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Junior College
S.Y.J.C. 1st Term Examination, October 2014
Subject – English

Day: Thursday
Date: 09/10/2014

Time: 11.00 am to 01.00 pm
Max. Marks: 50

Note: 1) All questions are compulsory.

2) Answer should be brief and to the point.

Section – A (Prose & Grammar)

Q. I A. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:-

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The people stood by the stream for a longtime scratching their heads. Then one young man did what they all knew needed to be done. He simply abandoned his sack by the stream; waded into the water, then swam across to the other side. Slowly the others too followed suit. Sadly, some wailing in distress, they left their sacks filled with what they had thought was the riches of a lifetime and dived into the stream. Then they walked upto their wet, unhappy and angry.

King Amrit and Chandan watched them trudge up in their soaking clothes. Chandan had a small smile on his lips, while the king looked sad. When they had assembled in front of him, he said, "When I asked you yesterday if you were happy with your lives, all of you said you were contented and did not need anything more. Yet today I can see the sadness in your faces when you had to leave behind the riches you had gathered in my garden. If you were really happy with your lives, why did you gather the jewel fruits, and why are you so sad now?"

Everyone looked down, ashamed at their behaviour. Only the young man who was the first to cross the stream after leaving his sack behind seemed to be unconcerned. Chandan spotted his cheerful face in the crowd and beckoned him forward. Then he asked, "Are you not sad you had to leave behind so much of wealth that suddenly came your way?"

The man said, "I did not pick the jewelled fruits and flowers. I had picked some of the lovely, tasty fruits and had eaten my fill of them. In my sack I had kept some others for my little daughter who is at home. I had thought she would enjoy these tasty apples and mangoes. But when I saw there was no other way to go across the stream, I did not think twice about leaving my sack by the river. My little girl can get tasty fruits from some other garden too! But I am so happy the king let us all wonder around his garden, looking at the trees and plants and animals. He is a great king for having created this place of beauty, and it was a pleasure walking around there."

Finally a smile appeared on king Amrit's face. Chandan turned to him and said, "Your majesty, I hope you now realize that people's contentment doesnot end with having enough food or money. They also need to be truly happy inside. Only then will not be swayed when they gain or lose wealth. That is a lesson that everyone whether a king or a commoner needs to remember."

1. What did the young man do? 01
2. Why did the king and the people look sad? 02
3. How was the young man different from the others? 02
4. What do you think is the moral of this extract? 02
5. Do as directed:-
- i. Chandan had a small smile on his lips, while the king looked sad. 01
(Rewrite as a compound sentence)

- ii. The man said, "I didn't pick the jewelled flowers and fruits. I had picked some of the lovely, tasty fruits." (*Rewrite into Reported Speech*) 01
- iii. He is a great king for having created this place of beauty. (*Rewrite using the adjective form of the underlined word*) 01
6. Find a word in the passage which is a synonym for 'Satisfaction'. 01
- Q. I B. Grammar : - Do as directed:-** 05
1. Can anyone really conceive of a world without poverty? (*Change the voice*). 01
2. The boys came to school whenever they felt like it.
(*Frame a 'wh' question to get the underlined words as answer.*) 01
3. Early risers clearly have the edge in life. (*Add a question tag*) 01
4. How beautiful the sight was! (*Change it into an Assertive sentence*) 01
5. The criminal will be apprehended soon.
(*Rewrite using a modal auxiliary showing least possibility*) 01

Section – B (Poetry)

- Q. II A. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follows:-** 04
- 'If you crave not for praise when you win
And look not for sympathy while you lose
If cheers let not your head toss or spin
And after a setback you offer no excuse
You may be the person I am looking for.
If you accept counsel without getting sore
And re-assess yourself in the light there of
If you pledge not to be obstinate any more
And meet others without any frown or scoff
You may be the person I am looking for.'
1. What does the poet expect of a winner? 01
2. How would you react to advice? 01
3. What is the rhyme scheme? Pick out the rhyming words. 01
4. What is the moral implication of this extract? 01
- Q. II B. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-** 04
- 'My father told the tenants to leave
Who lived in the houses surrounding our house on the hill
One by one the structures were demolished
Only our own house remained and the tress
Trees are sacred my grandmother used to say
Felling them is a crime but he massacred them all
The Sheoga, the oudumber, the neem were all cut down
But the huge banyan tree stood like a problem
Whose roots lay deeper than all our lives
My father ordered it to be removed.'
1. How did the grandmother regard the tress? 01
2. The 'banyan' tree and the 'father' are symbols. What do they symbolize? 01
3. The poet used 'harsh' words to convey 'destruction'. What are they? 01
4. What kind of feelings does the poet evoke in the reader? 01

