

A**FIRST MID-TERM TEST - 2023****Standard X**

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ENGLISH

Time : 1.30 hrs

Marks : 50

1 x 8 = 8

I. Choose the appropriate synonym for the underlined word:

- The mother seagull swooped upwards.
a) leap b) rush c) move very quickly d) ascent
- His parents circled around raising a proud CACKLE.
a) sharp noise b) blunt noise c) high pitch d) shout
- She replied gruffly.
a) hopefully b) sadly c) joyfully d) angrily

II. Choose the appropriate antonym for the underlined word:

- The sun was now ascending the sky.
a) rising b) descending c) counting d) walking
- Nothing he said gruffly.
a) roughly b) happily c) sadly d) plainly
- She screamed back mockingly.
a) disrespectfully b) respectfully c) ridiculously d) joyfully

III. Answer the following:

- Choose the plural form of child
a) childs b) childrens c) children d) childs
- Choose the appropriate prepositional phrase :
Global warming is _____ the greenhouse emission.
a) an effect of b) in spite of c) due to d) in addition to

IV. Answer any two of the following in a sentence or two:

2 x 2 = 4

- Why did the seagull fail to fly?
- Where was the author when he heard the noise?
- Who were the narrator's neighbours?

V. Answer any two of the following :

2 x 2 = 4

- Rewrite the following sentences to the other voice.
Our army has defeated the enemy.
- Punctuate the following sentence :
open up cried a hoarse voice
- Rearrange the words in correct order.
a) his / only / mother / at / looking / him / was
b) stepped / 1 / back / the / landing / onto

VI. Answer any one of the following paragraph :

1 x 5 = 5

- Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
- Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

VII. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:

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- The weather is always too hot or cold ;
Summer and winter alike they scold,
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on that gloomy complaining street.

(2)

X English

Questions:

1. Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
2. Mention the rhyming scheme for the given stanza.
3. Identify the figures of speech employed in the fourth line.

VIII. Quote from memory :

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18. So let the way
 courage of the quest

IX. Read the passage and answer the questions.

5 x 1 = 5

19. They lived in a cave made out of rock; it was divided into several apartments, one of which Prospero called his study; there he kept his books, which chiefly treated of magic. By virtue of his art, he had released many good spirits from a witch called Sycorax who had them imprisoned in the bodies of large trees. These gentle spirits were ever after obedient to the will of Prospero. Of these Ariel was the chief.

Questions:

- a) Where did they live?
- b) How was it divided?
- c) What did Prospero keep in one of his apartments?
- d) How did he release many good spirits?
- e) Who was the chief of all the spirits?

X. Answer any three of the following :

3 x 5 = 15

20. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
 Home appliances - Aadi sale - 20-50% - Special combo offers - Aadhav & Co, Raja Street, Chennai.
21. You are the coordinator of the Science forum of your school. An event had been organized on account of National Science Day for the members of the forum. Now write a report on the observance of "National Science Day" at your school.
22. **Make notes or write summary of the following passage.**
 Any polished surface which reflects light is a mirror. Most mirrors are made of smooth glass. These glass strips are baked with a very thin layer of aluminium. Not all mirrors are flat. Convex mirrors bulge outwards. They make things look smaller. But they give as a wider view. They are often used as driving mirrors in cars. They are also used as security mirrors in shops. Concave mirrors curve inwards. They are used as shaving mirrors, because they magnify things which are close with distant things they produce a tiny upside down image. In large telescopes, they are used to collect and focus the light.
23. **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.**


