APEEJAY COMMON EXAMINATION, 2013
CLASS-VII
ENGLISH
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT II
TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hrs 45 Min. MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

General instructions

This question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A  Reading  16 marks
Section B  Writing  24 marks
Section C  Grammar  16 marks
Section D  Literature  24 marks

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
(i) Attempt all the questions.
(ii) Answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.
(iii) Questions for each section must be answered together.

SECTION- A- READING (16 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 8 marks

One day, two friends set out for the market in the nearby village to do some shopping. On reaching the market place, they were delighted to see the items for sale on display. There were sweets, clothes, utensils, toys, birds and pets on sale.

As they moved about, they caught sight of parrots. The two decided to buy some parrots, as they were very fond of birds. They enquired about the price from the seller. The seller said, “These parrots are rupees fifty each, and those others are rupees five thousand each”. The two friends asked the seller, “Why this difference in the prices?” The seller replied, “The ones that cost rupees fifty each are not wise. They can’t be taught or trained to do anything. The costlier ones are wise, and can learn many things.”

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Tom, who was not very wise, decided to buy ten of the cheaper parrots, while Jerry, the wiser one, decided to buy just one parrot of the costlier variety. Tom said to Jerry, 'Don't be a fool. This one parrot will cost you rupees five thousand, while ten of the cheaper parrots will cost you rupees five hundred only! If you buy the cheaper variety, you will not only have more parrots, but will also save some handsome amount of money!'

Jerry listened to Tom patiently and simply smiled, without saying anything. The two, then, made their purchases and left. The next day, Jerry started teaching his parrot. Soon, his parrot, a wise fellow, was well trained. On the other hand, Tom tried to teach his parrots, but they would not learn anything.

One day, Jerry let his parrot fly away. After a few hours, his parrot, the wise one, returned with the ten parrots of Tom. Tom had lost all his parrots. Jerry had eleven parrots now, whereas Tom was left with none. Jerry told Tom that one wise investment is better than ten foolish investments. Wise investments fetch good fortune while unwise investments bring misfortune.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the story, answer the following questions as briefly as possible:

(a) Where did the two friends go together?
(b) What did they buy?
(c) Was Tom's decision wise?
(d) What was the speciality of the costlier parrot?
(e) What happened when Jerry let his parrot fly away?
(f) What lesson do we learn from the story?

1.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the following:

(a) put on show (para 1)  
(b) bad luck (para 5)

2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

The old priest Peter Giligan
Was weary night and day;
For half his flocks were in his beds.
Or under green sods lay.
Once while he nodded on his chair,
At the moth-hour of eve,
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve. 
'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace. 
For the people die and die'; 
And after he cried, God forgive! 
My body spake not I! 
He knelt, and kneeling on the chair 
He prayed and fell asleep; 
And the morn-hour went from the fields, 
And stars began to peep. 
'Mavrone, Mavrone! The man has died 
While I slept on the chair'; 
He roused his horse out of its sleep, 
And rode with little care. 
He rode now as he never rode, 
by rocky lane and fen: 
The sick man's wife opened the door; 
'Father! you come again!' 

2.1 Complete the following passage by taking ideas from the poem- 
There was an old priest whose name was a)------------------. Once there was some epidemic or illness that affected all the people of his village. Half the villagers were b)-------------- while the others were already c)-----------. In their hour of trouble, the villagers kept calling for the priest to help them find the strength to overcome their troubles. As a result the priest was d)------------- and e)-----------. He was a f)-------------- person who did his duties g)----------, but one day, when a man came to ask him to visit another man who was on his death bed, the priest cried out in anguish that h)--------- but immediately felt sorry that he had said these words and asked God to i)---------- as it was his j)-------- and not he, himself. 

2.2 Answer the following questions- 
(a) Why was Peter Giligan weary? 
(b) Was Peter Giligan a good priest? How do you know? 
(c) Find words in the poem which mean the same 
(i) tired 
(ii) feel sad 

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SECTION- B- WRITING (24 MARKS)

3. You are Aman/ Avni Shah, the head girl/boy of ABC public school. Your school is organizing a skating competition in the school. Write a notice to be put up on a notice board. Give necessary details (word limit -50 words)  

4. Your mother’s birthday is round the corner. You and your brother/sister discuss what gift you should buy for her. Write 5 sets of dialogues on the situation.  

5. Read the notes given below and write a Bio- Sketch of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in about 100 words.  

SIR ARTHUR IGNATIUS CONAN DOYLE  
Date of birth - 22 May, 1895  
Place of birth - Edinburgh, Scotland  
Death - 7 July, 1930 (caused by a heart attack)  
Occupation - novelist, short story writer, Doctor of Medicine  
Claim to fame - * creator of Sherlock Holmes- the best known detective in literature  
* Sherlock Holmes stories translated into more than 50 languages, made into plays, films and television and radio series  
* By 1920 became one of the highest paid writers in the world.  

