

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

Class : VIII (A,D,E,F,G,H)

Time : 2 Hrs.

Subject : English

Marks : 50

Section I – Language Study

Q1 Do as directed: - (10)

- 1) Build a word chain of five adjectives :->
Long- _____
- 2) Find out four hidden words from the given word :-> (1)
Traditional: _____
- 3) The little boy would happily pick up his bite and run out into the field.
(Identify the type of sentence) (1)
- 4) The harassed mother would often say to her restless son.” Why don't you go fly a kite?” (Rewrite in indirect speech) (1)
- 5) Use the following word and its homophone in two separate sentences:- (1)
 1. Earn –
 2. Not –
- 6) They can treat patients of all ages who have suffered a stroke. (Pick out the main clause and subordinate clause in the following sentences) (1)
- 7) Dramatically, mortality, disorders, magnified.
(Arrange the following words in alphabetical order) (1)
- 8) These have made such operations successful. (pick out the verb from the following sentence and following sentence and state its tense and aspect) (1)
- 9) Our surgeons are able to perform a growing number of complex surgical procedures. (Rewrite the sentence using the modal auxiliary 'can') (1)
- 10) Conveyance:- (1)
(Use the following words to make sentence of your own) (1)

Section II: Textual Passage

Q2 Read the following passage carefully and complete the activities : (10M)

Before midnight they knew, and knew for certain. The writer of these manuscripts was a man of genius. That was as much as they could judge, that night. It was only later that Hardy decided that Ramanujan was, in terms of natural mathematical genius, in the class of Gauss and Euler : but that he could not expect, because of the defects of his education and because he had come on the scene too late in the line of mathematical history, to make contribution on the same scale.

The following day Hardy went into action. Ramanujan must be brought to England, Hardy decided. Money was not a major problem. Trinity had usually been good at supporting unorthodox talent (the college had been the same for Kapitsa a few years later). Once Hardy was determined, no human agency could have stopped Ramanujan, but they needed certain amount of help from a superhuman one.

Ramanujan turned out to be a poor clerk in Madras (Chennai), living with his wife on twenty pounds a year. He was usually strict about his religious observances, with a mother who was even stricter. It seemed impossible that he could break the ban and cross the water. Fortunately his mother had the highest respect for the goddess of Namakkal. One morning Ramanujan's mother made a startling announcement. She had a dream the previous night, in which she saw her son seated in a big hall among a group of Europeans and the goddess of Namakkal had commanded her not to stand in the way of her son fulfilling his life's purpose. This, say Ramanujan's Indian biographers, was a very agreeable surprise to all concerned.

- A1 Complete the following: - (2)
- 1) The two English mathematicians realized by midnight _____
 - 2) The famous mathematicians mentioned in this extract are _____
- A2 What surprised everyone one fine morning? (2)
- A3 Where and what did Ramanujan do? (2)
- A4 Give one word from the passage: (2)
1. A hand written document - _____
 2. District in Tamil Naidu _____
- A5 Personal Response: - (2)
1. Do you believe in superstitions? Clarify your answer with an example.

Section III – Poetry

- Q3 Read the following poem carefully and complete the activities: - (5)

So work the honey- bees, creatures that by a rule in nature teach
The art of order to a peopled kingdom,
They have a king and officers of sorts;
Where some, like magistrates, correct at home;
Others, like merchants, venture trade abroad;
Others, like soldiers, armed in their stings;
Make boot upon the summer's velvet buds;
Which pillage they with merry march bring home
To the tent royal of their emperor ;
Who, busied in his majesty, surveys,
The singing masons building roofs of gold,
The civil citizens kneading up the honey,
The poor mechanic porters crowding in
Their heavy burdens at his narrowgate,
The sad eyed Justice, with his surly hum,
Delivering over to executors pale
The lazy yawning drone

Points

- Poem and poet (1)
- Rhyme scheme (1)
- Figure of speech (1)
- Central Idea (2)

Section IV – Non -Textual Passage

Q4 Read the following passage and answer the following questions: (5)

Sarojini Naidu was educated in her early years under her father's care. He wanted her to become a great mathematician or scientist but she loved to dream and write poems. She was hardly eleven when she wrote her first poem. At thirteen she wrote a long poem like English Poets. After her matriculation she went for higher studies to London. She met Sir Edmund Grosse, a distinguished man of letters. He was impressed by her knowledge and intelligence. He was surprised to see that she had written poems in flawless English but felt disappointed to find that they had nothing of the East in them. They were all about English sight. From that day onwards, she devoted herself to writing verses about India.

A1 Complete the sentence using the correct options: - (1)

1. Sarojini Naidu loved to _____
- a) Be an English poet
 - b) Be an English teacher
 - c) Dream and write poems

A2 When did Sarojini Naidu write her first poem? (1)

A3 Why was Sir Edmund Grosse disappointed? (1)

A4 He was impressed by her knowledge and influence. (Change the voice) (1)

A5 Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage (1)

- a) Late x _____
- b) Unimpressed x _____

Section V – Writing Skills: -

A Letter Writing (5)

A past student of your school has cleared his/her UPSC Examination and being an IAS officer. He/ She has been appointed as a collector of your district, Write a formal letter to invite him/her to your school to share the story of his/her success at a soocial function.

OR

Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for a guitar he has sent you as a birthday gift.

VB Report Writing / Speech Writing: (5)

Write a report on the Van Mahotsav festival celebrated in your school.

OR

Write a speech on the topic: - (5)

The value of discipline'

Creative writing:

VC Expand the following: (5)

- 1) My Hobby
- 2) Pride goes on horseback, but returns on foot

