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Time: 3hrs

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Class:- 9

Sub:- Opt English

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Attempt all the questions.

1. Explain the development of English language as middle English. 5
2. What are the sources for the large variety of English words? 5
3. Explain with reference the following lines . 5

Be the green grass above me
With showers and dewdrops wet
And if thou wilt, remember
And if thou wilt, forget.

4. What is the difference between 'Metaphor' and 'simile' show the difference with example. 10
5. What is the difference between tragedy and comedy in Drama . 5
6. Draw a character sketch of lady Bracknells in about 100 words. 5
7. Explain , with reference to the context "Hover! like a kite !"
8. Write a descriptive essay on any animal or bird you like most.
9. Read the following passage and do the tasks given. 10

April fools' Day is celebrated on the 1st April in many countries around the world . it is also called All fools' Day . There isn't one theory of origin of this holiday but probably this holiday comes from France and refers to the change of Gregorian calendar and beginning of spring time . on this day people play many funny jokes and hoaxes to their friends and families. Good humour, media pranks and foolishness are commonly tolerated.

Traditionally in some countries such as in the UK , Australia and New Zealand jokes last until noon. People who play tricks after midday are called an "April fool". In other places like in France, Ireland, and Poland or in Italy jokes last all day . In the USA, the person who fools more friends than others is the best . People often phone to their relatives and classmates and pretend to be somebody else. They promise a big prize in lottery or inform them about winning .

In France , it is called "Poisson d, Avril", that translates to 'April fish ". People attach paper fishes to their friends backs without being noticed and shout " Poisson d, Avril" when the fish is found In Poland children inform friends or

teachers that they have got something dirty on their clothes. When they look for stain they say "prima Aprillis". It means it was a joke.

In many countries on TV or radio and also in newspapers there are broadcasted or published false information as pranks . The most famous hoax took place in 1957 when the BBC television programme panorama showed Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. Some people believed into spaghetti trees .

A. Answer these questions.

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- a) What are tolerated on April fools' Day?
- b) How do people do on the first April in the USA?
- c) How is April Fools' Day celebrated in France?
- d) What do children do on this day in Poland?

2. The cowherd and the Girl weaver

In the old days , stars were faithful the friends of human , used for not only determining direction but also taken as omens for good and bad . for alchemists the stars were an object of study for foretelling a future happening . For ordinary people stars were personified for beautiful wishes and so there were many stories. Ancient people personified stars to conceive fascinating stories about immortals and human beings .

During the clear summer evening , along the milky way the Chinese look for two particularly bright stars Altair and Vega . In ancient China people viewed Altair as a Cowherd and Vega as a girl Weaver. The two look to each other across the sky like a devoted but separated couple . This story was first recorded in "The book of songs" about three thousand years ago in China . About them there are many stories but the central theme remains the same , that is the yearning of the star crossed lovers. This story is a blend of different versions through the ages.

Once upon a time there was an Orphan boy called Sun Shouyi who lived with his older brother Sun Shouren and his wife . Though his brother was kind to him , his sister-in-law like most in-laws was not . In order to get rid of him , she made him tend cattle in the mountain. But one day , she deviously planned a task that would make it impossible for Sun Shouyi to return home any time soon.

- a. What are the two purposes for human beings to make a star friend.
- b. Why were the stars personified?

- c. What were the two stars Chinese look during the clear summer evening?
- d. What was the name of the boy who lived with his brother and sister-in-law.
- e. Why was it impossible for sun shouyi to return home any time soon.

3. Question answer (Text based) 10

- a. Why do you think was the gull expelled from the heaven .
- b. Why were the writer and her husband enchanted by the name 'kestrel'?
- c. What lesson has the writer learn from the Hestrel ?
- d. Do you think Gwendolen and Jack should get married . Argue for or against this .
- e. How did the word 'English originated'?

The End