

**FIRST TERM EVALUATION 2014 - 2015**

Std. 8

**English**

Time : 2 hrs.

Score : 50

**Instructions:**

- This time is to be spent for reading the question paper.
- Attempt questions according to instructions.

**(Question 1-6) Read the passage from "Story teller" and answer the questions follow.**

'Oh, look at those cows!' exclaimed the aunt. Every field along the line had contained cows or bullocks, but she spoke as though she were drawing attention to a rarity.

'Why is the grass in that field better?' Persisted Cyril.

The frown on the bachelor's face was deepening to a scowl. He was a hard, unsympathetic man, the aunt decided. She was utterly unable to come to any satisfactory decision about the grass in the other field.

The smaller girl created a diversion by beginning to recite 'On the Road to Mandalay'\*. She only knew the first line, but she put her limited knowledge to the fullest possible use. She repeated the line over and over again in a dreamy but resolute and very audible voice.

1. Why did the aunt ask the children to look at the cow? 1
2. Pick out the sentence which show the dislike and anger of the bachelor. 1
3. What was the question asked by Cyril to his aunt? 1
4. How did the small girl respond to the aunt's story? 1
5. Why couldn't aunt give a satisfactory answer to Cyril's question? 1
6. Pick out two noun phrases from the passage. One is done for you. 1

Noun phrase	Head noun
The aunt	Aunt
a. ....	Grass
The smaller girl	b. ....

**(Questions. 7- 10) Read the lines from 'Enchanted Shirt' and answer the questions that follow.**

The other had never looked in a book;  
 His patients gave him no trouble,  
 If they recovered they paid him well,  
 If they died their heirs paid double.  
 Together they looked at the royal tongue,  
 As the King on his couch reclined;  
 In succession they thumped his august chest,  
 But no trace of disease could find.

7. Why did the heirs if the dead man give money to the doctor? 1
8. Pick out the words used to refer the king and kingly life 1
9. Pick out a set of rhyming words from the lines. 1
10. Why couldn't they find any trace of disease? 1

**(Qns. 11 to 14) Read the lines from 'Dreams' and answer the questions that follow.**

Hold fast to dreams  
 For, if dreams die  
 Life is a broken-winged bird

That cannot fly.  
 Hold fast to dreams  
 For, when dreams go  
 Life is a barren field  
 Frozen with snow.

11. What is life without dreams compared to? 1
12. Pick out two visual images from the above lines. 1
13. The poet has used two different words to talk about the disappearance of dreams. Which are these two words? 1
14. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the above lines. 1

**(Qns. 15 to 19) Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Nature is the world around us, except for human-made phenomena. As humans are the only animal species that consciously, powerfully manipulates the environment, we think of ourselves as glorious, as special. We should accept that in an objective view we are merely one of many organisms, and that we are not able to survive outside of our natural world of air, earth, water and life. But we tend to be poor leaders in the "hierarchy" of animal life. Despite our greatness, too often we waste, we fight, and we breed carelessly, and are too self-centered and short-sighted. I take note of the increasing awareness of ecology, at least in Western culture, and I am encouraged. We may still change our weapons of war into tools of peace.

15. What is the speciality of human beings while comparing with other species? 1
16. What are the things man depend other creatures? 1
17. Where does the human race stand in the hierarchy? 1
18. What are the negative points the narrator find in human beings? 1
19. Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

Answer in detail

20. Compare the craft of storytelling adopted by 'Saki and Ruskin bond' in the stories 'Story Teller' and 'I Cannot Climb Trees Any More' and prepare a letter of appreciation about any one of the story 6
21. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Subal and his friend about the mischiefs of Sushil. You may write at least five exchanges. 5
22. Whose changes appeared more comical to you - Sushil's or Subal's? Why? 5
23. Imagine that your school English literary club has decided to conduct a story telling competition. Prepare notice to circulate in the class 5
24. Some words are missing in the passage where a '/' is given. Choose the suitable one from the given box. 5

Sushil normally woke up (a)/the crack of dawn and ran (b)/ the house. But this morning he was hardly able (c)/ open his eyes. When he finally did succeed in shaking (d)/ his sleep, it was only because his father was making such (d)/ racket outside.

