

**St. Ursula Girls' High School & Junior College, Nagpur**  
**SECOND TERM EXAMINATION - 2020**

Class : VII (A,D,E,F,G)

Time : 2 Hrs.

Subject : English

Marks : 50

**Section A**

**Q. 1(A) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below : [08]**

I desperately wanted my wish to come true still I asked, "Why seventeen times and why at midnight?"

"Don't ask me", replied Muk, who was my best friend. "That is how it is done, I suppose. Why not try it? It would not do any harm."

I thought it was all nonsense. Besides, I couldn't think of any banyan tree in our neighborhood. There was one in old Mrs. Groover garden. But who dared to enter her garden? Not me ! And not at midnight ! Mrs. Groover had been the principle of our school till last year. One look from her piercing pale green eyes was enough to silence bullies like RinkooLal of class X. I had seen it happen with my own eyes.

"Forget it", I said. However, the thought kept haunting me till the day before my birthday and I just could not think of anything else.

"Okay", I said to Muk, " if you come along with me, I will go to Mrs. Groover's garden tonight and do it." "Why should I come along?" asked Muk, "I have no secret wish."

"Come on, Let us go and wish for my table tennis set." So, at ten minutes to twelve Muk and I met at the back of old Mrs. Groover's garden. We climbed and sat on the boundary wall. We looked down into the garden, which lay dark, and silent in the dim light of the moon. And there was a banyan tree, its aerial roots swaying in the gentle breeze of the night. We jumped down, reached the tree and looked around carefully.

**Questions :-**

1. Who was Muk? [01]
2. Who was Mrs. Groover? [01]
3. Where was the banyan tree located? [01]
4. Give opposite of : [01]  
(a) Humble X (b) Dull X
5. Pick out four adverbs from the passage. [01]
6. I would not think of anything else. [Add a question tag.] [01]
7. Do you believe in magic? Why? [02]

**Q.1(B) Read the following passage and answer the question given below : [06]**

It was Christmas Eve and although it was still afternoon, light had begun to appear in the shops And house of the little Russian village, for the short winter day was nearly over. Excited children scurried indoors and now muffled sounds of chatter and laughter escaped from closed shutters.

Old Papa Panov, the village shoemakers, stepped outside his shop to take one last look around. The sounds of happiness, the bright lights and the faint but delicious smells of Christmas cooking reminded him of past Christmas times when his wife had still been alive and his own children little. Now they had gone.

**Questions :**

1. What could be heard from the closed shutters? [01]
2. What reminded Papa Panov of his past Christmas? [01]
3. Write the homophone for : [01]  
(a) His - (b) One -
4. Excited children scurried indoors. {Name the part of speech of underlined words} [01]
5. What do you do on festivals? [01]

**Section 'B' – Poetry**

**Q.2 (A) Read the following poem and answer the questions below :** [06]

Mid pleasure and palaces though we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;  
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,  
Which, seek through the world, is never met with elsewhere?  
Home, home, sweet, sweet home!  
There's no place like home, Oh, there's no place like home!

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain ;  
Oh, give me my lovely thatched cottage again !  
The birds singing gayly, that come at my call-  
Give me them – and the peace of mind, dearer than all!  
Home, home, sweet, sweet home!  
There's no place like home, Oh, there's no place like home!

**Question :**

1. How does the poet describe his home in the second stanza? [02]
2. Pick out the rhyming words from the extract. [01]
3. Name the figure of speech for the following. [01]
- (a) Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam.
4. Write out a few things that you would really miss about your home if you were to stay away from it for long. [02]

**Q.2 (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :** [05]

Under the greenwood tree,  
Who loves to lie with me;  
And turn his merry note,  
Unto the sweet birds throat,  
Come hither, come hither, come hither!  
Here shall he see  
No enemy  
But winter and rough weather.

**Questions :**

1. Who does the poet invite to join him? [02]
2. Give the rhyme scheme for the 1st four lines. [01]
3. Give the meaning of the words : [01]
  - (a) Note –
  - (b) Pleased –
4. State whether the following statements are true or false. [01]
  - (a) The only enemy in the forest would be the winter and rough weather - \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) People who do not pursue their ambition would be happy to live in nature - \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 'C' [Grammar]** [10]

**Q.3 Do as directed (Any five) :**

1. Give one word for the following:
  - (a) stop continuous progress - \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) feel or show great joy - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Give the noun form of:  
(a) open - (b) softy –  
(c) believe -  
(d) ferocious –
3. Add one of these prefixes to the words below: (un-, re-, dis-)  
(a) My dad had to \_\_\_\_\_[connect] the light.  
(b) Mohan \_\_\_\_\_[likes] eating leafy vegetables.
4. State the tense in the following sentences:  
(a) I told her everything.  
(b) I will explain if you let me.
5. Give antonyms of:  
(a) gentle X \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) captivity X \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) frequent X \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Co-operated X \_\_\_\_\_
6. Complete the table :

	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
1.	Give	_____	_____
2.	_____	Kept	_____

- 7.(a) It was Christmas Eve. [Add a question tag]  
7.(b) Old Papa Panov, the village shoemaker, stepped outside. [Separate the subject and predicate]
8. Write the homophone for :  
(a) pair – (b) knew –  
(c) whole – (d) went –

**Section D [Writing Skills]**

**Q.4(A) Write a letter (Any one) :** [05]

Write a letter to your grandmother thanking her for the wonderful gift she send you for your birthday.

OR

Write a letter of thanks to the owner of a shop.

**Q.4(B) Note Writing:** [02]

A friend of yours, who has borrowed your book, has not come to school for the last three days. Write a note to be given to him by a friend asking him to return your book.

OR

Imagine someone has invited your family to a program and you were the only person at home when the invitation was given orally. Write a note of 4-5 lines to pass on the message to the other members of your family.

**Q.4(C) Write an essay on any one of the following:**

**[08]**

1. A morning walk
2. My Hobby
3. A drowning accident

