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**Muktangan English School & Jr. College, Pune - 9**  
**Formative Written Test I (2024-25)**  
**Standard - VIII**

**Subject - English**  
**Date - 13.8.2024**

**Marks - 20**  
**Time - 8.15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.**

**Q. 1 Do as directed (Any 4)**

**[4]**

1) **Complete the table of degree of comparison.**

| Positive | Comparative | Superlative |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| great    | .....       | greatest    |
| .....    | worse       | worst       |

2) **Identify the type of the sentences.**

- a) How happily she played the violin !
- b) We must avoid hurting others.

3) The teacher explained this lesson.

**[Identify the part of speech of the underlined words.]**

4) We lack ..... self-confidence to see ourselves as ..... developed nation.

**[Fill in the blanks with the correct articles.]**

5) The soldiers fought bravely.

**[Identify whether the underlined verb is finite or non-finite.]**

**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :**

1) **State whether the following statements are true or false.**

**[2]**

- a) Revathi was very fond of the raga Mohanam.
- b) There was a big open courtyard in front of Revathi's house, with a small wooden bench.
- c) Revathi decided to participate in the 'Best plant' contest.
- d) While playing on the guitar one day, Revathi noted a pot of balsam plants near the bench.

Revathi was a student of music. She was happy playing on her violin whenever she was free. There was a small open courtyard in front of her house, with a small cement bench. She would sit on the bench and practise on her violin. There were a few potted plants in the courtyard. While playing on the violin one day, she noted a pot of balsam plants near the wall. The plants were not looking normal. They had pale green leaves and their growth was stunted. She remembered she had learnt in the lower classes that plants need light for normal growth. She shifted the pot to the centre of the courtyard where there was ample sunlight.

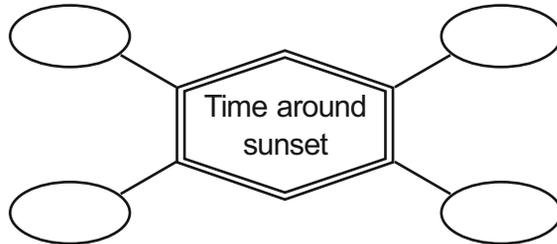
While shifting the pot, an idea struck Revathi. Why not participate in the 'Best plant' contest which was to be held in her colony a few weeks later ! Then and there she decided to participate. Thus making up her mind, she watered the plants and sat down on the bench and started playing her violin. She was very fond of the raga 'Mohanam'. She played the raga for some time and then went in for her studies.

Everyday, Revathi would sit on the bench and watch her potted plants. They were growing well and looking healthier than the other plants in the far end of the courtyard. One day as she was playing, she noticed a movement in her potted plants. They were slowly moving their stems, bending slightly towards her. She wondered why they were moving as there was no breeze. It struck her as odd.

- 2) **Answer the following questions.** [2]  
 a) Why did Revathi change the pot's location ?  
 b) What strange thing did Revathi notice about the potted plants?
- 3) Find a phrase from the passage which means - to seem very strange. [1]
- 4) **Make the following sentence negative using the negative word given in the bracket.** [1]  
 There were a few potted plants in the courtyard. (not many)
- 5) What measures will you take for the growth of the plants ? [2]

**Q.3 Read the following extract and answer the following questions given below :**

- 1) **Pick out words from the poem to fill in the web diagram.** [2]



**The Pilgrim**

A pilgrim, going a lone high way  
 Came at evening, cold and gray  
 To a chasm, deep and vast and wide.  
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim.  
 The chasm held no fear for him.  
 But he paused when he reached the other side.  
 And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
 “Why waste your time in building here ?  
 Your journey ends with the close of the day  
 You never again will pass the way.  
 You have crossed the chasm deep and wide  
 Why build ye here at even tide ?”

- 2) **Answer the following question.** [1]  
 Why did the old man have no need to build the bridge, across the chasm ?
- 3) Find one example of Tautology from the given extract. [1]

**Q.4 Writing Skills** [4]

- A) You are Reena / Rajiv Mittal, residing at 15, Vallabh Society, Sahakarnagar, Pune 411 009. Your friend Kunal is fond of reading good books. Write a letter to him inviting him to visit the Book Fair which is going to be held in your city in July. Make use of the following points.
- 1) Book Fair in the month of July.
  - 2) Participation of all the major publishers of the country.
  - 3) Opportunity for book-lovers
  - 4) Importance of good books in one's life.

**OR**

- B) Expand your ideas on any one of the topics given below.
- 1) Cleanliness is next to Godliness
  - 2) Health is Wealth

