

***1st Unit Test Exam - Feb - 2022***

**STD : XI<sup>th</sup> - SUBJECT : ENGLISH MARKS:\_25 Roll No :**

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**Q. 1. Read the following extract and complete the activity given below: 12 Marks**

**A. 1 Complete the following sentences : 2**

1- The writer was standing in .....in April 2004.

2- There were ..... and ..... around the writer .

3- The trees were .....across the fence .

4 – The writer had paid ..... for the land.

It was April 2004. I stood in the middle of the **lush** green field of moong (green gram) and looked around me. It was just before sunrise and the sky was turning a bright orange. The ground was damp and the leaves were shining with dew. My bare feet were muddy as I walked around **gingerly**, inspecting the plants.

Around me were rows of chikoo trees and below a dense **foliage** of moong. At that point, I could not have asked for anything more. The moong plants, not more than two feet tall, had green pods hanging out. The pods were not yet ripe and there was a light fuzz growing on them. There was still some time before the harvest. I felt exhilarated.

I stood watching the sun rise above the towering trees across the fence and slowly made my way back to the house, a white structure in the middle of this greenery. I could not believe that I was the owner of this land and that I was looking at my first crop as a farmer. After I had paid the advance money for the land, I thought I would have some time to get familiar with farming. But Moru Dada, the broker who got us the land, had other ideas. He was keen that we plant moong at once. I was not prepared for this. I was still reading books and trying to figure out what we could sow and how we should go about it. Moru Dada was quite firm. He said the season was right for sowing moong and the best seeds were available in Surat in the adjacent state of Gujarat.

**A 2 : What did Moru Dada explain about the season ? 2**

**A 3 : Write down how did the writer explain about moong plants ? 2**

**A 4 : Write in short about the three seasons in India . 2**

**A 5 : Do as directed :**

1. My bare feet were too muddy to walk around . ( Rewrite using 'so ....that' )
2. I stood watching the sun rise above the towering trees across the fence and slowly made my way back to the house. ( Rewrite using 'not only .....but also' )

A 6 : Match the following word with their meanings : 2

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Foliage  | 1. very cautious or careful |
| 1. Gingerly | 1. The leaves of a plant    |
| 1. Ripe     | 1. Very tall                |
| 1. towering | 1. Ready for reaping        |

**Q . 2 . Read the extract and complete the activities given below : 06**

**A .1 Write TRUE OR FALSE : 02**

1. The sower is sitting in a porchway cool.
2. The poet is admiring Sower's hard work.
3. The sower is not working in the field.

4 According to poet Sower is an August personality.

Sitting in a **porchway** cool,

Sunlight, I see, dying fast,

Twilight **hastens** on to rule.

Working hours have **well-nigh** past.

Shadows run across the lands:

But a **sower lingers** still,

Old, in rags, he patient stands.

Looking on, I feel a thrill.

Black and high, his **silhouette**

Dominates the **furrows** deep!

Now to sow the task is set.

Soon shall come a time to reap.

Marches he along the plain

To and fro, and scatters wide

From his hands the precious grain;

**Muse** I, as I see him **stride**.

Darkness deepens. Fades the light.

Now his gestures to mine eyes

Are **august**; and strange; his height

Seems to touch the starry skies. Toru Dutt

**A .2 . Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line . 02**

‘Black and high, his **silhouette**

Dominates the **furrows** deep!’

**A . 3 The poet has observed the sower closely. Express in your own words the reverence the poet has for the sower.**

**Q . 3 Writing Skills : 04**

**Expand the following Idea in about 100 words It must have a introduction, middle and the conclusion.**

**“Knowledge is Power”**

**Q. 4 Drama :**

**(1 ) fill in the blanks : 01**

1. Theseus .....of Athens. ( fairy / Duke / servant )
2. .... was the queen of Fairies. ( Helena / Lysander / Titania )

**(2) Write character sketch of Oberon . 02**

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