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AUTUMN BREAK HOMEWORK

CLASS : VIII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

- All the questions are to be answered in a separate notebook.
- This should be submitted on 06.10.17 i.e. On the reopening day.
- Home works are given date wise . The same is to be done in notebook too.

Date: 26.09.17

Q.1. Answer the following questions.

- a. What did the author find in a junk shop? What did he find in a secret drawer? Why do you think he had put it in there?
- b. What jobs did Hans Wolf and Jim Macpherson have when they were not soldiers? Had Hans Wolf ever been to Dorset? Why did he say he knew it?
- c. Mention the various ways in which the British and the German soldiers become friends and find things in common at Christmas?
- d. Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand? What were the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw?
- e. Do you think the Indian princes were short-sighted in their approach to the events of 1757?
- f. How did the East India Company subdue the Indian Princess? In what ways did the British officers exploit Indians?
- g. Mention any three things that Parimal Ghose knew about Bepin Babu.
- h. Why did Bepin Babu worry about what Parimal Ghose had said? Who was Chunilal? What did he want from Bepin Babu?
- i. Why do you think Chunilal did what he did? Chunilal says he has no money; What is it that he does have?
- j. What are the three qualities that played a major role in author's climb? Why is adventure, which is risky, also pleasurable?
- k. One does not do it (Climb a high peak) for fame alone. What does one do it for, really?
- l. What were the "symbols of reverence" left by members of the team on Everest?

Date: 27.09.17

Q.1. Answer the following questions.

- a. Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?

- b. What according to the Djinn was the use of the ‘ hump’?
- c. Velu travelled without a ticket Why? How did he escape from the Ticket Collector’s attention?
- d. ‘If not careful, you will be counting the bars’ . What is hse referring to? What does she mean when she says “ If you are not careful _____?”
- e. What sorts of things did Jaya and children like her collect and what did they do with those things?
- f. Why is the Giant called Selfish?
- g. Why was it still winter in one corner of the garden?
- h. What did the Principal say him, which influenced him the most?
- i. Hafeez Contractor wanted to join the Police force. Why didn’t he?
- j. What did Princess September do to ensure the safety of her pet?
- k. How many daughters did the Royal couple have? Why were they named after birds?
- l. What did the sisters advise the Princess to do about her bird?

Date : 28.09.17

Q.1. Rearrange the jumbled word/ phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- a. First / world / he / philosopher / of / the / was / the.
- b. An / he/ man / snub nose / with a / rough eyebrows / was / and ugly.
- c. Flowing / he/ beard / a / had
- d. Use / they / this gas / themselves / to protect / feed on them / from / birds that
- e. From behind / when birds / come / spray / they / a fluid.
- f. Causes / the fluid / temporary pain / irritation / and / to the eyes.
- g. Haryana / Bihar / people / Punjab / of / and Uttar Pradesh / Goverdhan puja / perform.
- h. Decorate / flowers / worship them / and then / with / they /cowdung hillocks.
- i. This festival / commemoration / of the / mount / lifting / this / is in / of / Krishna / Goverdhan / by.

Date: 29.09.17

Q1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. **(½ x 6 = 3 marks)**

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
After our stay in Russia, I return with	e.g. return	<u>returned</u>
my son to visit my family for India.	(a) _____	_____
We flew by the magnificent expanse of	(b) _____	_____
the Himalayas in New Delhi. The plane	(c) _____	_____
arrives after dark and by the time	(d) _____	_____

we reach my uncle's house it was quite (e) _____
 late at night and we were very tiring to do much (f) _____
 talking or to pay much attention to our surroundings.

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
Message could be a natural tranquillizer.	Eg: could	can
It has being used in virtually in every	(a) _____	_____
culture to relieving aches and pains, unknot	(b) _____	_____
tense muscles, but help the body and	(c) _____	_____
the mind for relax. There are several types	(d) _____	_____
of the massage, but a most popular are	(e) _____	_____
orient massage and Swedish massage.	(f) _____	_____
The chief difference among them is that	(g) _____	_____
some of the stroke in Swedish massage are	(h) _____	_____
designed to stimulate rather than to relax the body.		

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
In this letter Iam write about	(a). _____	_____
The picnic what I enjoyed. It	(b). _____	_____
Was a more pleasant day. A	©. _____	_____
Cool breeze is blowing. It	(d). _____	_____
Was a season of mangoes.	(e). _____	_____
We carry ripe mangoes with	(f). _____	_____
Us. The music proved very	(g). _____	_____
Sweetly in such natural	(h). _____	_____
surroundings .We enjoyed our	(i). _____	_____
at the river bank.		

Date : 30. 09. 17

STORY WRITING

Q.1. One day you dreamt that you became invisible . Write a short story based on your dream taking help from the points given below. (150- 200 Words)

Shopping ---- without using money --- watch movies --- travel the whole world without ticket --- visit famous places --- meet famous people --- disclose the planning and secrets of terrorists to police --- help them to nab the most dreaded terrorist of the world --- rewarded a cash price of one crore.

Q.2. A merchant riding home from a fair --- a large sum of money with him --- sudden heavy rainfall – merchant gets wet – grumbles – shortly after attacked by a robber --- robbers attempt to shoot – failure –power damp ---- the merchant escapes.

Date : 01.10.17

LETTER WRITING

Q.1. Imagine that you are Rohit. You want to go to an educational tour. Write a letter to your friend, Ankit, inviting him to join the tour. You may touch upon the following points:

- What preparations you have made for the tour ?
- What the programme is?
- When and where you will go and what places you will visit?
- Why you want your friend to accompany you?

