

MDH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ANNUAL EXAMINATION (2023-24)
SUBJECT- ENGLISH
Class VII

Time: 3 hours

Marks:80

NAME : _____ CLASS & SEC. _____ ROLL NO. _____

SECTION A (READING)

(Ques 1) Read the following unseen passage carefully and answer the questions given below the unseen passage. (1x8=8 M)

Time is like a special gift that we all get every day. It's a bit like money, but we can't save it or get more of it. Once it's gone, it's gone. So, how we use our time is super important. When we use our time well, we can achieve our goals, have fun, and spend time with loved ones. But if we waste our time or put things off, we might miss out on great opportunities. Using our time wisely helps us do the things we want and become successful. It's like having a magical tool to make our dreams come true. So, remember, time is a valuable gift, and it's up to us to make the most of it!

1. Carefully read the questions from the unseen passage and answer them. 8 Marks

- a) What is time compared to in the passage?
- b) Why is using time wisely important, according to the passage?
- c) What might happen if we waste our time, as mentioned in the passage?
- d) How does using time wisely help us, as described in the passage?
- e) What does the passage say about time being a valuable gift?
- f) Find a synonym for "precious" as used in the passage.
- g) What is the opposite of "foolish" in the passage?
- h) Give a suitable title to the passage.

(Ques 2) Read the following unseen passage carefully and answer the questions given below the unseen passage. (12 MARKS)

The cactus is a plant which grows in very hot, dry places. They do not have leaves. Instead, they have spiny needles which stick out of their stems. There are many shapes of the cactus. Some are small and round. Others are tall like columns or pillars. Some are shaped like tubes or bells. Some are shaped like wheels. Some grow as trees or shrubs. Others grow as ground cover. Cactus flowers are big, and some of them bloom at night. Their flowers come out at night because they are pollinated by insects or small animals that come out at night. Insects and small animals carry pollen from one cactus to another. Most cacti live in North and South America. Others live in Africa, Madagascar, and Sri Lanka. Cacti do not have very large leaves because large leaves would allow the water to evaporate. When water evaporates, it changes from a liquid to a gas. When it becomes a gas, it is light enough to move through the air. That would

be bad for the cactus because the cactus needs the water to live. Some cacti have waxy coatings on their stems, so that water will run down the stem to the roots. Cacti can absorb water from fog in the air, since it does not rain very much in the desert. Most cacti have long roots which can spread out close to the surface so they can absorb a lot of water on the occasions when it rains.

Answer the following questions:

- 1) What do cacti have instead of leaves? (1)
A. Stems B. Tubes C. Pillars D. Needles
- 2) How are cacti shaped? (1)
A. Like balls B. Like tubes C. Like wheels D. All of the above
- 3) Where do most cacti grow? (1)
A. North and South America B. Southern Europe C. Antarctica D. Asia
- 4) Cacti prevent evaporation of water by... (1)
A. growing small leaves. B. growing small stems.
C. growing large leaves. D. growing deep roots.
- 5) How do cacti prevent evaporation of water? (2)
- 6) When do cacti bloom? (2)
- 7) Why do cacti have long roots? (2)
- 8) Why do cacti have waxy coatings on their stems? (2)

SECTION B (WRITING) 15 MARKS

(Ques3) You have got the news that a cousin of yours is going abroad for higher education. Write him/her a letter in about 120 words inventing all necessary details like
(7 marks)

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- Say how you got the news and how you feel about the development
 - Find out where he/she is going and for what course

OR

Your sibling keeps bothering you. Write a letter to your grandmother, who lives in another city, describing how you feel about the situation and requesting her to intervene in the matter.

(Ques 4) Describe your favourite place in a detailed paragraph. Include specific details about the location, its surroundings, and why it holds a special significance for you.
(8 marks)

OR

It was raining heavily, the street lights had gone off and I was returning..." complete the story in about 100 - 120 words, providing an appropriate title to it.

SECTION - C [GRAMMAR – 15 Marks]

Q5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals: (1*3 = 3 M)

1. Students, you _____ submit your assignments by tomorrow.
2. The weather is unpredictable, so we _____ bring umbrellas.
3. She _____ attend the seminar last week due to a family emergency.

Q6. Change the following sentences from active voice to passive voice. (1*3=3 M)

1. The teacher explained the new lesson to the students.
2. They have built a new bridge across the river.
3. The mechanic is fixing my car in the garage.

Q7. Change the sentences from direct speech to reported speech (1*3 = 3 M)

1. She said, "I will visit the museum tomorrow."
2. "We are planning a surprise party for John," he mentioned.
3. "The movie starts at 8 PM," announced the usher.

Q8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (1*3=3M)

		INCORRECT	CORRECT
Time has more precious than money.	A		
Money once lost can be regain	B		
but time once lost was lost forever.	C		

Q9. Re-arrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences. (1*3=3M)

- a) educational/a/institution/library/forms/part of/an/important/very/a
- b) inspires/the students/develop/a habit/reading/of/library/to
- c) knowledge/students/a/library/widens/the/the/of

SECTION - D [LITERATURE – 30 Marks]

Q10. Read the given lines and answer the following questions. 3 marks

*"If only humans were aware of its presence
the world of men would not be in this horrific mess"*

- a. Who is the speaker?
- b. Whose or what presence is the speaker referring to?
- c. What is the horrific mess?

Q11. Read the given lines and answer the following questions. 3 marks

*“Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man”*

- What is the mood of the speaker in these lines?
- What do you think the speaker meant by ‘what man has made of man’?
- Who is the poet of the given lines?

Q12. Read the given line and answer the following questions. 4 marks

*“But at this moment
You and Khala are equal in my eyes”*

- Who are the two people that the speaker is referring to?
- Who is the speaker?
- What do these lines reflect about the speaker’s behaviour?
- Why did he say that they were equal in his eyes?

Q13. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2*6 = 12 marks)

- Why did the villages have an unwavering faith in the Panch?
- ~~How does our culture affect the way we eat?~~
- What different perceptions did people have as mentioned in the chapter ‘A Girl in the Himalayas’?
- How does the speaker know that the computer has become absent minded?
- What, according to the speaker, is ‘Nature’s holy plan’?
- Why wasn’t the eventual launch of the rocket remarkable?

Q14. Answer the following questions in 80-100 words. (4*2 = 8 marks)

- Very often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile or the smallest act of kindness, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Comment on the statement with reference to the story.
- What did you understand about the Russian culture of weddings? How is it different from our culture? Give examples from the story.