Class 8th
Term II 2018

ENGLISH

Time: 2:30 Hrs.   Max. Marks: 40

Attempt all the questions.

Section-I (Literature)

Q.1. Answer any **Four** of the following questions:

1. Where did polo originate? (Polo – The king of Games)

2. Why was Brutus called 'the noblest Roman of them all'?
   (Julius Caesar)

3. How many wrinkles, does the poet find on the mother's
   face? (Wrinkles)

4. What is the best way to know poets? (Meeting Poets)

5. Why is man described as a serpent? (Stars Speak to
   Man)

6. What is the effect of the shining sun on the objects of
   nature? (Summer and Winter)

$[4 \times 1\frac{1}{2} = 6]$

Q. 2. Answer the following question, in detail.

   (i)   What did Alice remember? Write in your own words about the dream Alice had.

<div align="center">-OR-</div>

Alice finds herself in a new world where she meets unusual creatures, who talk to her and lead her into a series of adventures. Describe any unusual event mentioned in the story 'A Strange Trial'

<div align="right">[1 × 3 = 3]</div>

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Section-II (Reading Comprehension)

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Q. 3:   Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

In order to address effectively the heinous crimes of child abuse through stringent legal provisions, the Parliament of India passed the 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012'. The Act received the President's assent on 19th June, 2012 and was notified in the Gazette of India on 20th June, 2012. The Act defines a child as any person below eighteen years of age, and regards the best interests and well-being of the child as being of paramount importance at every stage, to ensure the healthy physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of the child. Any suspected situation should be reported immediately on the Childline No. 1098 (Toll free) or the POCSO e-Box (http://ncpcr.gov.in/index2.php). The National Council of Educational Research and Training

(NCERT) has decided to publish the Child protection schemes like the POCSO Act and 24×7 children helpline numbers on the inside of the front cover of all the course books from class 6-12, to equip the children with the information regarding the possible modes of protection and complaints.

(i) What is the full form of POCSO?

(ii) The POCSO Act-2012 was notified in the Gazette of India on _____?

(iii) What is the four digit helpline number which you should dial to report child abuse?

(iv) The POCSO Act defines a child as any person below twenty years of age. (True / False)

(v) Write down the name of the organization which has decided to publish information regarding POCSO Act and children helpline on the inside of the front cover of all the course books from class 6-12.

[5 × 1 = 5]

Q. 4.   Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow:

But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthroned in the heart of kings,
It is an attribute to God Himself;
And earthly power doth then show like God's
When mercy seasons justice.

(i) Name the poem, the above lines have been taken from?

(ii) Which attribute of God has been mentioned in these lines?

(iii) Choose the poet of the above lines / stanza: (Ralph Waldo Emerson/ William Shakespeare)

(iv) The word 'sceptre' means:

a) The royal wand (authority), b) A pillar

(v) The word 'attribute' means:

a) Inferiority b) quality

[5 × 1 = 5]

Section-III (Writing Skill)

Q. 5. (i) Write an application to the Head of your Institution requesting him/her to provide adequate sports material for the benefit of the students.

-OR-

Write an application to the Headmaster/Principal of your school requesting him/her to issue you the school Leaving Certificate. Give suitable reasons.

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(ii) Fill in the blanks to complete the following telephonic conversation between Bilal and Shabir.

Bilal: Hello!

Shabir: _____! Can I speak to Ahmed?

Bilal: Well, Ahmed is not at home right now. May I know _____?

Shabir: This is Shabir, his fried. I will call him later.

Bilal: Oh, sure!

Shabir: _____ I'm speaking to right now?

Bilal: I'm Bilal, his brother. Anything else?

Shabir: No, thank you, bye.

Bilal: _____.

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(iii) Suppose your school cricket team won the final of zonal tournament today. Write a diary entry in about 50 words about the same.

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(iv) Write an E-mail to your sister who is studying outside J&K, informing her that your examination is commencing from next week.

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Q. 6. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any one of the followings topics:

Air Pollution,

The Wonders of Science,

My Best Friend. [4]

Section-IV (Grammar)

Q. 7. Do as directed.

1. Fill in the blanks by using correct preposition out of the given options:

   i. He ran _____ the field in search of a goat.

   (in/across)

   ii. The thieves are _____ bars now. (behind/before)

   iii. The man jumped _____ the fence quickly.

   (over/across)

   iv. I go to bed _____ 10:30 p.m. (at/in)

   [4×½ = 2]

2. Use appropriate tense form of the verb, given in the bracket:

   i. Caesar (try) to comfort his wife but was unsuccessful.

   ii. I (work) hard these days.

   iii. The teacher (tell) us a wonderful story yesterday.

   iv. She often (sing) nicely.

   [4×½ = 2]

3. Narration is the art of reporting the words of a speaker. There are two ways of expressing the speech of the speaker, Direct Speech & Indirect Speech.

Change the narration of the following sentences (Any three):

   i) He said to me, "You have done your job."

   ii) The teacher said, "The earth is round."

   iii) The doctor said to the patient, "Take this medicine once daily."

   iv) The tourist said, "What a beautiful sunset!"

[3× 1 = 3]

4. Conjunctions are words that link other words, phrases, or clauses together. Join the clauses given in Column-A with Column-B by using suitable conjunctions (and, but, because): [Any three]

Column-A	Column-B
(i) God made the Universe	(i) he did not succeed.
(ii) I'm the child of the ocean	(ii) man made the town.
(iii) He tried hard	(iii) he is fond of them
(iv) He tames animals	(iv) this is my lot.

[3× 1 = 3]