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Literature in English  
Grade 8

April Examinations 2019

Time : 1 ½ hr

Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Instructions to Candidates

Write your name, candidate number, form and section, name of invigilator(s), subject and, if necessary, paper number on every answer sheet.

Answer all questions.

## Information for Candidates

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

**GOOD LUCK !**

## Section A: Short Story

Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow:

“I was walking alone through a village at night when I met an old man carrying a lantern. I found, to my surprise, that the man was blind. “Old man,” I asked, “if you cannot see, why do you carry a lantern?”

- (a) Why was the old man carrying a lantern? [2 marks]
- (b) Who was Oliver? [2 marks]
- (c) Who was sitting on a rock that night? [2 marks]
- (d) In about 30 words narrate Oliver’s encounter with the boy. [10 marks]
- (e) Describe Oliver’s feelings when he realised who the watchman was? [5 marks]

### Section B: Poetry

#### Exercise 1

**Fill in the blanks with words from the poem to complete this summary**

One day, the mountain and the squirrel have a (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The hu  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ calls the tiny (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The squirr  
whose name is (5) \_\_\_\_\_, replies that while it is not as (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
as the mountain, the mountain is not even half as (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as t  
squirrel. To make up a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and a (9) \_\_\_\_\_, all sorts  
things and weather must be taken into consideration. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
both the mountain and the squirrel differ greatly. If the squirrel cann  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_ the forest on its back, then the mountain cann  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ a tiny nut.

(big, year, sphere, squirrel, energetic, quarrel, mountain, carry, little pri  
talents, bun, crack)

[12 mark

#### Exercise 2

**Read the stanza below and answer the questions that follow**

**The mountain and the squirrel  
Had a quarrel,  
And the former called the latter  
"Little prig."**

- a) What is the rhyming pattern of these lines? [4 marks
- b) Quote the phrase that uses personification. [2 marks

**Exercise 3****Answer these questions.**

- a) How many times does the mountain speak in the poem? [2 marks]
- b) What two things does the squirrel acknowledge the mountain can do? [4 marks]
- c) What is the moral of this fable? [5 marks]
- d) In about 30 words show how the squirrel defended itself against the big mountain? [10 marks]

**Section C: Vocabulary****Exercise 1****Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the list given below.**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a social networking website intended to connect friends, family, and business associates. There are many social (2) \_\_\_\_\_ sites in the world Twitter, Google Plus, My space etc. But it is the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the other networking sites in the world. Facebook was founded in 2004 by Harvard student Mark (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and originally called the Facebook. It began as a college networking website and was quickly successful on (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and expanded beyond Harvard into other schools. At that time, it was only available to schools, universities, organizations, and companies in English speaking countries. Later it was extended to include anyone and everyone. Facebook (6) \_\_\_\_\_ create a profile page that includes the following: Information, Status, Friends, and Friends in Other Networks, Photos, Notes, Groups, and The Wall. As a result, everyone within that network can view the profile. Users are able to search for friends and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by e-mail address, school, university, or just by typing in a name or location in the search box. When people become friends, they are able to see all of each other's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ including contact information. A popular feature on Facebook is to share photographs (9) \_\_\_\_\_ from a phone, camera, or computer. A person can make a video call to any one of his friend list. Nowadays business has been largely dependent on Facebook for promotion and marketing. But, with the advantage of Facebook, nowadays cyber (10) \_\_\_\_\_ are committing many crimes. Above all, Facebook has become a part and parcel in the communication system.

(users, criminals, Zuckerberg, Facebook, profiles, uploaded, networking, acquaintances, campus, largest) [10 marks]

**Exercise 2**

**Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the list given below.**

All our surroundings including air, water, soil, trees, and animals (1) \_\_\_\_\_ our environment. When the normal relations among these elements of nature are disturbed, the ecological balance is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and it is called environmental pollution. Environment is polluted by way of pollution of the factors that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Air pollution, water pollution, sound pollution and odour pollution together with (4) \_\_\_\_\_ are the main conditions that pollute environment. The impact of environment pollution is very (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The smoke from factories and other vehicles contains harmful substances like (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and sulfur-di-oxide. These hamper the cleanliness of the air. Mills and factories set up on river banks let out chemical wastes in to the river water. These poisonous substances are destroying the plants and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ life. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and chemical fertilizers used in agriculture are also polluting water. When people drink this water or take a bath in the polluted water, they are attacked with stomach and skin diseases. Besides, the birds and beasts have to lose their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and are badly affected by environment pollution which may often bring about the extinction. Environmental pollution may be controlled by taking different measures. We may increase after station. If trees are planted in large numbers, we can be benefited in different ways. Trees also increase rainfall and prevent air pollution. Laws should be passed to prevent factories from (10) \_\_\_\_\_ wastes. Moreover, every conscious individual and institution should come forward to solve this problem for the sake of our existence.

**(dumping, pesticides, aquatic, make up, constitute, dangerous, hampered, deforestation, carbon-monoxide, habitats)**

[10 marks]

**Exercise 3**

**Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the list given below**

1. The school \_\_\_\_\_ (principal, principle) came in to the room.
2. My pants are too \_\_\_\_\_ (lose, loose).
3. We went before the teen \_\_\_\_\_ (council, counsel).
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ (capital, capitol) of Colorado is Denver.
5. I like all \_\_\_\_\_ (accept, except) the blue one.
6. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ (stationary, stationery) bike.
7. I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ (precede, proceed) with my story.
8. It was a steep \_\_\_\_\_ (descent, dissent) into the cave.
9. Most drugs have side \_\_\_\_\_ (affects, effects).
10. Warm bread \_\_\_\_\_ (compliments, complements) any meal.

[10 marks]

**Exercise 4**

**Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the list given below.**

1. I practice so I won't \_\_\_\_\_ the game.
2. The Senate was in session at the \_\_\_\_\_ today.
3. My daughter likes purple \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The government's decision met with much \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Everybody likes to receive \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Voting can help \_\_\_\_\_ change.
7. You should always stand by your \_\_\_\_\_.
8. He will \_\_\_\_\_ me to help me make the right decision.
9. She was happy to \_\_\_\_\_ her award.
10. A joke should \_\_\_\_\_ your speech.

**(capitol, dissent, principles, stationery, precede, compliments, counsel, lose, affect, accept)**

[10 marks]