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Class – VII

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## General Instructions –

- The question paper consists of four sections :
  - ✓ Section A : Reading (15 marks)
  - ✓ Section B : Writing (20 marks)
  - ✓ Section C : Grammar (20 marks)
  - ✓ Section D : Reader (25 marks)
- All the questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

## SECTION – A (Reading – 15 marks)

### **A.1 Read the given extract carefully and answer the given questions that follow it:**

Our ancestors had great difficulty in getting books. Now, our difficulty is what to read. There are books and books but our hours of reading are very few. Therefore, choice becomes essential. We should be very careful about what we read. There are books which poison our lives by suggesting evils. We should keep them at arm's length.

Books are known to be a man's best friend. They are a powerhouse of knowledge and wisdom. It is rightly said, "There is no friend as loyal as a book". Books have so much to give us and do not ask anything in return. A good book can uplift our mood instantly and leave a deep impact on us. It is thus highly recommended to read different kinds of books to grow wiser.

We should read only those books which have stood the test of time. Such books are our great classics like the Ramayana and the Gita. They contain the wisdom of our sages and saints. They have appealed mankind from generation to generation. Reading of such books has ennobling influence on our mind and character. It gives us spiritual enjoyment. These books give us instruction with entertainment. They represent our ancient culture. They set before us high ideals to follow. They are our best friends, best guides and the best treasure.

Numerous learned and experienced authors have penned down several books on different topics. Both fictional and non-fictional books have been written on various genres including science, astrology, fashion, beauty, lifestyle, history, culture, philosophy and technology. These books contain knowledge about different topics and have been enlightening the readers. The habit of reading a book is one of the best habits a person can inculcate.

Reading books makes one confident and this reflects in his/ her personality. People look up to a person who is well read and well learned.

**Choose the most appropriate option:**

**(1×5=5)**

- (i) We should be selective because
- a) there is a great number of books available to us.
  - b) there is scarcity of books.
  - c) there are only bad books in the market.
  - d) none of the above.
- (ii) We should avoid those books which
- a) cost high price.
  - b) come in paperback.
  - c) corrupt our lives by suggesting evils.
  - d) come in more than one volume.
- (iii) The books which have stood the test of time are called....
- (a) great books
  - (b) rare books
  - (c) biographies
  - (d) classics
- (iv) What is /are special quality/qualities of classics?
- a) They affect our mind in a good way.
  - b) They teach us something great and also entertain us.
  - c) They help us in our spiritual growth.
  - d) All the above.
- (v) An expression in the passage which means 'good effect' is
- (a) spiritual enjoyment
  - (c) high ideals
  - (b) ennobling influence
  - (d) very careful

**A.2 Read the given extract carefully and answer the given questions that follow it:**

### **HIGH ADVENTURE**

When I was twenty years old I had my first long trip. With an older friend, I visited the South Island of New Zealand. One of our plans was to spend two days at a famous tourist resort "The Hermitage", right in the heart of the giant peaks of the Southern Alps. We had a magnificent drive through the mountains and arrived at the Hermitage in the early afternoon.

It was a perfect day and the great peaks around seemed to tower over our heads. I looked on them with a growing feeling of excitement—the great rock walls, the hanging glaciers and the avalanche-strewn slopes. And then strangely, stirred by it all I felt restless for action and decided to go for a walk. I set off towards the Scaly Range, which I could see high up, behind the hotel. I soon realised it was much farther than I had judged, but for some reason, I kept going on and soon with an astonishing sense of achievement I climbed back down the long slopes to the Hermitage.

**(2/6)**

That evening, as I sat in the lounge, I felt restless and excited. And then the hum of voices suddenly hushed, and I looked up to see two young men coming into the room. They were fit and tanned, they had an unmistakable air of competence about them. I could hear a whisper going around the room. "They've just climbed Mount Cook". And soon they were the centre of an admiring group. Some years later I came to know the two famous personalities, Stevenson and Dick. They had had a great partnership in climbing and they'd just completed the first Grand Traverse of Mount Cook from North to South. I retreated to a corner of the lounge filled with a sense of futility at the dull, mundane nature of my existence. Those chaps, now, we're really getting a bit of excitement out of life. I decided there and then to take up mountaineering. Tomorrow I'd climb something.

**i) Answer the following questions in short :** (4x1=4)

- a) When did Edmund Hillary go on his first long trip?
- b) What had inspired the narrator to go on a long walk?
- c) Who were the two personalities about whom the writer had talked ?
- d) What did the narrator decide at last?

**ii) Pick out words from the passage that mean the following :** (1x2=2)

- a) the ability to do something successfully and efficiently (para 3)
- b) a joint venture (para 3)

**iii) Complete the sentences :** (1x2=2)

- a) The famous 'Hermitage' was located in \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) The writer withdrew himself to a corner as \_\_\_\_\_.

**iv) Why did the narrator feel depressed that day? What did he learn ?** (1x2=2)

### **SECTION - B (Writing – 20 marks)**

**B.1** You are Ritu / Ritwik Mishra, Secretary of the Art Club of Green Field Public School, Mohali. Your school is organising a Debate Competition for the students of classes IX-XII. **Write a notice** in about 50 words informing the students about the competition. Invent necessary details. Put the notice in the box. (5)

**OR**

Your school has recently organised a Book Fair. **Write a diary entry** describing your excitement and spirit about it. Mention about the different publication houses, books on different subjects, people who benefit from it and why it is an integral part of a school.