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25. There are some errors in the given story. The errors are underlined. Edit it. 6  
 Hema (a) was go to market (b) to bought some apples. On the way (c) she lose her way and reached in a dense forest. There she saw a huge creature it looked like a monster. (d) where you are going? monster asked to Hema. 'I lost the way and reached here' she said politely. 'Shall I give you a car?' (e) You know how to drive a car? Monster lovingly asked Hema. 'I'll go home and bring my father to drive the car', she said politely. Monster agreed and gave the key. Hema (f) began to ran to her home. Suddenly she fell down from her coat and began to cry. It was a dream.

### ANSWER IN DETAIL

20. Imagine that Swami narrates his story to one of his friends . Narrate it in the words of Swami in about 120 words. 7  
(Hints : Doesn't want to go to school – Father forces – tells a lie – father writes a letter – asks to hand over to Head Master – goes school late – tries to get punishments – fails – finally goes to Head Master's mom – finds Samuel sir there )
21. After the shocking street incident the narrator reaches back to his room. Imagine and write down the diary entry of the narrator. 6
22. The letter written by Swami's father is the real protagonist of the story. Prepare a replay for that letter by the head master. 6
23. The experience of the narrator in the story 'Blue Bouquet' was really a horrible one. Prepare a newspaper report about that incident. 6
24. After the terrifying incident in the story 'The Blue Bouquet' the narrator narrates the whole incident to his friend. Write the likely narrative 6
25. Swami tried to provoke Samuel in the class. At last he became successful in his attempts. Imagine that one of Swami's friends asked swami about his strange behavior in the class. Write the likely conversation between them? 5
26. Prepare a profile of Nissim Ezckiel using the hints given below. 6
- Name : Nissim Ezekiel  
Birth : 1924  
Famous as : Poet, Playwright, and Editor  
Work : Latter-Day Psalms  
Awards : Sahitya Academy Award (1983)  
Death : 2004

Read the given newspaper headlines and answer the questions that follow.

- **Son and grandson held for killing a man.**
  - **Cochlea implant raises new hope.**
  - **Direct train between Ernakulam & Nilambur.**
  - **Degree classes to begin on August 12**
  - **India wins test series against Australia.**
27. Which headline is related to the field of sports? 1
28. Identify the head line of an educational news. 1
29. \_\_\_\_\_ is the news related to the increasing crimes in our society? 1
30. The news deals with the development in the medical science is \_\_\_\_\_. 1
31. Note down the headline of a railway news. 1
32. Some words are missing in the given passage where a '/' is given. Supply the missing words by choosing from the box given. 5

The night was murmurous (a)/ the sounds (b)/ leaves and insects. The crickets had bivouacked (c)/ the tall weeds. I thought that (d) / whole universe was (e)/ grand system of signals.

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33. Read the given pieces of dialogues and re write them as directed

Samuel: 'Swami where is your homework?'

Swami: I haven't done.

You may re write the sentence as follows

- a) Samuel asked swami \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
b) and Swami replied \_\_\_\_\_ 1
34. Read the given sentence and re write it as directed  
If you drive fast you will reach early.
- a) The faster you drive \_\_\_\_\_ 1

35. There are a few errors in the following passage. The errors are underlined. Edit it. 5

The stranger disappeared into darkness. He was totally disappointed. The thought of blue eyes were (a) still haunting him. He walks (b) desperately towards the cottage of his beloved. 'Dear,' in an embarrassed tone he said, 'I didn't found(c) anyone who has blue eyes. I am extremely sorry. If you give me one more chance, I should (d) bring them for you.' 'A blue eye from a man! What you do (e) think about me?' she asked.