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Muktangan English School & Jr. College, Pune - 9
Terminal Examination (2024-25)
Standard - IX

Subject - English
Date - 22-10-2024

ACTIVITY SHEET

Marks - 80
Time - 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

(Activity Sheet)

SECTION - I (LANGUAGE STUDY)

- Q.1 (A) A1. Do as directed.(any four) (4)**
- 1) **Find out two hidden words of minimum four letters each from the word :**
'stammered'
 - 2) **Punctuate the following sentence.**
But why did the Greeks make such a huge horse the Trojans asked.
 - 3) **Pick out two present participles from the sentence.**
All this business of gathering turtle eggs and killing turtles is carried on in a secret, hush-hush manner.
 - 4) **Identify the type of sentence.**
How little is needed for one to be ruined or saved !
 - 5) **Complete the word chain of verbs.**
Examine,,,,
- A2. Do as directed. (any two) (4)**
- 1) **Rewrite the following sentence using indirect speech.**
"Are you sure you still had it on when you left the hall ?" He asked.
 - 2) **Make sentences of your own to show the difference in homophones.**
week, weak
 - 3) **Begin the sentence with 'This trail.....'**
The egg hunters follow this trail.
- A3. Do as directed.(Any one) (2)**
- 1) The Greeks could not take the city.
(Pick out the modal auxiliary verb and state its function)
 - 2) **Analyse the clause.**
Before returning home, he had written his own note on the rag.

SECTION II - (TEXTUAL PASSAGES)

(READING SKILLS, VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR)

- Q.2 (A) Read the following passage and do the activities. [10]**
- A1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the passage. (2)**
1. Troy was a city.
 2. In time of war the would be closed.
 3. The city was protected by the surrounding it.
 4. The fighting went on daily, but the did not end.

Round their city the Trojans had built a strong wall so that no enemy should attack them from the sea. The wall was so broad that people could stand and sit and walk on it. The great gates stood open, and people could go to the seashore outside and come in as they pleased. But in time of war the gates would be closed; and then the city was like a strong fortress, quite safe from all attack, protected by the walls surrounding it, as well as by the hills behind.

Thus, Troy was a strong city, strongly protected by its walls and strongly defended by its brave soldiers. But all the kings and heroes of Greece had declared war against the Trojans, because Paris, a prince of Troy, had persuaded Helen, wife of a Greek king Menelaus, to elope with him. He had brought her to Troy. The Greeks wanted to take revenge on Troy for the wrong done to Menelaus. They sailed to Troy and laid siege to the city. The Trojans, too, fought hard and the siege continued for ten long years.

The fighting went on daily, but the siege did not end. On the one hand, the Greeks could not take the city, and on the other hand the Trojans could not force them to sail away. Every day the trojans came out of their gates, and the Greeks came out of their tents and ships, and the fighting went on. Sometimes there were great battles between the two armies. Sometimes there were single fights between two great heroes. Sometimes the Trojans had the better of it and sometimes the Greeks. But still the fighting went on.

- A2.** 1. Why did Greece declare war against the Trojans ? (2)
2. For how long did the seige continue ?

- A3. Vocabulary** (2)
1. Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage.
1) exposed X 2) offended X
2. Find two compound words from the passage.

- A4. Grammar** (2)
1) **Find out the determiners from the following sentence.**
The Greeks came out of their tents and ships.
2) **Identify the tense of the given sentence.**
He had brought her to troy.

- A5.** Is war really a solution for every problem ? Illaborate. (2)

Q.2 (B) Read the following passage and complete the activities. [10]

B1. State whether the following statements are true or false. (2)

- 1) The branches of the tree were very short and extended straight out from the trunk.
- 2) Elizabeth wanted the family to move to a safer place.
- 3) William returned to the beach and collected driftwood.
- 4) The lowest branch of the tree was 20 feet off the ground.

After some days, Elizabeth informed William that she wanted the family to move to a safer place. Their current camp was not only exposed but also very dry and hot. If they built a house up in one of the large trees, they would be safe from jackals. She described a perfect tree for the project, one whose trunk was nearly forty feet in diameter. The branches were very long and extended straight out from the trunk, making them perfect platforms for a structure. Later, when determining the height of the lowest branches, the father taught the boys geometry and how to use triangles to measure big objects. He measured a defined distance from the trunk, then he calculated angles using several measured rods, determining that the lowest branch was thirty feet off the ground.

The men knotted a rope at certain intervals and attached pieces of bamboo in each knot. Thus, they created their ladder. Father returned to the beach and collected driftwood, thinking it would be perfect to build a 'sledge', on runners rather than wheels. Later, they used it to transport materials.

B2. Complete the statements with reference to the passage. (2)

1. The family used the sledge to
2. William taught the boys geometry and

B3. Vocabulary (2)

Complete the following table of word formation.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
1. calculated
2. measure

B4. Grammar (2)

- 1) The men knotted a rope at certain intervals and attached pieces of bamboo in each knot. (Pick out the conjunction and mention its type.)
- 2) Change the sentence into negative.
They created their ladder.

B5. What type of house would you like to live in ? (2)

SECTION III (POETRY)

Q III (A) Read the following extract and complete the activities based on it. [5]

A1. The Maiden was decorated with : (2)

- 1) 2)

THE autumn comes, a maiden fair
In slenderness and grace,
With nodding rice-stems in her hair
And lilies in her face.
In flowers of grasses she is clad;
And as she moves along,
Birds greet her with their cooing glad
Like a bracelet's tinkling song.

