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Time : 2-30 hrs.]

Class – VIII

[M. M. 60

[Section-A : Reading]

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A-1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

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Once a puppy got hold of a bone while he had been wandering hungry in search of food. He thought to retire to a safe place to munch on the bone. He saw a pair of crows by his side. One of the crows started pecking his tail. The other crow came towards his mouth. He got angry and started barking at the crow standing near his mouth. The bone fell down and in no time, the other crow got hold of the bone and flew away. The dog had to remain hungry the whole day :

- (a) The puppy who was hungry got hold of
- (b) He wanted to to a safe place.
- (c) There were crows.
- (d) The bone fell down when the puppy
- (e) '.....' is the suitable title for the story above.

A-2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

5×1=5

The Olympic flame or Olympic fire is a symbol of the Olympic Games. Commemorating the theft of fire from the Greek God Zeus by Prometheus. For the ancient Greeks, fire had divine connotations. Therefore a fire permanently burns on an altar in Olympia.

The Olympic flame is nowadays ignited several months before the opening celebrations of the Olympic games. Eleven priestesses, played by actors, light the fire by placing a torch in a concave parabolic mirror which concentrates rays from the sun. The



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torch is then transported to the host city of the upcoming Olympics by means of a torch relay.

- (a) The Olympic flame is a symbol of
- (b) A fire permanently burns on
- (c) Before the Olympic Games start
- (d) helps to concentrate the rays of the sun.
- (e) The word suggests that the fire is provide by or relates to a god or goddess

A-3. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :

5×1=5

The Little Black Boy

My mother bore me in the southern wild

And I am black, but oh my soul is white !

My mother taught me underneath a tree,

And, sitting down before the heat of day,

She took me on her lap and kissed me,

And, pointed to the east, began to say :

Look on the rising sun : there God does live,

And gives His light, and gives His heat away,

And towers and trees and beasts and men receive

Comfort in morning, joy in the noonday

(a) The colour of boy is

(b) But the is pure or white.

(c) He was taught

(d) He sun gives us

(e) The wordis the meaning of 'animal'.

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[Section-B : Writing]

- B-1. Do you think it is right to kill an animal to save a human life ? Give reasons for your answer. 7

OR

The monsoons are a time of great fun and even a few adventures : playing in the rain and getting wet, wading through knee-deep water on your way to school, water flooding the house or the classroom, power cuts and so on. Write a diary entry.

- B-2. How science has been useful to us ? 8

OR

Write, why mountaineering and other adventure sports are good for us.

[Section-C : Grammar]

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- C-1. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate words from the box : 4

cow, drum, swish, tinkle

- (a) Ravi on his desk in impatience.
(b) Pony its tail.
(c) The of breaking glass woke me up.
(d) The of crow disturbed the child's sleep.

- C-2. Write following sentences into Indirect speech ; 2

- (a) Jody said to Mill-wheel, "Will you help me find the fawn ?"
(b) Jody said to Mill-wheel, "Do you think the fawn is still there ?"

- C-3. Complete each sentence below using the appropriate forms of the verb :

- (a) I (phone) you when I (b) (get) home from school. (c) We are off today. We (write) to you after we (d) (be) back.

- C-4. Make proper sentences using the jumbled words : 3

- (a) the wound / was wound / A bandage / around



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- (b) The soldier / desert / decided to / dessert (a sweet dish) / his
(e) The sweeper / refuse / had to / accept / more refuse

C-5. Write the noun forms of the following words :

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- (a) lofty
(b) happy
(c) enormous
(d) noble

[Section-D : Literature]

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D-1. Read the given stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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The poetry of earth is never dead :

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,

And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run

From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead,

That is the grasshopper's he takes the lead

In summer luxury he has never done

With his delights, for when tired out with fun

He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

- (a) What happens to the birds in summer ?
(b) Which voice runs from hedge to hedge ?
(c) What do the grasshopper do during summers ?

D-2. Attempt the following questions (any six) :

6×2=12

- (a) What made the poet proclaim Ernest was the Stone Face ?
(b) What, according to you, makes the two adversaries (Ranji and the warrior)
turn into good friends in a matter of minutes ?

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- (c) What did Mrs. Sappleton say about the open window ?
- (d) What was the consequence of buying jalebis with the fees money ?
- (e) Do you think ours is a traditional society ? What are some of the things we do to be called traditional ?
- (f) Mention a few things that can happen when there is endless rain for days together.
- (g) Describe Jody's Fawn in three or four lines.
- (h) Make four sentences using the words :Stephen Hawking, suffered, wasted legs, head sideways.



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