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Standard : VIII

Max. Score : 40

Time : 1½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. Read the passage from the story 'The Shipwrecked Sailor' and answer the questions that follow. (5 × 1 = 5)

I recognized them immediately. Castillo had a firm grip around Caraballo's neck. Caraballo, who had been on watch when the accident occurred, was wearing his life jacket. He yelled: 'Hold on tight, Castillo.' They floated amid the scattered cargo, about ten metres away. On the other side was Luis Rengifo, trying to stay above water with his headphones aloft in his right hand. He had stripped off his shirt so that he could swim better, but he had lost his life jacket. Even if I hadn't seen him, I would have recognised his cry, 'Fatso, Paddle over here. I quickly grabbed the oars and tried to get closer to the men. Caraballo, with Castillo clinging to his neck, neared the raft. Much farther away, looking small and desolate, was the fourth of my mates: Ramon Herrera, who was waving at me while he held on to a crate.

1. Who is referred to as 'I' in the passage?
2. How did Luis Rengifo manage to swim better?
3. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'up in the air.'
4. Where was Caraballo when the ship wrecked ?
5. Read the sentence given below and identify the **verb phrase** in it.

Caraballo and Castillo floated amid the cargo.

Questions 6-9. Read the lines from the poem 'Song of the Flower' and answer the questions that follow. (4 × 1 = 4)

At dawn I unite with the breeze
To announce the coming of light;
At eventide I join the birds
In bidding the light farewell.

The plains are decorated with
My beautiful colours, and the air
Is scented with my fragrance.

6. What does the flower do in the evening?
7. How does the flower announce the coming of the light?
8. When does the earth become beautiful?
9. Pick out an instance of olfactory image from the above lines.

Question 10. Prepare a profile of Oscar Wilde using the details given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary. (1 × 5 = 5)

Born : 16 October, 1854, Dublin.
 Known as : Poet, Fiction Writer, Essayist.
 Style of writing : Aesthetic.
 Notable works : A Woman of No Importance, An Ideal Husband,
 The Importance of Being Earnest
 Died : 30 November, 1900, aged 46

Questions 11-12. Attempt any one of the following. (1 × 5 = 5)

11. Velasco was the lone survivor of the shipwreck incident. Prepare a **news report** on the miraculous escape of Velasco.

(Hints: ship plunges into an abyss- Velasco tries to help his shipmates, but fails- Velasco somehow escapes)

12. The boy in the story 'The Light on the Hills' was not a confident artist in the beginning but later he became successful. Prepare the **character sketch** of the boy.

(Hints: not confident- sister advises him- years after his sister's demise gains a strange power- recalls his sister's words- audience appreciate his painting)

Questions 13-15. Answer any two of the following. (2 × 5 = 10)

13. Some of the events in the story 'Rosa Parks Sat Still' are jumbled up. Sequence them and write a **paragraph** using appropriate linkers.

- She refused to give up the seat for the white passenger.
- Police arrested Rosa for breaking the law.
- Rosa occupied a vacant seat on the bus.
- Driver got angry.
- Rosa Parks reached the bus stop.

14. The boy in the story 'The Light on the Hills' was delighted when his painting was appreciated by the audience. That day he jotted down his feelings in his diary. Attempt the likely **diary entry**.

15. The English club of your school has decided to enact a play based on the life of *Rosa Parks*. Being the secretary of the club, you are asked to prepare a notice to invite the students and parents for the function. Prepare the likely **notice**.

Questions 16-19. Read the news headlines and answer the questions that follow.
(4 × 1 = 4)

- Maoists in state armed with A.K. 47.
 - Kerala set to become India's first digital state.
 - Ten members of a family die in road mishap.
 - Library on Wheels inaugurated on two superfast trains.
 - Himalayas facing the brunt of climate crisis.
16. Which headline will appeal to people who would love to read and travel at the same time?
17. The headline that may ring alarm bells for law enforcement agencies is.....
18. Identify the headline that will upset an environmentalist.
19. The headline that raises concern about road safety is.....

Question 20. Complete the conversation suitably. (4 × 1 = 4)

- Boy : Mother I am feeling bored.
- Mother :(a).....?
- Boy : Read books? I have read all of my books a thousand times.
- Mother : Would you(b).....?
- Boy : An adventure! I love adventures.
.....(c).....?
- Mother : You need to find a little round red house with no windows
and no doors, a chimney on top, and a star in the middle.
- Boy : Where can I find the house?
- Mother : You had better.....(d).....
- Boy : OK. Then I will find it myself.
21. One of the students of class VIII wrote the text of an announcement. There are a few errors in it. Edit them. (1 × 3 = 3)

Attension (a) everyone,

The court painter **in** (b) Battemburg is missing. Those who **found** (c) him will be rewarded.