Section – C (Rapid – Reading)

Q. III A. Rewrite the following passage imagining yourself to be Roma:-

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On the other side of the fence, I spotted someone: a little girl with a light, almost luminous curls. She was half hidden behind a birch tree. I glanced around to make sure no one saw me. I called to her softly in German. "Do you have something to eat?" She didn't understand. I inched closer to the fence and repeated the question in Polish. She stopped forward. I was thin and gaunt, with rags wrapped around my feet, but the girl looked unafraid. In her eyes, I saw life. She pulled an apple from her woollen jacket and threw it over the fence. I grabbed the fruit and as I started to run away, I heard her say faintly, "I'll see you tomorrow". I returned to the same spot by the fence at the same time everyday. She was always there with something for me to eat a hunk of bread or better yet, an apple. We didn't dare speak or linger. To be caught would mean death for us both. I didn't know anything about her, just a kind form girl except that she understood Polish'. What was her name? Why was she risking her life for me? Hope was in such short supply, and this girl on the other side of the fence gave me some, as nourishing in its way as the bread and apples. Nearby seven months later, my brothers and I were crammed into a coal car and shipped to Theresienstadt camp in Czechhoslovakia.

B. Read the following passage and convert it into a dialogue:

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"May I come in?" asked the pink lady. "Please come in" said my mother. "Do sit down. Do you require a room?" "Not today, thank you. I'm staying with Padre Dutt. He insisted on putting me up. But I may want a room for a day or two just for oldtimes' sake." "You've stayed here before". "A long time ago. I'm Mr. Green, you know. The missing Mrs. Green. The one for whom you put up that handsome tombstone in the cemetery. I was very touched by it. And I'm glad you didn't add 'Beloved wife of Henry Green', because I didn't love him any more than he loved me". "Then –Then –you aren't the skeleton?" stammered my mother. "Do I look like a skeleton?" "No!" we said together." "But we heard you disappeared, "I said, "and when we found that skeleton". "You put two and two together." "Well, it was Miss Kellner who convinced us" said my mother. "And you did disappear mysteriously. You were missing for years. And everyone knew Mr. Green was a philanderer."

Section – D (Written Communication)

Q.IV A. Write a letter to the Zonal Secretary, M.S.E.B. complaining about frequent instances of power failure during examinations. Request him to restore normalcy in power supply.

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OR

A. Your friend has purchased a new motorbike. You are informed of his reckless driving. Write a letter to him about hazards of reckless driving.

B. Prepare a short tourist leaflet for a tourist spot in Maharashtra with the help of the following points:-

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- i. How to get there?
- ii. Where to stay?
- iii. Time / season of your visit.
- iv. What to see?
- v. Shopping attractions.
- vi. Other points.

OR

B. Prepare a report on "The Inaugural function of Cultural Association" in your college with the help of the following points:-

- i) Day and date of function.
- ii) Welcoming the chief guest and the other invitees.
- iii) Introductory speech.
- iv) Inauguration
- v) Chief guest's address
- vi) Vote of thanks

C. Write a telephonic conversation between two mothers about whether to send their children to coaching classes or not. 05

OR

C. Prepare a paragraph with an appropriate title to be used for the counter – view section on the following topic in about 120 words.

"Shall we excuse spelling errors in English Language tests / examination?" Take the help of the following points.

View – Section

It will encourage language democracy.

- i) Language test should be about communication.
- ii) English spelling system is arbitrary.
- iii) Trying to get spellings right is a waste of time.
- iv) It's easy to communicate through SMS Language.
- v) One should speak and spell the way one likes.
- vi) It will not lead to total anarchy and class.

D. Prepare a speech on 'Global Warming' in about 100 words to be delivered on the World Environmental day 04

OR

B. It is your college farewell function and you are asked to propose the 'Vote of Thanks' in the end. Prepare the speech in about 100 words thanking your teachers, your Principal, the other staff and students.

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