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SECTION A: READING 10

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I. READ THE FOLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 1X10=10

The Ghost of Christmas Present, a majestic figure with a youthful countenance, whisked Scrooge away to witness scenes that would forever change his heart. They arrived on a ship where the captain, with a jolly smile, wished his crew a Merry Christmas as he granted them leave to celebrate the holiday.

Scrooge was struck by the stark contrast between the captain's warmth and his own miserly demeanor towards Bob Cratchit, his loyal employee. The Ghost showed Scrooge the Cratchit family's humble home, where they were preparing for a simple yet joyful Christmas feast. Despite their meager means, the Cratchits radiated love and happiness.

Scrooge's heart melted as he laid eyes on Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit's crippled son. The boy's courageous spirit, despite his physical challenges, touched Scrooge deeply. He watched as the Cratchit family raised their glasses in a toast to Scrooge's health, even though he had shown them little kindness. Scrooge realized the true value of love, compassion, and the joy of giving, which he had long neglected.

1. Who whisked Scrooge away to witness scenes that would change his heart?

2. What contrast did Scrooge notice between the captain and himself?

3. Who took Scrooge to witness scenes that changed his heart?

A. The Ghost of Christmas Present B. Bob Cratchit

C. The ship's captain D. Tiny Tim

4. What did the ship's captain wish his crew?

A. Happy New Year B. Merry Christmas C. Goodbye D. Bon voyage

5. How did Scrooge feel about the captain's warmth towards his crew?

A. Angry B. Happy C. Indifferent D. Sad

6. What was the contrast between the captain's behavior and Scrooge's demeanor towards Bob Cratchit?

A. The captain was generous, while Scrooge was miserly.

B. The captain was miserly, while Scrooge was generous.

C. Both were generous. D. Both were miserly.

7. What was the Cratchit family preparing for on Christmas?

A. A grand feast B. A trip C. A party D. A simple yet joyful feast

8. Who touched Scrooge deeply with his courageous spirit?

A. The Ghost of Christmas Present B. Bob Cratchit

C. The ship's captain D. Tiny Tim

SECTION B

GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS

III.GRAMMAR

1X5=5

1. My parents said, "We loved the passion fruit dessert."

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2. Dhoni said, "Can you help me with the luggage?"

3. _____ of you should attend the conference.

A. Both B. Each C. Every D. Many

4. **We should inform _____ of them.**

- A. many B. every C. few D. all

5. **They have spent _____ for their son's wedding.**

- A. many B. enough C. all D. the little

WRITING SKILLS

1X5=5

IV. Write a short story in 200 – 250 words, with the help of the cues given below. Give a suitable title to the story.

Going to Mumbai by train to attend the marriage of a friend got stuck in a traffic jam reached the railway station late boarded a wrong train realised after two hours now you

SECTION C

LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

V. READ THE EXTRACT AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. 1X5=5

1. Extract Based Questions

A slumber did my spirit seal-

I had no human fears.

She scented a thing that could not feel

The touch of earthy years.

No notion has she now, no force-

She neither hears nor sees,

Rolled round in earth's diurnal course

With rocks and stones and trees.

- (a) What does 'the slumber' refer to in the first line?
- (b) Who does 'I' refer to in this stanza?
- (c) Who does 'she' refer to in this stanza?
- (d) What could she not feel now?
- (e) Name the poem from which this stanza has been taken.

VI. ANSWER ANY TWO FROM THE FOLLOWING

2x3=6

- 1. How did Santosh show the contradiction to her name?
- 2. How did Gerrard convince the Intruder that his plan would fail?
- 3. What is the meaning of 'bleeding bark'? What makes it bleed?
- 4. What is the central theme of the poem Slumber Did My Spirit Seal?

VII. ANSWER ANY ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING

1x3=3

- 1. Why did Johnsy link her death to the last leaf?
- 2. How did the author get rid of his feelings of loss and tragedy?
- 3. Why did the author visit his old school? How did his teachers encourage him?

VIII. ANSWER ANY ONE TWO FROM THE FOLLOWING

1X6=6

- 1. "If I chose a correct and a rational path, the others around me had to change, not me", said Santosh Yadav. How does her life justify her words?
- 2. Willingness to live is more important than medication.? Justify your opinion with the chapter The Last Leaf.