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ODM PUBLIC SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR
HALF - YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2021

STD - V

ENGLISH

Time Allotted : 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

General Instructions

- Fill up your personal details carefully.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Try to submit the paper in time.
- You are allowed to submit only once, make sure that you have correctly attempted all the questions before submission.

SECTION-A:

1. Read the following passage carefully.

There was once a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he should hammer a nail into the back of the fence. On the first day, the boy had driven thirty- seven nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually became less. He discovered that it was easier to hold his temper than drive nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about this, and the father suggested the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to control his anger. Days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. Then the father took his son and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave scars just like the ones that you see here. You can put a knife into a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say 'I am sorry', the wound will always be there.". The little boy understood how powerful these words were. He looked up at his father and said, "I hope you can forgive me , for the holes I put in you". "Of course I can", said the father.

Answer the following questions:

[1 × 5=5]

- a) What did the father ask the little boy to do whenever he lost his temper?
- b) Why did the number of nails hammered become less gradually?
- c) How many nails did the boy fix into the fence the first day?
- d) Spot and write two adjectives from the passage.
- e) Suggest a title for the passage.

2. Read the passage carefully.

Trees are of importance not only to man but also to birds and animals. The branches of trees give shelter to millions of birds and forests give shelter to numerous wild animals. We value trees not only for their usefulness but also for their beauty. They have a way of refreshing the eye and also refreshing the mind. Perhaps that is why the rishis of olden days were drawn to the forests, and they and their people chose going to forest homes in the company of nature. In modern times when Rabindranath Tagore started a school, he too chose a place full of trees and called it Shanti Niketan or the home of peace.

Once upon a time large areas of India were covered with forests full of numerous kinds of trees. As the population grew, trees began to be cut down for man's use. That is how the wonderful forest described in our ancient poems came to be destroyed, and a great part of our forest wealth was lost. Now we are trying to replace this loss, and our government wants trees to be planted all over the country. A new festival called 'Van Mahotsava' has been started for this purpose. Since trees are the country's wealth we must consider it our sacred duty to protect them. We should plant new trees wherever we can and look after them well.

Answer the following questions:

[1 × 5=5]

- a) Why did the rishis in olden days make forests their homes?
- b) Mention the reason that became the cause for the destruction of the wonderful forest.
- c) What is meant by 'Shanti Niketan'? Who started it?
- d) Why is Van Mahotsava organised?
- e) What message do we get from the above passage?

SECTION – B: (Writing and Grammar)

3. You are Arvind/Ananya, headboy/headgirl, of Modern Public School, Rajasthan. Draft a notice for the students of class IV to VIII, informing them about the Annual Science Exhibition. Give all the necessary details. [5 × 1=5]

OR

Write a short story using the given hints within 120 words. Suggest a title to the story.

Hints: An orphan boy lived in the village temple. Everyday he went to the village to collect food

4. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate reflexive or emphatic pronoun. [1 × 3=3]
- You must believe in me. I _____ heard him shout at her.
 - Jane _____ told me that she was quitting the job.
 - Don't touch that electric wire. You will hurt _____.
5. Circle the verbs and underline the objects. [1 × 3=3]
- Father made a cup of hot coffee.
 - Vijay's dog chewed the doormat.
 - Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal.
6. Do as directed. [1 × 4=4]
- She stood _____ the mirror and combed her hair.(supply preposition)
 - Everyone donated _____ for the flood relief.(Fill in blank with adverb)
 - As (prickly/soft/hairy) as a gorilla. (Underline the correct adjective)
 - The singer sang the song deeply.
(Use appropriate adverb of degree for the underlined word)

SECTION – C: (MCB)

7. Unjumble the following letters to make meaningful words. [1 × 6=6]
- h e d s u l f
 - z o n r i o h
 - g i n g e t f i d
 - c u l a r t a s p e c
 - t e h l i b
 - n o d r o c
8. Answer the following questions. [1 × 3=3]
- Who are the matchmakers of the plant world?
 - Which is the biggest tree in the Amazon Rainforest?
 - 'Oh, right, I think for now just the collar would do!'. Who is the speaker?
9. Answer the following questions. [3 × 2=6]
- The boy got surprised in the pet store. Which animal did so and why?
 - "Spring symbolizes rebirth". How? Explain in your own language.

