

VILLA THERESA HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST UNIT TEST - July 2017

STD: VIII

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

MARKS: 20

DATE: 24/7/2017

SET : B

TIME: 40 Mins

QI. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

[2x4=8]

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments

By narrow domestic walls

Where words come out from the depth of truth

1. What is meant by 'mind is without fear'? Whose mind is the poet talking about?
2. According to the poet what breaks up the world into fragments?
3. Why does the poet feel that the words should "come out from the depth of truth"?
4. What according to the poet his countrymen should do to be led into the heaven of freedom?

QII. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

[2x6=12]

A crackle of sheets was heard as students hurriedly arranged the pages on which they had written their assignments. They were eager to speak in front of their classmates.

1. What assignment was given to the students and by whom? How do we know that the children had done the assignment?
2. When did Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan become a part of the NSG? How had he served in the army before he joined the NSG?
3. How do you know that Chotu Chaiwala played an important role during the terror attacks in Mumbai? What was his full name?
4. What does the role of Hemant Karkare and his comrades during the Mumbai terrorist attacks tell us about them?
5. Name the General Manager of the Taj hotel. How does he demonstrate selflessness through his actions?
6. What was the teacher's opinion about her students towards the end of the speaker's speech?

PROSE

QI. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

A crackle of sheets was heard as students hurriedly arranged the pages on which had written their assignments. They were eager to speak in front of the classmates.

1. Who was the first speaker? What did he speak of? How was he different from the rest of his classmates? (2marks)
2. Describe the role played by Major Unni Krishnana during the November 2008 attacks on Mumbai. (2marks)
3. What does Vishnu Zende's staying at his position, in the face of danger, tell us about him? How did his announcements help the people? (2marks)
4. Who were Hemant Karkare's other two companions? How did the three lose their lives? (2marks)
5. What does the action of the caretakers of kabristan tell us about these people? What did they prove by their action? (2marks)
6. Discuss the reaction of the class when the speaker ended his speech. What effect did his speech have on his teacher? (2marks)

POEM

QII. Answer the following questions with reference to context.

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way

Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit.

1. What does the poet mean by saying "tireless striving"? What does the poet want his countrymen to achieve by tireless striving? (2marks)
2. Explain "dreary desert sand of dead habit"? (2marks)
3. According to the poet, what are hurdles in achieving perfection? (2marks)
4. What does the poet aspire his country to be like? (2marks)

GRAMMAR

QI. Rewrite the sentences with the noun form of the words given in the brackets. (4)

- i. The council member's _____ for the 51st Annual General meeting was disappointing. (attend)
- ii. The animals at the shelter home were subjected to ill _____. (treat)
- iii. The cops surveilled the _____ of the thief for a period of two days. (reside)
- iv. Without the _____ of the Principal the matter could not be resolved. (approve)
- v. The _____ of ghosts in the abandoned building caused a huge loss to the developer. (exist)
- vi. There was major _____ on the second floor of the school building. (disturb)
- vii. There was an _____ conducted against the errant engineers by the B.M.C. (enquire)
- viii. Mrs. Naina confirmed the _____ of the burglar to the police. (describe)

QII. Rewrite the sentences with suitable pronouns. (4)

- i. She caught the dog _____ and freed him from the net.
- ii. That boy, _____ we met yesterday was found missing from his home.
- iii. Please ask _____ if _____ will come for the bridal make up tomorrow.
- iv. The drivers missed _____ turn of voting because of election duty.
- v. My Uncle and _____ thought of collecting the shells _____ on the beach.
- vi. That doll _____ has a beautiful face was bought by my mom for me.

QIII. Rewrite the following sentences with determiners if necessary. (2)

- i. This was last opportunity that children had to complete their project.
- ii. It was necessary for gathering to come to consensus.
- iii. If needed you have right to complain.

WORDS ARE IMPORTANT

QIV Give meanings for the following words. (4)

- i. deliberate
- ii. conform
- iii. prostrate
- iv. prejudice

QV. Give a word for the following meanings. (2)

- i. protect-
- ii. eager -
- iii. to make certain-
- iv. give evidence -

QVI. In not more than 80 words, use eight words from the words given below in a paragraph. (4)

There should be a clear connection with all the words.

Underline the words and use them in their correct form.

Q1. Rewrite the following sentences with the noun form of the word given in

the brackets. (4)

1. The _____ of war by England against Scotland, prevented his return.(declare)
2. The _____ of most communications could not always be relied upon.(accurate)
3. A bill for the better _____ of pellagra was introduced in the spring of 1902.(prevent)
4. This depression is in all _____ the bed of one of the dried-up Saharan rivers.(probable)
5. He failed to acknowledge my _____ as I returned to our room.(depart)
6. The three volumes ended with the _____ of Caesar.(dictator)
7. Under _____ he signed over the disputed property to the builder.(compel)
8. Her gaze settled on Kiera, a wounded look of _____ there. (betray)

Q2. Rewrite the following sentences with the suitable pronoun. (4)

1. She rewarded _____ with chocolates.
2. That is my cousin, _____ car was stolen.
3. Anita and _____ went for a movie.
4. Do you know _____ broke the window pane?
5. One of the fish _____ I fried looked raw.
6. One must defend _____ against pickpockets.
7. _____ will play the piano for you?
8. It was _____ who informed the teacher about the noise.

Q3. Rewrite the following sentences with determiners if necessary. (2)

1. Last act of the show was the main attraction of night.
2. Sleep is great source of rejuvenating mind.

WORDS ARE IMPORTANTS

Q1. Give the meaning of the following words. (4)

- a) prospective b) surmise c) requisite d) enmity

Q2. Give a word for the following meanings. (2)

- a) To subside or decrease –
- b) warlike -
- c) characteristic-
- d) capable and fit-

Q3. In not more than 80 words, use eight words from the words given below in a (4)

paragraph. There should be a clear connection with all the words.

Underline the words and use them in their correct form

dingy formidable intricate temperament supplement

competent effect deliberate prostrate trivial