Q.2. Write a letter to your cousin inviting him to spend his winter break with you. You are Rohan.

Q.3. You are Rajni Gupta. You are a student of class VIII. Your father has been transferred to Chandigarh. Write an application to your Principal requesting him / her to save you a school leaving certificate.

Date : 02.10.17

DIARY WRITING

Q.1 Write a diary entry about how you enjoyed the celebration of your birthday last week. Write it in about 100- 120 words.

Q.2. Imagine that you are Jim. You have returned to your town after the war. In your diary record how you feel about the changes you see and the events that occur in your town. You could begin like this,

Xxx2017.

It's Christmas today, but town looks -----

Date : 03.10.17

Q1. Write a paragraph on the following topics.

- (a). My Best Birthday Gift.
- (b). A Visit to a Hill Station
- (c) . Tsunami – A Natural Disaster.
- (d). My Ambition

Date : 04. 10.17

NOTICE WRITING

Q.1. You are Sumit. You have lost your leather wallet containing your examination admit card while travelling by bus. Write a notice to be put on the notice board.

Q.2. You are neelima / Neelansh. Draft a notice for the school notice board for the Investiture Ceremony of the newly appointed members of the student council. Invent other details like the chief guest, time, date and venue of the event.

Q.3. You are Nisha Jain. You want to sell your previous year's books which are in a very good condition. Write a notice giving details about the books.

Date : 05.10 17

Q1. Read the poem given below and complete the summary given below: (5 Marks)

Daddy Fell into the Pond

Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey.

We had nothing to do and nothing to say.

We were nearing the end of a dismal day,

And then there seemed to be nothing beyond,

Then

Daddy fell into the pond!

And everyone's face grew merry and bright,

And Timothy danced for sheer delight.

"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!

He's crawling out of the duckweed!" Click!

Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,

And doubled up, shaking silently,

And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft,

And it sounded as if the old drake laughed.

Oh, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond

When

Daddy fell into the pond!

Alfred Noyes

The poem "Daddy Fell into the Pond" By Alfred Noyes is a humorous poem. The children and all other family members were all feeling a) _____ and as there was nothing great to be done on that day. It is then they all hear Daddy b) _____ into the pond.

The poet portrays the immediate reflexes of the members of the family when Daddy falls into the pond. Some are c) _____, some laugh over, some get so excited that they shout at each other to get the camera for a natural click and above all, the dog in the house, Timothy d) _____ out of pure ecstasy. Just a fall by Daddy into the pond, could create such great ripples of

e) _____ around, that he has been clicked at several posses of his climbing back from the pond.

The poet describes about the f) _____ who suddenly slaps his knees because he was lost in this commotion and he was just getting back from it. He g) _____ stood up from the laughter and the ducks h) _____ as though they were daft. The entire sound sounded like an old drake i) _____ around with such big noises.

When Daddy fell into the pond, there was not a single thing that did not j) _____ to that fall and in turn Daddy made everybody's day more enjoyable than sitting idle and having nothing to do.

Q2. ADVENTURE SPORTS

(5 Marks)

Indian thrill seekers are rushing into adventure sports full throttle. Mountain biking, kayaking on the Beas river, hot air ballooning in Jaipur and Delhi, camel safari in Jaisalmer...these are just a few of the exciting activities to offer. According to Alok Bajpai, CEO, The Explorers, an

organization that specializes in catering to adventure and nature travel needs, the rising popularity of adventure tourism is a direct result of satellite television beaming in exciting activities into people's homes. "The Indian tendency to lie safe has changed over the last 10 years. When we started in 1995, adventure travel was considered something that only the tourists indulged in. Today, people have a higher disposable income to spend on such activities. Besides, adventure travel is now considered glamorous and everyone wants to talk about their experiences," he observes.

Capt. Saurabh Mahajan of Colonel's Camps & Tours, which offers adventure travel options in and around Rishikesh agrees: "Since we started in 2000, there has been a steady increase in the number of adventure seekers. The adventurous streak is not limited to one group of people. Students, executives, housewives, senior citizens, everyone enjoys river rafting, rock climbing etc. and several corporates send their executives to us for team building, adventure-oriented activities." He attributes the escalating numbers to people getting adventure-oriented and schools realizing the importance of adventure sports and love for flora and fauna. Explains psychoanalyst Dr. Harish Shetty: "A passion for adventure stems from the need to experiment, to enjoy the thrills of difficult encounters. Also, these activities are easily available for the youth today. Earlier, those who would go to the clubs and play games, now engage in adventure sports."

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements by choosing the correct option from those given below:

1) The recent change in the attitude of Indians is that _____.

- a) they are showing an inclination towards adventure tourism
- b) schools have realized the importance of adventure sports
- c) corporates are using adventure sports for team building
- d) they enjoy mountain biking, kayaking, hot air, camel safari

2) This change is due to the fact that _____.

- a) they have more free time
- b) they have a higher disposable income
- c) satellite television has exposed the people to adventure sports
- d) they are looking for glamour

3) The people interested in these sports are _____.

- a) tourists b) students c) adventure seekers d) everyone

4) To lie safe means _____.

- a) to lie in a safe place b) to safely tell a lie
c) to be cautious d) to remain safe

5) The phrase 'full throttle' means _____.

- a) in a big way b) with complete power
c) in full gear d) Whole-heartedly
