. 1x4=4

Ans

Diary Entry – June 12, 2025

Today, something unexpected and wonderful happened—I met my old friend Rahul at the market after five years! At first, I couldn't believe my eyes, but once we hugged and started talking, all the memories came rushing back. We shared updates about our lives, laughed about old times, and realized how much we had missed each other. It felt like no time had passed at all. I'm so grateful we met again and promised to stay in touch. Old friendships really are special.

III. A. Underline the main clause, circle the subordinate clause and rewrite the sentence. 1x2=2

1. When my father arrives, **he will give the directions.**

S. Cl

M.CL

2. Until the sun sets, **sit by the lake.**

S. Cl

M.CL

B. Choose the correct answers.

1x2=2

1. I'm hopeful/ **hopeless** at learning new names. I always forget them.

2. Junk food is **harmful** / harmless to your health.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (10 marks)

IV. Choose the correct answer to the following questions:

1x3=3

1. The motto of the Olympic Games - Faster, Higher, Stronger - expresses....

- a. the spirit of competition to win any race.
- b. the aspirations of the Olympic movement in athletic as well as moral and educational sense.
- c. a desire to be the best among the rest in terms of physical health.
- d. a tendency to defeat the rival team in a game

2. Swimmers can boost their performance in the swimming pool by

- a. regulating the oxygen level in the pool.
- b. taking care of their body temperature.
- c. wearing special swimsuits.
- d. removing gutters at the side of the pools.

3. The series number of the lottery ticket that Masha had taken was

- a .5431
- b. 9499
- c .7500
- d. 6546

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

2x2 = 4

1. Why did Masha and Ivan decide that they didn't need the money after all?

Ans: Ivan and Masha decided that they didn't need the money after all because they had already got a nice house and a perfect life. Besides, they both preferred staying at home than travelling around.

2. Draw a character sketch of Masha and Ivan as a couple.

Ans: Masha and Ivan form a contrasting yet balanced couple. Masha is portrayed as a dreamer and a bit materialistic, while Ivan is a practical and cautious individual. Their differing views on life and wealth create both tension and balance in their relationship.

3. List two advancements that have led to an increase in the speed of swimmers.

Ans: One is the fact that gutters are now built at the sides of the pools to prevent waves from slowing the swimmers down. Another is the special swimsuits that are designed to reduce the drag or the slowing-down force of water.

VI. Attempt ANY ONE of the questions given below.

1x3=3

1. And, for the first time in his life, Ivan looked at his wife with anger. What made Ivan so angry at Masha?

Ans: Ivan cares for his wife - the thoughts of money and his plans are selfish, but at once he realises they are wrong - he reconciles with his wife - makes his wife also understand that money will destroy their relationship - he is content with what he has - the words, And, for the first time in his life... show that he has been a loving husband to her so far - he is ready to give up his selfish dreams for her

2. How has technology changed the way athletes train and analyse their performance?

Ans: Athletes can now wear devices that record their running speed and physiological data such as heart rate, providing instant feedback to athletes and coaches. This helps identify and treat health problems or injuries quickly and can boost performance by providing specific data for analysis and improvement.
