

Class: VII	1.A New World Order 2- After Twenty Years 3-The Merchant of Venice
Subject: ENGLISH	Poem- Don't Quit, The Arrow and the Song, The Mother and the Mouse Tenses (simple, continuous & perfect) Transitive & Intransitive Verbs, Active & Passive Voice, Determiners & their types, Sub- Verb Agreement, Integrated Grammar Writing Skill - Informal Letter, Formal – leave Application -Notice Writing , Poster Making

SECTION A - READING COMPREHENSION

Q.1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Eighty kilometres from the temple town of Madurai in Tamil Nadu is Chettinad, a group of villages that is home to a business community called the Chettiars. Historically, the women were in charge of the palatial homes and large families. They were also engaged in basket-weaving in their signature styles. Since weaving baskets or kottans took a lot of time and effort, whole families often worked together. While bamboo baskets are quite common in Tamil Nadu, the Chettinad Kottan is the speciality of the state. These bright and attractive baskets, traditionally used as gift boxes, are made of palm leaves.

Palm is the material of choice because the baskets can be stored for long without getting spoiled, and also because palm trees survive and grow even after they are stripped of their leaves. Individual palm leaves are dried and then cut into thin, even strips. These strips are dyed, sun-dried and woven into baskets. Making kottans is a form of art passed down from one generation to another. There is no written record of the process. Over time, with families moving away from the villages to cities, fewer and fewer families were left practicing kottan-making. However, in the recent past, a few families have got together to breathe new life into their ancestors' traditions. Today, kottans are valued the world over for their excellent craftsmanship and environment-friendly techniques. These Chettinad baskets are now made in attractive designs and styles and are much sought after.

1. Entire families worked together to make kottans because

- a) the baskets are in great demand.
- b) they wanted to revive traditional crafts.
- c) more women were willing to take up making kottans.
- d) making kottans takes time and effort.

2. Palm leaves are used to make Chettinad kottans because

- a) baskets made of bamboo leaves are quite common.
- b) they are more durable and trees grow even after the leaves are cut
- c) they are unique leaves found only in Tamil Nadu
- d) palm leaves are traditionally used to make gift boxes.

3. The art of kottan-making began to die out because

- a) people practising it moved to other places.
- b) it was a closely guarded secret of a few families.
- c) the Chettinad kottans did not have any buyers.

d) Chettinad kottans are very common.

4. The phrase “in their signature styles” mean

- a) to write the names and initials at the end.
- b) create your own unique signature.
- c) easy recognition and identification.
- d) in their own unique way.

5. _____ means “forefathers; from whom a person/persons descend”

- a) palatial
- b) specialty
- c) ancestors
- d) craftsmanship

Q.2. Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions.

We must give importance to our health and the treatment of diseases. A large number of medicines treat only the symptoms of the disease, and not the root cause. In fact, the cause of many chronic ailments is still being researched. It is here that Yoga therapy comes to our assistance. Yoga emphasizes on treatment of the root cause of an ailment. It works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner. Modern medicine can claim to save a life at a critical stage, but, for complete recovery and regaining of normal health, one must believe in the efficiency of Yoga therapy.

The yogic way of life includes a code of ethics, regulations, discipline, combined with prayer and meditation. Even a discussion of these subjects helps one relieve mental tension and promotes change of attitude. Simple asanas help to stretch and relax the whole body and release tensions. The sincere practice of yoga postures is beneficial for the mind and body. The continued practice of yoga has a profound effect on the inner dimensions of life. Yoga aims at developing the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional facilities. Other forms of physical exercises, like aerobics, assure only physical well-being. They have little to do with the development of the soul and mind.

- 1. What do most of the medicines treat and how does yoga therapy work to ensure complete recovery?
- 2. What does the yogic way of life include?
- 3. How do simple asanas help? How is yoga different from other forms of treatment?
- 4. Complete the following sentences.
 - i) The continued practice of yoga _____ dimensions of life.
 - ii) We must give importance _____ diseases.
- 6. Find word from the passage which means the same as: a bodily disorder or chronic disease

SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS

Q.3 Make a poster on the topic ‘Communal harmony’ in not less than 50 words.

Q.4 You are Ankita/Arnav, a resident of Grand Enclave, MG Road, Indore. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her about your preparation for the upcoming examination. (100-120 words)

Q.5 Write an application for a week’s leave to the Headmaster of your school as you are unable to attend school because of viral fever.

Q.6 You have lost your Titan wrist watch in your school. Draft a notice, in not more than 50, words to be placed on your school notice board. You are a student of class XII of DPS, Gwalior. Sign yourself as Rani Agrawal /Ram Khanna.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Q.7. The given passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the question number. Underline the incorrect words too.