A diadem adorns the night !
Of multitudinous stars;
Her silken robe is white moonlight,
Set free from cloudy bars;
And on her face (the radiant moon)
Bewitching smiles are shown :
She seems a slender maid, who soon
Will be a woman grown.

A2. Which season according to you brings happiness in your life ? Explain your views. (2)

A3. Match the lines in column 'A' with the correct figure of speech in column 'B'. (1)

A	B
1. Birds greet her with their cooing glad 2. She seems a slender maid	1. Simile 2. Alliteration 3. Onomatopoeia

Q.3 (B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format. (5)

- The title and the poet of the poem (1)
- Figure of speech (1)
- Rhyme scheme (1)
- Central idea (2)

Invictus

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate.
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate :
I am the captain of my soul.

By William Ernest Henley

SECTION IV - (NON TEXTUAL PASSAGE)
(READING SKILLS, VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR)

Q.4 (A) Read the given passage carefully and do the activities based on it. [10]

A1) Order : Arrange the given sentences in the order in which they appear in the passage. (2)

1. It is necessary for developing a healthy and strong body.
2. A sound mind dwells in a sound body.
3. It helps to develop the spirit of co-operation and brotherhood.
4. Sports are the most certainly essential for the all round development of youngsters.

Education is one of the most powerful means of developing the total personality of the child. For the all-round development of the child, the curriculum should include sports, games and health education. This is absolutely necessary because mental and moral development is just not possible without physical development, for it has been observed wisely that 'a sound mind dwells in a sound body'.

Sports are necessary for developing a healthy and strong body. Besides promoting health and strength, sports develops many good qualities of the head and the heart. It strengthens the power of endurance and helps develop the spirit of co-operation and brotherhood. It promotes discipline, fair play and team spirit. Young men and women are trained to face defeat with a smile and be humble even in the hour of victory.

Games are the greatest and the healthiest means of refreshment and recreation. They fill one with new vigour, vitality and enthusiasm, which help one to concentrate more on studies. In short, sports are the most certainly essential for the all round development of youngsters.

A2) Give reasons : (2)

1. The curriculum should include sports, games and health education because
2. Games are considered to be a means of refreshment and recreation because

A3) Vocabulary :

1. Pick out two adverbs from the passage. (1)
2. Unscramble the words to make a meaningful word : (1)
1) mebluh - 2) uthiassmen -

A4) Grammar :

1. Young men and women are trained to face defeat with a smile and be humble even in the hour of victory.
(Pick out the prepositions from the given sentence.)
2. Games are the greatest and the healthiest means of refreshment and recreation.
(Rewrite in the positive degree of comparison)

A5) Which sport do you like to play ? What according to you it provides us ? (2)

Q.4 (B) Write a summary of the passage given in Q.4(A) and suggest a suitable title. (5)

SECTION V - (WRITING SKILLS)

Q.5 Letter writing :

Imagine you are Kamlesh / Kamala residing in Building No. C1 / 8, Kakade Park, Chinchwad gaon, Pune 411 033. Your sister's wedding is in the next month.

FORMAL LETTER

1. Write a letter to your principal to grant you 15 days leave for arrangements of the wedding

OR

INFORMAL LETTER

2. Write a letter to your dearest friend to attend the wedding and accompany you a week prior.

You can make use of the following points.

- i) Shopping ii) Helping parents iii) Distributing invitation cards
- iv) Arrangements of decoration articles and functions.

Q.6 (A) Information Transfer :

A1 Verbal to Non-Verbal

Read the following passage and transfer the information into a tree diagram.

The word literature is really hard to define. Many interpretations are made about the word. But all are incomplete. Some opine that literature is the mirror of life, some others say that it is the criticism of life. Whatever many be the controversy about the word, we may say that literature is that which reflects life. The branches of literature are poetry, drama, novel and short stories. Poetry is of two kinds, imaginative and realistic. Drama is either a comedy or a tragedy. Novels are also of many kinds, historical, psychological, realistic, scientific and regional. Short story is that one which stands very close to life inspite of a little scope.

OR

A2 Non Verbal to Verbal

Transform the given information into a paragraph format highlighting the characteristic of city life and village life.

	City Life	Village life
1. Surroundings	Factories, Vehicles	Clean, Open fields
2. Houses	Big skycrapers, cement etc.	Small natural things
3. Air	Polluted, impure	Fresh, pure, healthy
4. People	Educated, few illiterate	Illiterate, few educated

Q.6 (B) Speech Writing (5)

1. You have got an opportunity to deliver a speech in your school assembly. Prepare a speech to be delivered in front of the students and teachers on the topic 'If Animals and birds would speak..... based on the following points.

- Speak out their feelings and what they need
- Feelings of caged animals / birds
- Problems and difficulties
- Likes / dislikes
- Express their love and anger

OR

Q.6 (B) View - Counterview

**2. Write your views in a paragraph on the topic -
'Anything men can do, Women can do better !**

SECTION V - (CREATIVE WRITING)

Q. 7 (A) Expand the theme : Expand the following idea into 80-100 words. (5)
'A friend in need is a friend indeed'

OR

A2) Report Writing: Prepare a report to be published in your school magazine based on the following topic.

Muktangan English School organised an open dias programme
for the students of standard IX and X.

Q.7 (B) Developing a story / narrating an experience. (5)

B1) Develop a story in 80 to 100 words with the following ending.
Give a suitable title.

....., thus she realised a small thought and a kind act can save our environment.

OR

B2) Narrate an experience with the following beginning. Give a suitable title.

It was a hot, sunny day, when I finally

