



2-3-2015	Std. VII	ENGLISH	Time : 2 hrs.	Marks : 60
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LITERATURE

- I Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:-** {2 x 6=12}
1. What according to Wordsworth, could be the possible theme of the maiden's song?
  2. What are the pleasures that camp life gives people?
  3. Describe the Kurava's visit to the elder daughter's house.
  4. What is the message of the story "Return of the Little Master"?
  5. Why should one speak gently to a child?
  6. Uday Shankar is a pioneer in the development of Modern Indian Dance. Elaborate
- II Give meanings of the following words/phrases** {1 x 4=4}
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| (1) contentment          | (2) full of beans |
| (3) to christen somebody | (4) expatriate    |
- III Make sentences with the help of given words and phrases** {1 x 4=4}
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| (1) devour             | (2) exponent                    |
| (3) eyes always lit up | (4) to dance to somebody's tune |
- IV Answer the following questions with reference to context** {3 x 2=6}
1. Behold her, single in the field,  
Yon Solitary Highland Lass!  
Reaping and singing by herself;  
Stop here or gently pass!
    1. Name the poem and the poet (1)
    2. Whom has the poet seen? (1)
    3. What is she engaged in doing? (1)
  2. Speak gently to the young for they  
Will have enough to bear-  
Pass through this life as best they  
'Tis full of anxious care!
    1. Whom is the poet asking to speak gently to? Why? (2)
    2. Give the meaning of word 'care' used in the last line (1)
- V Write a paragraph on any one of the following in 100 words** {1 x 4=4}
- The Zanskar Valley OR The Kurava Couple

LANGUAGE

- I Fill in the blanks with a suitable Preposition:-** {½x4=2}
- (a) The car stopped.....the traffic.
  - (b) I lay just ..... the fan.
  - (c) He fell ..... the river.
  - (d) Let us divide the money ..... us two.
- II Join the sentences using appropriate Conjunctions** {1x2=2}
- (a) The rooms are big. They are not airy.
  - (b) The sun went down. A cool wind began to blow.

**III Complete the following proverbs:-**

- (a) A good name is .....
- (b) It is no use .....

**IV Change the following sentences from Direct to Indirect Speech:-**

{1x4=4}

- (a) The librarian said, "Students must bring their identity cards to the library."
- (b) Indu says, "Tanya is watering the plants."
- (c) Sushmita said, "I am not free today, for somebody is coming to interview me."
- (d) I said to Neetu, "Where have you been all these days?"

**V Give one word for the group of words:-**

{1x2=2}

- (a) a sound being reflected and repeated
- (b) killing violently and cruelly

**VI Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verbs in the brackets:-**

{1x4=4}

- (a) These days we ..... for a new house. (look)
- (b) The Principal ..... the date to pay the fees. (extend)
- (c) Water ..... at 100° Centigrade. (boil)
- (d) The message came after he ..... the office. (leave)

**VII Write a letter to your father, seeking his permission to join an educational tour organised by your school during the summer vacation.**

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**VIII Read the passage and answer the questions:-**

{8}

**Winged guests throng Gharana in Jammu area**

Srinagar: Unconcerned with geopolitical tensions that intermittently haunt the area, the winged ones have kept their date with the famous Gharana wetland, situated right on the border with Pakistan in RS Pura in Jammu.

While more than 2,000 migratory birds from across the globe have already descended on the wetland, wildlife planners are counting on an equal number more to delight them.

"Around 2,000 birds have come so far from different countries including those in south-east Asia. We are expecting 3,000 to 4,000 of them this year," Suresh Kumar, wildlife warden of the wetland, told dna.

Spread over 1,600 kanals, or 80 hectares, Gharana has been notified as a Wetland Conservation Reserve. Nestled in the bio-geographic zone of the north-west Himalayas which enjoys subtropical climate, the area's main source of precipitation is monsoon rains.

Earlier, the roar of gunshots and shelling from across the border would frighten the birds, but after the ceasefire in 2003, the dwellers of the skies have started flocking to the facility again. "Birds are free of tension. There is no disturbance in this area, as there was before," said Kumar.

Experts said that since the ceasefire, the wetland has emerged as a popular winter shelter for thousands of migratory birds.

"This sanctuary is basically a stopover for birds. They come here to stay for brief period," said a bird watcher.

Some of the birds that have converged on Gharana include the common teal, northern shoveler, gadwall, northern pintail, Indian moorhen, purple swamp hen, common coot, little cormorant, gray heron, little egret, cattle egret, black crowned night heron, white wagtail, pied kingfisher and white throat kingfisher.

"This year only a small number of bar-headed geese has arrived. It is not necessary that the birds which arrived last year will again come this year. Sometimes, they join another flock en route and go elsewhere," said Kumar.

The Jammu and Kashmir government has gone the whole hog to promote Gharana as a paradise for eco-tourism.

- (a) Where is Gharana wetland situated? {1}
- (b) What is the main source of precipitation in wetland? {1}
- (c) Name some of the birds that have converged on Gharana. {2}
- (d) Find the words from the passage which mean:- {2}
- (i) people living in or at a place (ii) settled comfortably within
- (e) Find the antonym of the following words from the passage {2}
- (i) ascended (ii) departed