

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, M.T.P.S
Holiday Homework (ENGLISH)

Class: X

Session: 2019-20

SET 1

SECTION- A (Literature)

Answer the following questions: (3x5)

1. How was May 10th, 1994 a significant event for the South African people?
2. Why does the 'historic occasion' as mentioned by Mandela, refer to? Why does Mandela use the phrase a 'rainbow gathering' for the occasion?
3. Who were referred to as the 'out laws' by Mandela? Why were they called so?
4. " The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement"--- What does the 'human achievement' refer to? Why was it 'glorious'?
5. What was the 'extra-ordinary human disaster' as referred to in the speech of Mandela?

SECTION- B (Grammar)

Fill in the blanks with suitable Modals: (1x5)

If we sit in an incorrect posture, we _____ strain our back. As far as possible, this _____ be avoided. If the posture becomes a part of habit, a low back pain invariably develops. It _____ be cured if we become conscious of our posture. We can also take time out to perform a few exercises. If the exercises are done regularly, the backache _____ certainly be cured. It _____ also improve the blood circulation within the spine.

Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. Also underline the Prepositions in your answer: (1x6)

1. off/last year/threw himself/this bridge/a young lady
2. in/department/which?/is he
3. play tennis/rain/we will/barring/tomorrow
4. before/rather die/I would/doing that

5. beyond/can you/see/in?/the distance/someone/that house

6. any/unlike/this problem/is/we/met/have/before

Section- C (Writing)

1. Write a letter to the Editor regarding creating awareness towards health and hygiene among rural people. You are Rahul/ Kristina of Mahaveer Nagar, Jaipur. **(8)**

2. You are the Librarian of Army Public School. You want to place an order for English text books with Dhanpati and Sons. Write a letter to the Manager, Dhanpati and Sons, Chennai, placing the order. **(6)**

SET 2

Section A: (Literature)

Answer the following questions: (3x5)

1. What is Imagery? What instances of 'imagery' do you find in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'?
2. Describe the activities of a tiger in the jungle according to the poet.
3. Why does Mandela say that he was a 'sum' of the African patriots?
4. Describe in your own words how it was a 'twilight existence' for Mandela during his active participation in politics.
5. Why did Mandela feel that his boyhood freedom was just an 'illusion'?

Section- B (Grammar)

Fill in the blanks with proper Articles: (1x4)

1. Copper is _____ useful metal.
2. Mr. Surendar is _____ M.A. in History from _____ university.
3. It is _____ one rupee note.
4. Hemna has _____ thirst for knowledge.
5. _____ higher you go, _____ cooler it is.
6. It is _____ 'll wind that blows nobody good.

Fill in the blanks with correct Determiners : (1x5)

1. _____ seat in the bus was taken.
2. _____ of the chairs was well decorated.
3. It rained _____ day during the programme.
4. As he is on his death bed, there is _____ hope of his recovery.
5. Would you like to have _____ fruits?

Fill in the blanks with the correct option from the two options given in brackets: (1x8)

1. The quality of the mangoes _____ (was/were) not good.
2. Neither of the candidates _____ (is/are) suitable.
3. Time and tide _____ (wait/waits) for none.
4. The news _____ (was/were) too good to be true.
5. Either the cat or the dog _____ (has/ have) been here.
6. The shop with its contents _____ (was/were) burnt down.
7. Police _____ (has/have) chased the robbers.
8. In the company the Chairman and Director of the Company _____ (help/helps) the employees.

Section - C (Writing) (8)

Pen down your views in the form of an Article on the topic:

Universal Education for Girls -- Still a Dream!

SET 3

Section A (Literature)

Answer the following questions: (4x5)

1. "He hears the last voice at night"-----

a) Who is 'he' in the above line? (1+1+2)

b) Whose voice does 'he' hear at night?

c) Describe the present condition of the person/animal in question.

2. Briefly sum up the contents of the speech of Nelson Mandela in your own words.

3. Describe the scene of spectacular display of the South African jets on the inaugural day.

4. " Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished" -----

a) Who is the speaker of the above line? What does the speaker mean by this? (2+2)

b) Which instance from the story compels the speaker to think this way?

5. What 'sense of history' had overwhelmed Mandela on the inaugural day? Explain with reference to the history that Mandela relates in saying this.

Section- B (Grammar)

Change the following sentences from Direct to Indirect Speech: (1x5)

1. "We'll have to decide", declared Rohan.

2. "I'm looking for my car keys", announced Dad.