**B.2** **Design a poster** in not more than **50 words** to launch 'Tree Plantation Campaign' in the area surrounding your locality. Use catchy slogans. Do write about the importance of trees. (7)

**OR**

(3/6)

Write a short story in about 200-250 words on the basis of the given outlines. Give suitable title and moral to the story.

Clues - *A lady — returning home after work — walking alone — late night — a boy — tried to snatch purse — caught — she dragged him to her home — showed love and care — the boy learnt and transformed*

B.3 Write a letter to your friend telling him what profession would you like to adopt in life. [Clue – profession – why – how – advantage] (8)

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a leading daily, raising your concern regarding the bad condition of roads in your cities, its effects on the daily lives of the citizens and the reluctance of the authorities in taking appropriate actions.

### SECTION – C (Grammar - 20 marks)

C.1 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the correct word and the correction in your answer sheet. (½×6=3)

	Incorrect	Correct
The prices of all the things has gone up. It is difficulty for the common man to survives. As the cost of living continues to increase, people found it difficult to make both ends meet. Their are many jobless youth in the country which are moving towards criminals due to inflation.	has (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____ (f) _____	have _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

C.2 Rearrange the words or phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1×3=3)

- a) physical exercise / for / essential / is / health / good
- b) every day / it / practised / be / must
- c) activates / body / it / mind / both / and

C.3 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb. (½×4=2)

- (i) There's no point in calling. She \_\_\_\_\_ home yet.
  - a) won't have been arriving
  - b) won't arrive
  - c) won't have arrived
  - d) won't be arriving
- (ii) Have you seen my pencil? It was here a minute ago and now \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) it went
  - b) it have gone
  - c) it's gone
  - d) it was going

- (iii) You \_\_\_\_\_ into things and breaking them. How can anyone be so clumsy?
- a) are always bumping                      b) always bumps  
c) always bump                                d) always bumping
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ me in the garden tomorrow, Miko ?
- a) Are you helping                            b) Will you help  
c) Are you go to help                        d) Do you help

**C.4 Do as directed:**

- a) Identify whether the underlined word is a participle, a gerund or an infinitive: (1×2=2)**
- i) We drove to the mall to buy our new surround sound system.  
ii) I always enjoy watching a meteor shower.
- b) Transform the given sentences as directed without changing the meaning: (1×2=2)**
- i) I am not unhappy with your decision. ( affirmative)  
ii) The peacock is more beautiful than the peahen. (negative)
- c) Underline the Main Clause and circle the Dependent Clause: (1×2=2)**
- i) The children were thrilled that their parents were taking them on a holiday to Singapore.  
ii) Mother is hosting a party for her friends who are coming to visit her.
- d) Change the following sentences from Active Voice to Passive Voice: (1×2=2)**
- i) The labourers are widening the road.  
ii) The crowd cheered the popular actor when he waved to the crowd.
- e) Join these sentences as indicated: (1×2=2)**
- i) Keith had read the book. He returned it to the library.  
(make it a simple sentence)  
ii) The bag was heavy. The little girl could not carry it.  
(make it a complex sentence)
- f) Complete the sentences using if conditionals. (1×2=2)**
- i) If you speak loudly, \_\_\_\_\_.  
ii) \_\_\_\_\_, I will carry it.

**SECTION – D (Ferry Reader – 25 marks)**

**D.1 Read the extract given below and then answer the questions: (1×3=3)**

What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.  
No time to stand beneath the boughs, And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see in broad daylight, Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

- i) What is the meaning of the phrase 'full of care' ?
- ii) Who are better at enjoying life than us ?
- iii) Find an example of simile.

**D.2 Read the given lines carefully and answer the questions: (1×3=3)**

The scene of despair and gloom was shot with faint rays of hope when the stories of miraculous escape and undaunted rescue efforts came to light.

- a) What brought despair and gloom and to whom?
- b) Why were there faint rays of hope?
- c) Write any one miraculous escape.

**D.3 Answer ANY FOUR questions in 30-40 words: (2×4=8)**

- a) Where is the song of the caged bird heard? What does he sing of?
- b) How did the narrator earn his living twenty years ago? How did he get acquainted with the lady?
- c) Why were the relief operations not very effective in the beginning?
- d) How has the river bed changed from what it was earlier?
- e) Who had sent flowers to Mrs. Pringle? Why was she thankful for the gift?

**D.4 Answer ANY ONE question in 60 words: (1×3=3)**

- a) Why did the lady feel that the narrator has ruined his palate by all the meat that he ate? Do you think the remark is justified?
- b) How did the poet contrast the free bird and the caged bird to bring out the plight of the bird in the cage?

**D.5 Answer ANY ONE question in 80-100 words: (1×4=4)**

- a) What safety measures should you take to protect yourself during an earthquake?
- b) Give the character sketch of Mrs. Pringle.

**D.6 Do as directed:**

**a) In each set, tick the word that is the meaning of the highlighted word: (1×2=2)**

- (i) **Segregation** : separation          integration          amalgamation
- (ii) **Retaliated** : forgave          reached          believed

**b) Write a word for the given statements: (1×2=2)**

- (i) A fourteen line poem -
- (ii) A serious poem lamenting the dead -