Correct

Incorrect

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| a) My last holiday is a five-day trip to Manali. I know | ----- | ----- |
| b) Manali well because I live there when I was eleven | ----- | ----- |
| c) years old. I have a whale of a time during my stay and | ----- | ----- |
| d) loves the scenic beauty of that amazing hill station. | ----- | ----- |

Q.8 Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences -

- a) oysters / in / are / pearl / many / found / of / world / parts / the
- b) stop / I / raining / towards / ran / bus / and / it / started / the
- c) the/ on/ forests/ the/ industry/ oil/ depends

Q.9. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form -

- a) My uncle _____ (forget) his luggage near the bus stop. (Present perfect tense)
- b) She _____ (plan) to visit Mumbai but changed her mind. (Past continuous tense)
- c) He _____ (spend) most of the time playing games. (Present perfect tense)

Q.10. Fill in the blanks with determiners -

- a) _____ money that I had with me was stolen today. (Little/The little/Few)
- b) Has _____ damage been done by the earthquake? (much/some/any)

Q.11 Write whether the underlined verbs are transitive or intransitive.

- a) The grass has grown very long these days.
- b) Please bring coffee.
- c) He left the gift on the table.

Q.12 Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject

- a) There _____ (was, were) fifteen candies in that bag. Now there (is, are) only one left!
- b) All of the CDs, even the scratched one, _____ (is, are) in this case.
- c) The jury _____ (was, were) not convinced.

Q.13 Change the following sentences into passive voice.

- a) She is cooking lunch.
- b) His friends take him to the hospital.
- c) Throw the ball.

SECTION D- LITERATURE

Q.14. A) Read these lines and answer the questions by choosing the correct option -

Long, long afterward, in an oak

*I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.*

i) What do you think the song symbolises?

- a) unkind or harsh words
- b) kindness and pleasing words
- c) entertainment
- d) vacation and travel

ii) Why do you think the arrow was still unbroken?

- a) as it has landed on a sharp object
- b) as the kind words had been forgotten
- c) as it was found in the heart of a friend
- d) as the feelings of pain had not been relieved

iii) One of the most famous works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is -

- a) King Lear
- b) Macbeth
- c) Evangeline
- d) The Road Not Taken

B) Read these sentences and answer the questions by choosing the correct option-

“There was a look of joyous anticipation on each face for the clock to strike nine and sense of gratitude in every heart as they waited to salute the frontline warriors of COVID-19, the pandemic that was wreaking havoc around the world”.

i) What was the reason of happiness on each face when the clock was about to strike nine?

- a) as they were going to start a match
- b) as they were about to spread light to express solidarity
- c) as they were going to celebrate Deepawali
- d) as they were about to celebrate ‘Earth Day’

ii) Who were the frontline warriors of COVID-19?

- a) Entrepreneurs, income tax officers, artisans
- b) engineers, architects, lawyers, clerks, sportsperson, celebrities
- c) actors, producers, politicians
- d) doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, paramedics, ambulance drivers

iii) What do you understand by ‘wreaking havoc’?

- a) become speechless
- b) determined attitude
- c) causing great harm
- d) spreading rumours

**Q.15 i) Choose the correct synonym for the given meaning-
‘the ability to recover quickly from difficulties’**

- a) Optimism
- b) Fortitude
- c) Resilience
- d) Compassion

ii) Choose the correct figure of speech/poetic device used in the given lines –

**When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high**

- a. Anaphora
- b. Imagery
- c. Simile
- d. Hyperbole

Q.16. A) Answer in 30-40 words -

- i) What valuable lesson had Priya learnt from the Pandemic?
- ii) What did Bassanio share about the lady whom he dearly loved to Antonio?
- iii) What is meant by 'funds are low'?
- iv) Why were the streets depeopled at 10'O clock?
- v) What sort of mother is speaker's mother in the poem " Mother and the Mouse".

Q. 17 Answer the following questions in 60-80 words.

- A) The pandemic has taught us self-discipline, self-reliance and selflessness. Elaborate all the effective measures that one should take during a pandemic like COVID-19.

- B) Describe how the poem "The Mother and the Mouse" brings humoristic element in the poem through the mother's character.

- c) Describe Shylock's character as a wealthy usurer.

Q.18 Think and answer

A) Our words play a vital role in conveying thoughts and exchange of emotions too. Being rude to others reflects the negative side of one's personality. With reference to the poem 'The Arrow and the Song', express your point of view on impact of your good deeds and unpleasant acts.

B) Friendship enables us to learn from our friends. A true friend can help us tread on the right path. Throw light upon the characters of Silky Bob and Patrolman Wells. How destiny made them choose diverse paths ?