3. "You can get the bus", said Mom.

4. "It's your turn to make the dinner tonight, Rohan", said Richa.

5. She said, "Do you like basmati rice?"

Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. (1x8)

1. is the/all the/in which/the shopkeeper/this/keeps/wooden box/cash
2. man/police has/committed the/the/theft last/who/night/caught the
3. you tell/are/the reason/can/me/looking upset/why you
4. was proud/his strength/despised the/who/tenants/the landlord/weakness of his/of
5. he is/party/explain why/to/didn't/going/go to/they/the
6. permission/come/or/will/depends on/whether she/her mother's/not/there
7. not/really/if she/I sometimes/to marry/wonder/wanted/him or
8. he will/Ranvir finishes/the garden/the lawn/when/in/weeding/grass/cut the

Section-C (Writing)

Do you think ' zoos ' are necessary for the protection/ conservation of some species of animals? Put your arguments either for/against the issue in the form of a **Speech** in reference to your understanding of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo'. **(7)**

SET 4

Section- A (Literature)

Answer the following questions: (2x5)

1. How did the family of Lencho welcome the rain in the story, 'A Letter to God'?
2. Why did Lencho say that the raindrops were like 'new coins'? What was the outcome of the rainfall?
3. Why did Lencho write two letters to God? Explain the purpose in brief.
4. Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it? Cite the reason.
5. What is a Metaphor? Cite **four** examples of Metaphor used in the story 'A Letter to God'.

Answer the following questions in not more than 70-80 words: (2x5)

1. There are two kinds of conflict in the story: between human and nature and between humans themselves. How these conflicts are illustrated in the story 'A Letter to God'? Relate to the use of irony in explaining the two conflicts.
2. Pen down a character sketch of the Postmaster in the story 'A Letter to God' in your own words. Do you think he serves the purpose of God in Lencho's life? Explain.

Section-B (Grammar)

The following passages have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the wrong word and write the correct word for each line:. (2x8)

1. A little girl was talking to his teacher
2. for whales. The teacher said it was
3. impossible to a whale to swallow
4. the human because, even though it
5. was the very large mammal, it's
6. throat was very small. The little girl says,
7. "Jonah was swallow by a whale." The
8. teacher reiterated, "A whale couldn't swallow a human; it's impossible.

Trying to achieve your goals without an

1. action plan is like trying for drive across

2. the country within a map. The wasted
3. time, energy or money will probably
4. make you give in traveling before you
5. go very far. Such goals is not goals at all.
6. They are merely fantasies. Success people
7. find out what it costs to make his dream
8. come true. They don't complain when the efforts made.

Spot the Verbs and specify the form of Voice of the following sentences:

1. The cat killed the mouse.
2. Nothing will be gained by hurry.
3. The letter was posted last night.
4. His command was probably obeyed.

SET 5

Section A (Literature)

Answer the following questions:

(2X10=20)

1. What is the tone that prevails in the poem "Dust and Snow" by Robert Frost?
2. What is a Symbol? What are the symbols that Frost uses in the poem "Dust and Snow"? What purpose do they serve in the poem?
3. What does 'fire' and 'ice' stand for in Frost's poem "Fire and Ice"? How, according to the poet, will both be responsible for the destruction of the world?
4. Comment on the style of the poem "Fire and Ice".
5. Describe Tricky's appearance in the initial onset of the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'. Compare it with the ending of the story.
6. Do you think Mrs. Pumphrey was genuinely concerned about the health of Tricky? Support your answer with the help of your understanding of the chapter.
7. Pen down a character sketch of Mr. Herriot
8. What is the 'expected call' that the narrator speaks of in the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'? Why was the call expected?
9. Why does Mrs. Pumphrey think that the dog's recovery is a triumph of surgery?
10. Why is the narrator tempted to keep Tricky on as a permanent guest?

Section-B (Writing)

(2X10=20)

- 1) Develop a **Story** in about 200-250 words using the given clues. Also assign a suitable title to it.

Dark night - quiet jungle - sound of footsteps - followed footprints trail - reached lonely house - hidden behind trees - entered - shocked to see - woke up in bed.

- 2) Using the hints given below, develop a story in about 250-300 words.

Fictional characters come alive - David Copperfield meets Swaminathan - common discussion - hatred for school - love to hang out with friends - bunked classes - emotional bonding due to loss of mother.

N.B. All the sets of homework assignments must be done in loose sheets of practical notebooks and put in a channel file accordingly.