6. Write a paragraph in about 120 words on “Advantages of Cycling” using the hints given below.  

Hints- Good exercise - economical - saves money - fuel price going up - no pollution - no noise - no congestion on road - no traffic jams - need to promote cycling in India - follow China’s example - bicycle more popular than car  

SECTION- C GRAMMAR (16 MARKS)

7. Fill in the blanks with simple past tense or the past continuous tense of the verbs given in the brackets.  

(a) Jane ----------- (wait) for me when I -------------(arrive).  
(b) John---------------- (take) my photograph while I -----------------(not look)  
(c) How fast-------- (you/drive) when the accident----------- (happen)?  
(d) I haven’t seen Alan for ages. When I last-----------(see) him, he ----------(try) to find a job in London.
8. Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one using past perfect and simple past tense.

(a) We locked the room. We left the house.
(b) I switched off the T.V. Father came in.
(c) Mr Smith just stepped into the street. It started raining.
(d) Sara finished cooking. The bell rang.

9. Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

(a) I said to the boys, “You should do your duty”.
(b) He said, “It may rain tomorrow”.
(c) I said to the teacher, “Please explain this question to me”.
(d) He said to me, “Give me your pencil”.

10. Combine each of the following pairs into a simple sentence using infinitive

(a) Reena was frightened. She saw a snake in her house.
(b) I don’t have the money. I can’t buy that house.
(c) The doctor has given Rishabh an injection. It will make him sleep.
(d) The strikers held the meeting. They wished to discuss the terms of the employers.

SECTION- D LITERATURE (24 MARKS)

11. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:

(i) They are kind and gentle, and take such good care of me. And they are very pretty girls, don’t you think? So lovely and elegant. And I am sure you have noticed that they both have the most incredibly beautiful eyes.

(a) Who speaks these lines and to whom?
(b) Who are ‘they’ in the above lines?
(c) Why is the speaker praising the girls? Is the speaker’s praise a genuine one?
(d) Why does the speaker make a special mention of the beautiful eyes of the girls?

(ii) Each subtle mechanic
was summoned in panic
they studied and brooded and scanned.
With spectacles perched
On the nose, they researched
As they took nineteen barrels of snuff,
Then warned: if the crust  
Of the earth lost its dust  
You couldn’t grow food grains enough.

(a) Why were the mechanics called in haste?  
(b) What did the mechanics do when they got together?  
(c) What did they warn against?  
(d) Name the poem and the poet.

12. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words.  
   5×2 marks

(a) The medicine man collected fee for the treatment he offered to Lila’s mother. What was it? Do you think he deserved to get a fee? Why? Why not?  
(b) What effects do all the queries of Anancy have on Bro tiger?  
(c) How can you say that Pari is indeed a fairy Godmother?  
(d) What kind of relationship does Amma say she shares with Chaambali? Does she mean it?  
(e) How did the medicine man exploit Lila and her sisters for treating their mother?

13. Imagine you are Bro Tiger. Write a letter to your friend abroad giving details about your failure to finish off Anancy, your sworn enemy.  
   6 marks
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
1. All the questions are compulsory to attempt.
2. Answers are to be marked on the question paper itself.
3. Tick the option you consider the most appropriate.

(i) Change into indirect speech

1. He said, “You are brave”.
   (a) He said that I was brave.
   (b) He said that he was brave.
   (c) He said that I am brave.

2. He said to the beggar, “Go away”.
   (a) He ordered the beggar to go away.
   (b) He said the beggar to go away.
   (c) He told the beggar to go away.

(ii) Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one, using past perfect and simple past tense.

3. The farmer reached home. The sun set later.
   (a) The farmer had reached home before the sun set.
   (b) The farmer reached home before the sun had set.
   (c) The sun had set after the farmer reached home.

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4. I reached the station late. The train left.
   (a) I had reached the station late after the train left.
   (b) I reached the station late after the train left.
   (c) The train had left before I reached the station.

iii. **Join the sentences using "to" infinitive**

5. Rahim wanted to entertain the audience. So he sang a song.
   (a) Rahim wanted to entertain the audience so he sang a song.
   (b) Rahim sang a song to entertain the audience.
   (c) Rahim wanted to entertain the audience, he sang a song.

(iv) **Fill in the blanks with simple past tense or the past continuous tense of the verbs given in the brackets**

6. Rohit ______ a cake because he ______ hungry.(buy, feel)
   (a) was going, was feeling
   (b) bought, was feeling
   (c) was buying, felt

7. While I ______ along the road, I ______ many strange plants(walk, discover)
   (a) was walking, discovered
   (b) walked, discovering
   (c) was walking, discovering

(v) **Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow**

You are getting good money
I don’t think it funny
You can’t tackle problems like these.
There seems little point

(2)
Why should appoint
These scientists with long degrees.

8. Who is getting good money?
   (a) scientists and Leatherman
   (b) ministers and pandits
   (c) Leatherman

9. Why does the speaker find the scientists useless?
   (a) They could not find the solution to his problem.
   (b) They were lazy.
   (c) They were not making good use of their degrees

10. Who speaks these lines and to whom?
    (a) Gobu says to Hobu
    (b) Hobu says to Gobu
    (c) Hobu says to ministers, courtiers and pandits.