

SAMPLE PAPER (GRADE 7)

SECTION A(READING) 15 MARKS

A 1. Read the following passage carefully-

(5 Marks)

Ants are social insects of the family Formicidae and, along with the related wasps and bees. There are more than 12,000 species of ants all over the world. An ant can lift 20 times its own body weight. Some queen ants can live for many years and have millions of babies! Ants don't have ears. Ants "hear" by feeling vibration in the ground through their feet. Ants are small social insects that live in organized communities called a colony. There are nearly 20,000 species of ants that vary in size, colour, and ways of life. Most are a dull, drab colour such as brown, rust, or black. However some ants are yellow, green, blue or purple. The largest ant species can reach over 1 inch in length, while the smallest is about 1/25 of an inch. Some ants can lift items 50 times their own weight. Ants are distinguished from ant like wasps by a knot like growth or node on top of their waist.

Ants are most numerous in warm climate regions, but they live almost everywhere on land except for extremely cold locations. Ants have many different ways of life. Some ants live in underground tunnels or build earthen mounds. Other ants live inside trees or in certain plants. Some construct nests of tree leaves. Army ants do not have permanent nests.

Read the questions given below and write the options you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet-

- a) Ants are called social insects because
 - i) they like society
 - ii) they live in organized community
 - iii) their behavior is social
 - iv) they are the part of society
- b) Ants hear by
 - i) Feeling vibrations in the ground
 - ii) Feeling vibration in their feet
 - iii) Touching the ground
 - iv) Understanding the expression of other ants
- c) Species of ants are _____ in size, colour, and ways of life.
 - i) Same
 - ii) Equal
 - iii) Different
 - iv) Even
- d) Which location is most suitable for ants to grow?
 - i) Warm climate regions
 - ii) Extremely cold location
 - iii) Under the trees
 - iv) High rocks

e) Pick out the word from the above passage that means 'continuous shaking'.

- i) Numerous
- ii) Vibrations
- iii) Distinguished
- iv) Knot

A 2) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions-

There are few people who are not fascinated by mountains. Perhaps the fascination is not so great for those who live among them as for others; but even the Swiss or the Nepalese raising his eyes to the towering heights above him, must occasionally feel the spell of their beauty. When the dweller on the plains sees a mountain for the first time, he must be filled with awe.

The urge to climb the mountain is deep and impelling. The lofty head, often lost in cloud, issues its challenge to be conquered, and man, meeting the challenge, sets himself to tackle the hazards of the climb. If he climbs in a party, he learns the meaning of being a member of a team, for he trusts his life to others in the team and also bears the responsibility for their lives. Whether he climbs in a party or himself, his nature is submitted to a searching test; the reserves of his courage are called on, and any pretense or hypocrisy stripped away in the face of danger.

When at last he stands on the top of the mountain, his joy is composed of satisfaction in having done what he set out to do, of relief at having overcome all his difficulties, and –if he is fortunate in the weather–of delight in a glorious view.

It is true that there are now few mountains in the world which have not been climbed, and that the greatest challenge of all- the Everest –has been met and overcome; but that does not take away the fascination mountains have for man. Men will always be seen lifting up their eyes to the heights and beginning the long trek upwards, whether their mountains are the modest hills of England, the icy pinnacles of Switzerland, or the towering masses of the Himalayas. The challenge is always there, and there is something in the spirit of man that is always ready to meet the challenge.

- a) Why are few people not fascinated by the mountains? (1)
- b) What should the Swiss and Nepalese feel though staying beside the mountains? (1)
- c) What happens when man stands on the top of mountain at last? (1)
- d) Write a short note on *the fascination of mountains* in about 30-40 words. (2)
- e) i) Complete the sentences- (3)
 - 1) The urge to climb a mountain_____.
 - 2) When the dweller on the plains sees a mountain_____.
 - 3) The challenge is always there,_____.

ii) Find a word from the passage which means-

(2)

1)deception

2)risk

SECTION B(WRITING)20 MARKS

B1.You are Kavita/Karan,Cultural Secretary of O.P Jindal School. You have been asked to inform the students about an Inter-school Drama Competition. Draft a notice in about 80-100 words to put on the school noticeboard. (5 Marks)

Or

Design a poster for Tree Plantation Campaign being organized by the Environment Club of your school. Provide all the relevant information.

