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**POST MID TERM (2024-25)**

**ENGLISH MS**

Class: VII  
Date:  
Admission No.:

Duration: 1 Hr  
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 (7 marks)**

**I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (7X1=7)**

Anime, a style of animation that originated in Japan, has gained global popularity over the past few decades. It features unique art styles, complex storylines, and a wide range of genres, from action and adventure to fantasy, romance, and science fiction. Anime is characterized by vibrant colors, exaggerated facial expressions, and imaginative settings that draw viewers into its fantastical worlds.

The first anime, Namakura Gatana, was created in 1917. However, it was in the 1980s and 1990s that anime truly began to gain international recognition with series like Dragon Ball Z, Sailor Moon, and Pokémon. These shows attracted large fanbases, especially among younger audiences. Today, anime is not only a form of entertainment but also an integral part of global pop culture, influencing everything from fashion to video games.

Some of the most popular anime films include Studio Ghibli creations such as Spirited Away and My Neighbor Totoro, known for their captivating animation and heartwarming stories. Whether through television shows, films, or manga (Japanese comic books), anime has become a beloved art form that continues to inspire creativity worldwide.

1. Where did anime originate?

- a) Japan                      b) South Korea                      c) United States                      d) China

2. What is a characteristic feature of anime?

- a) Simple art style                      b) Realistic characters and settings  
c) Exaggerated facial expressions and vibrant colors                      d) Focus on live-action sequences

3. Which anime series gained international recognition in the 1980s and 1990s?

- a) Naruto                      b) Attack on Titan                      c) One Piece                      d) Dragon Ball Z

4. What role has anime played in global pop culture?

- a) It has had little impact on modern culture
- b) It is only popular in Japan
- c) It influences everything from fashion to video games
- d) It is primarily a form of entertainment for adults

5. Which of the following is a famous anime film by Studio Ghibli?

- a) Spirited Away
- b) The Lion King
- c) Toy Story
- d) Finding Nemo

6. What is manga?

- a) A type of anime series
- b) Japanese comic books
- c) A form of live-action film
- d) A Japanese video game genre

7. Why is anime popular worldwide?

- a) Because it has simple storylines
- b) Because it only appeals to a small niche audience
- c) Because of its imaginative art, unique stories, and diverse genres
- d) Because it is the most expensive form of animation

**Answers: ACDCABC**

### SECTION B: GRAMMAR (4 marks)

**II. Fill in the blanks with correct words: (4X1=4)**

We were walking \_\_\_ (1) **along** the beach when we saw a beautiful shell. I wanted to pick it up, \_\_\_ (2) **but** I was afraid it might be sharp. We decided to sit \_\_\_ (3) **on** a rock and watch the waves. "It's so peaceful here," I said, \_\_\_ (4) and we both agreed.

### SECTION C: WRITING (4 marks)

**III. Write a reflective essay on the Family Tradition That Means a Lot to you – Think about a family tradition that holds special meaning and reflect on why it is important.**

One of the most important family traditions in my life is our yearly Christmas celebration. Every year, my family gathers at my aunt's house to celebrate. We decorate the tree together, play games, and enjoy a big festive meal.

What makes this tradition special is that it brings everyone together, even if we are busy with school or work. We all share what we're thankful for and talk about our favorite memories from past Christmases. This tradition reminds me of the importance of family and spending time with the people I love.

This Christmas tradition means a lot to me because it helps me feel connected to my family and creates happy memories that I will cherish forever.

#### SECTION D: LITERATURE (10 marks)

#### IV. Answer the question in short: - (3X1=3)

*We wear the mask that grins and lies, It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes, -*

1. Whom does 'we' refer to?

**'We' refers to all of us, the people. It is a collective term used to express humankind's common habit of hiding true feelings or realities.**

2. What kind of lies do we tell?

**The kind of lies we tell are those that protect us from revealing our true feelings or circumstances to the outside world.**

3. To whom do 'we' tell lies? What does 'shades our eyes' mean?

**'We' tell lies to the world, to society, and perhaps even to ourselves. 'Shades our eyes' acts as a metaphor meaning we hide our real emotions or personal truths**

#### V. Answer the following questions: - (2x2=4)

1. What does the phrase "This debt we pay to human guile" signify in the context of the poem? Does it suggest a sense of obligation or a business transaction? Explain.

**The phrase "This debt we pay to human guile" signifies the necessity for one to wear a figurative 'mask' to navigate through society. This phrase indeed suggests a sense of obligation, typically a psychological or emotional tax levied on individuals for their need to conform to societal expectations.**

2. How does the poet behave with his enemy?

**The poet did not tell his enemy of the contempt and malice he had in his heart for him. Instead, he kept it inside, causing his wrath to grow and fester. Since he did not try to reach an amicable accord or sort out their differences. This led to increased feelings of hatred towards him.**

#### VI. Answer the following in brief any ONE: -(1x3=3)

1. How did the Gulmohar tree solve its problem?

**Answer: Gulmohar tree sent its probing army, its roots, to venture forth and unearth a water source and bring back essential supplies. The roots hit the hard cement of which the pipe was made. They wound the round pipe in search of an opening then round again and again. The root developed fine hair-like sub roots, finer than the finest of hair, it was so fine that it was able to penetrate into the minute pores of the cement pipe at last they sipped the liquid and sent it back to their parents. In this way, Gulmohar tree solved the problem.**

2. The story is set in a particular time and place. What is the background to the story?

**The story is set in Delhi, India during an extremely hot summer. There is a localized water shortage affecting the houses from C-2 to C-12 in the C Block of the colony.**

**All other blocks are receiving sufficient water supply and are unaware of the hardships endured by the residents of these eleven houses. The only thriving entity in this oppressive heat is a tree, a**

Gulmohar, which becomes significant as the story unfolds. The cause of the water shortage is initially unknown and leads to a mystery that the residents and local water supply officials are determined to solve.

**THE END**