

FIRST TERM EVALUATION 2014 - 2015

Std. 9

English

Time : 2½ hrs.

Score : 80

Instructions:

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

Read the passage from 'The Son from America' and answer the questions that follow.

Yes, Father, I am Samuel.'

'Well, peace be with you.' Berl grasped his son's hand. He was still not sure that he was not being fooled. Samuel wasn't as tall and heavy as this man, but then Berl reminded himself that Samuel was only fifteen years old when he had left home. Berl asked, 'Why didn't you let us know that you were coming?'

'Didn't you receive my cable?' Samuel asked.

Berl did not know what a cable was. Berlcha had scraped the dough from her hands and enfolded her son. 'I never thought I could live to see this. Now, I am happy to die,' Berlcha said. Berl was amazed. These were just the words he could have said earlier. After a while Berl came to himself and said, 'Berlcha, you will have to make a double Sabbath pudding in addition to the stew.'

1. Why couldn't Berl recognize his son? 1
2. When did Berl leave his parents? 1
3. Pick out the sentence which shows Berlcha's extreme happiness. 1
4. What did Samuel do to inform his parents about his arrival? 1
5. Pick out the word which mean 'astonished or surprised' from the passage 1
6. What is the special treat Berl plans to give his son? 1

Read the given lines from 'Those Winter Sundays' and answer the questions that follow.

Sundays too my father got up early
and put his clothes on in the blue black cold
then with cracked hands that ached
from labor in the weekday weather made
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

7. 'Sundays too' what is special about Sunday? 1
8. What does father do after getting up in the early morning? 1
9. Pick out the line which say father is hard working all the day 1

10. Cite an instance of 'alliteration' from the lines. 1

Read the following stanza of the poem 'women' and answer the questions given below.

Women have no wilderness in them,
They are provident instead,
Content in the tight hot cell of their hearts
To eat dusty bread.
They do not see cattle cropping red winter grass,
They do not hear
Snow water going down under culverts
Shallow and clear.

11. What does the term wilderness mean? 1
12. Pick out the lines which suggest women never enjoy the beauty of life. 1
13. Pick out two sets of rhyming words from the given stanza. 1
14. Pick out the line which suggests that women are happy with what they have 1

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Trees are Nature's wonders and a great gift to mankind as well as to all those who depend on them. While some dependants stay on the trees, others come to them to rest or to feed. Still others use them to raise their offspring. Humans have used almost any and every tree to their benefit.

It is very sad that the same humans are destroying trees all over the world in the name of 'development'. This can be to create factories, new townships, wider roads, railways, entertainment centres and so on. They do not realise that they are making a big mistake. More trees would mean better rains, cooler climates, and decreased use of air-conditioners and refrigerators. This would lead to the reversal of global warming.

15. How do creatures other than man use trees? 1
16. Why are trees considered as 'Nature's wonders'? 1
17. How does 'development' affect trees? 1
18. How do cutting of trees effect the climate? 1
19. Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
20. Answer any one of the following in detail 7

- A. The people of Lentshin live a life close to nature unaffected by modernization. Prepare a speech on the topic 'Living with nature and away from nature', based on your reading of the story 'The Son from America'.

(Hints: living close to nature – agriculture – nature friendly houses – pollution free environment; living away from nature – concrete houses – poor sanitation facilities – polluted environment)

OR

- B. Amma in the story 'The Tattered Blanket' and Berlcha in the story 'The Son from America' are the true representatives of the aged mothers who are being neglected by their sons. Who do you empathize more with - Amma or Berlcha? Prepare a **write up** justifying your view.

(Hints: Amma – aged – suffering from loss of memory – always longing to see her son – cared by her widowed daughter – wish to have a red blanket – Berlcha – in her eighties – son left her 40 years ago – lives with her aged husband – contented with their simple life)

21. Write a **letter** to your friend describing the importance of care and protection for the aged people. 6
22. Imagine that you have witnessed how the villagers treated the princess and how the princess and the juggler tried to explain the situation. **Prepare a news report** the events in your own words for an English daily. 6
23. You happened to meet 'Mr Samuel' of the story 'Son from America' and conversed for a while. Prepare the likely **conversation** between you and Samuel. 6
24. The Princess was really excited after her adventurous trip to the village. Reaching the palace she writes down her feelings in her diary. Write the likely **diary entry**. 6
25. A function is arranged in your school to congratulate Sugatha Kumari the eminent Malayalam poet on world women's day. The function will be held at the school main hall after the long bell. Prepare a notice for the function. 6
26. **Prepare a profile of William Shakespeare using the details given below.** 6
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|----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Born | : | 1564, Stratsford, England |
| Career | : | playwright, poet and actor |
| Writings | : | plays poems and narratives |
| Plays | : | Comedies, Histories and Tragedies |
| Spouse | : | Anne Hathaway |
| Died | : | 1616 |
27. **Complete the conversation suitably.** 5
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| Samuel | : | Mom, I am here to help you knead the dough. |
| Berlcha | : |(a).....? |
| Samuel | : | Yes, I Know. I had been a baker for many years in New York. |
| Berlcha | : | I'll go and get some wood |
| Samuel | : | Mom you'd better.....(b)..... |
| Berlcha | : | I have been taking rest for almost an hour. |
| Samuel | : |(c).....? |

Bercha : No one is here to help us.

Samuel : If you work like this in this age,(d).....

Bercha : You feel great concern for your mother,(e)..... ?

Samuel : You are my only mother. I love you so much

Read the dialogue between Samuel and the priest of the synagogue.

Priest: When did you reach here Samuel?

Samuel: I reached here yesterday evening.

When Samuel reached home, he reported the conversation to his mother. Complete his report suitably.

28. The priest asked me..... 1
29. I answered him that 1
30. There are some errors in the telephonic conversation between Samuel and his wife. The errors are underlined. Edit it 5

Samuel : Hello

Wife : Hello, you have reached there safely?

Samuel : Yes, how are your parents?

Wife : when you reached there?

Samuel : I reach here yesterday night.

Wife : If you had started earlier you would have reached early

Samuel : That's true. Somehow I got a room in a ordinary hotel.

Wife : will you return tomorrow

Samuel : Yes, most probably.

Wife : Good night and sweet dreams.

Samuel : Good night.

31. Certain words are missing in the passage. Find them out from the words given in brackets. 6

Kamalam, Amma's eldest daughter, a widow, who was sitting huddled(a)..... on the thinna(b)..... the veranda, her head and ears covered.....(c)..... a thin bath towel, got up reluctantly, walked slowly to the gate and screwing up her eyes peered.....(d)..... the darkness. She saw (e) bald, fat, middle aged man walking(f)..... through the gate.

(up, with, into, in, of, on, a)