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CLASS -VIII

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SUBJECT-ENGLISH

M.M-40

(Section A – Reading)

Q. 1 Read the passage carefully and answer the right alternatives form the options given below: (1X5=5 Marks)

Sarojini Naidu was educated in her early years under her father's own care. He wanted her to become a great mathematician or scientist but she loved to dream and write poems. She was hardly eleven when she wrote her first poem.

At thirteen she wrote a long poem in the manner of famous English poets. After her matriculation in India, she went to England for higher education in lender. She met Sir Edmund Goose, a distinguished man of letters. He was impressed by her knowledge and intelligence. He was surprised to see that she had written poems in flawless English but felt disappointed to find that they had nothing of the East in them. They were all about English sights from this day onwards; she devoted herself to writing verses about India.

Questions:

1) Sarojini Naidu loved to _____

- (a) Become a great mathematician or scientist. (c) Be an English teacher.
(b) Be an English poet. (d) Dream and write poems.

2) She wrote her first poem at the age of _____

- (a) Ten, (b) Eleven, (c) Twelve, (d) Nine

3) She wrote a long poem like English poets at the age of _____

- (a) Ten, (b) Thirteen, (c) Twelve, (d) Eleven

4) Sir Edmund Goose is known as a _____

- (a) Intelligent and knowledgeable person (c) Distinguished man of letters
(b) Renowned English poet (d) Mentor of Sarojini Naidu

5) The word _____ means 'distressed'.

- (a) Flawless, (b) Disappointed, (c) Higher, (d) Hardy

Q. 2 Read the paragraph and answer the following questions: (1X5=5 Marks)

Bees are insects. Bees are special insects because they can fly! They can move through the air like an aeroplane! Bees can fly because they have wings. They use their wings to fly. Bees can fly fast. Bees can also fly slow. They can fly up and they can fly down. They need to fly to get to the flowers! Bees can have three colours. They can be yellow, red, and orange. All bees are black in some places. Bees have three main parts. They have a head. They have a body. And, they have a stinger. The stinger is used to defend against enemies. They also have six legs. They use their legs to stand and climb. They

also use their legs to eat and collect pollen. Bees live in many places. They live in Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, North America, South America. The only continent that bees do not live on is Antarctica! I understand why they don't live in Antarctica. It's too cold! Most of the time, bees are nice to humans. If you do not bother them, they will not bother you. Have fun watching the bees this summer.

1) What are bees?

- A. Mammals B. Birds C. Reptiles D. Insects

2) How do bees fly?

- A. They use their legs B. They use their head.
C. They use their wings. D. None of the above.

3) How many legs do bees have?

- A. Two, B. Four, C. Six D. Eight

4) What is the stinger used for?

- A. To eat food. B. To defend against enemies.
C. Both A and B. D. None of the above.

5) Where do bees live?

- A. North America, B. Asia, C. Antarctica, D. Both A and B

(Section B – Writing and Grammar)

Q. 3 Nishith is a tour guide. He has to apply for a job of tourist guide. Write his Biographical sketch with the help of hints given below: (1X4=4 Marks)

- Age : 30 years
- Graduate in Arts with majors in History
- Good knowledge of monuments in Jaipur
- Provides information to tourists, comprehensive knowledge of local history
- Converses in a polite manner
- Enjoys his work
- Languages known : Hindi and English

Q. 4 Taking help from the input given below, write a story. (1X5=5 Marks)

- Guru Dronacharya – wanted to test archery skill – selected a tree in the forest – placed a wooden bird on a branch – were to hit the bird in the eye – Yudhishthir stepped forward – “Can you see me?” asked Dronacharya – ‘yes’ replied Yudhishthir – asked him to put down the bow – each prince replied the same – finally came Arjuna – “Arjuna, do you see me?” asked Dronacharya – “I see only my target” said Arjuna - Arjuna hit the bird's head.

Q. 5 Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verb of simple future tense:

(1X6=6 Marks)

- 1) I _____ a horse. [ride]
- 2) He _____ to see me. [come]
- 3) They _____ to the market in the evening. [go]
- 4) She _____ success in exams. [achieve]
- 5) Rohan _____ Taj Mahal next year. [visit]
- 6) Sona _____ in the singing competition. [participate]

(Section C – Literature)

Q.6 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: [Any 6]

(2X6=12 Marks)

- 1) What is the scientist's message to the disabled?
- 2) Why did the grandmother ask the children not to kill the Chuchundar?
- 3) What was the Great Stone Face?
- 4) Did the prospect of meeting Stephen Hawking make the writer nervous? If so, Why?
- 5) Between Ranji and the other boy, who is trying to start a quarrel? Give a reason for your answer.
- 6) What did Mrs. Sappleton say about the open window?
- 7) Why didn't the boy take the coin's advice? Give two or three reasons.

Q. 7 Answer any one of the following in about 40-50 words: [Any 1]

(1X3=3 Marks)

- 1) What made people believe General Blood and Thunder was their man?
- 2) The boy offers to play a game with Allah Miyan. What is the game?

******* Best of Luck *******