B2.You are selected to play the lead role in a play in the Annual Day. Write a diary entry expressing your joy and surprise. (7 Marks)

Or

On the basis of the given outlines develop a readable story and mention the moral-

An old farmer-----seriously ill-----near death-----four sons-----all lazy-----farmer worried about their future-----thinks a plan-----tells them there is treasure hidden in the fields-----saying this he dies-----the sons go to the field.....dig the soil.....find no treasure-----but the soil gets fertile-----rich crop-----sons understand father's plan-----realise the folly.

B3. Write a letter to the Editor about the insanitary condition of your locality. (8Marks)

Or

In the summer vacation, you plan to visit Manali. Write a letter to your cousin inviting her to join you. You can add all the necessary details.

SECTION C(GRAMMAR) 20 MARKS

C1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet. (1/2x6=3)

One of the basic home remedies are to make	a) -----	-----
a mask in oatmeal and honey.The idea is that	b) -----	-----
the oatmeal will marsh away a dead skin	c) -----	-----
and honey by its antibacterial properties	d) -----	-----

will kills the skin bacteria. Another basic home remedy was to use a little bit of tea-tree oil in cotton swab.

e) -----

f)-----

C2. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentence- (1x2=2)

- a) must/some/new clothes/haven't/I/buy/got/wear/because/I/anything /too
- b) the/ look/baby/not/much/like/does/her/mother

C3. Fill in the blanks with correct tense of verbs provided in the brackets-(1x2=2)

- a)Kiran _____ Saroj since 1980.(know)
- b)I _____ for the examination for one year.(prepare)

C4. Do as directed-

- a) Underline the non-finite and mention their types- (1x2=2)
 - i) He has no time to go there.
 - ii) We saw them fighting with one another.
- b) Change to passive voice- (1x2 =2)
 - i) Who stole my watch?
 - ii) Leave your shoes outside the room.
- c) Make if-conditional sentences with these words. (1x2 =2)
 - i) Rishab a scientist/invent a time machine
 - ii) Cook food for longer time/lose nutritional value
- d) The following sentences should be done as indicated - (1x5=5)
 - i) You must study harder to pass the examination.(Make it complex)
 - ii) He gave me a chain and it was made of gold.(Make it Simple)
 - iii)He was rejected owing to ill health.(Make it Compound)
 - iv)I shall always remember the beauty of the Himalayas.(Make it negative)
 - v) None but the brave deserves the fair.(Make it affirmation)
- e)Underline the Independent and encircle the dependent Clause (1x2 =2)
 - i) Having killed the tiger, Jim Corbett returned to Nainital.
 - ii) The sun having set, darkness fell on the earth.

SECTION D(LITERATURE) 25 MARKS

D1. Answer these questions with reference to the context- (1x3=3)

He wanted the students to question, to explore, to develop the confidence and courage to think big and achieve their goal.

- a) Why did Dr. Kalam want the students to question and explore?
- b) Why did he wish to meet the young people of the country?
- c) What did he tell students about the kind of dreams one should have?

D2. Answer with reference to the context.

(1x3=3)

What is this life full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

- a) Who are 'we' in these lines.
- b) What does the poet mean by 'full of care'?
- c) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem.

D3. Which words in the passage on Olympic mascots can be used in place of this group of words?

(1x2=2)

- a) A quality regarded as a characteristic part of someone or something_____
- b) Exactly the same or very similar_____

D4. Answer the following in 30 -40 words.(any four)

(2x4=8)

- a) What does the poet wish to imply by the lines 'A free bird leaps on the wind and floats downstream'?
- b) How was Rosa Parks drawn into the struggle for Civil Rights?
- c) Write a short note on Mascot in the Sydney Olympics.
- d) How did the narrator get acquainted with the lady?
- e) How has the river bed changed from what it was earlier?

D5) Answer the following in 50-60 words-(any three)

(2x3=6)

- a) How are the streams presented in the poem?
- b) Why do you think the narrator remembered his first meeting with the lady?
- c) Elucidate the significance of the mascots in the Olympic games.
- d) What does the line 'And the way-farer faints 'neath his lightened road signify?

D6) Answer any one of the following questions-

(3)

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' is a popular saying. After reading the poem do you think that having leisure time is important for the relaxation and revitalization of the body and the mind?

Or

Write the character sketch of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.