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Class – VI

Subject- English

Duration: 3 hours

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**General Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Attempt the paper in a neat and legible handwriting.
3. Write the correct question number for each answer you write in your answer sheet.
4. Write your answers within the prescribed word limit.

**Section A- Reading**

Q1. Read the following passage carefully:

1. Tulsi has been used for thousands of years in Ayurveda for its diverse healing properties. It is mentioned in the Charak Samhita, an ancient Ayurvedic text. Tulsi is considered to be an adaptogen, balancing different processes in the body, and helpful for adapting to stress. Marked by its strong aroma and astringent taste, it is regarded as a kind of "elixir of life" and believed to promote longevity.
2. Tulsi's extracts are used in ayurvedic remedies for common colds, headaches, stomach disorders, inflammation, heart disease, various forms of poisoning and malaria.
3. Traditionally, tulsi is taken in many forms: as herbal tea, dried powder, fresh leaf, or mixed with ghee. Essential oil extracted from Karpoora Tulsi is mostly used for medicinal purposes and in herbal cosmetics, and is widely used in skin preparations due to its anti-

bacterial activity. For centuries, the dried leaves of tulsi have been mixed with stored grains to repel insects.

4. There are two types of tulsi worshipped in Hinduism: "Rama Tulsi" has light green leaves and is larger in size; "Shyama Tulsi" has dark green leaves and is important for the worship of Hanuman. Many Hindus have tulsi plants growing in front of or near their home, often in special pots. It is also frequently grown next to Hanuman temples, especially in Varanasi.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions: (5)

- Mention any one benefit of Tulsi stated in para 1 of the passage.
- Where are Tulsi extracts used?
- What are dried leaves of Tulsi used for?
- Which are the traditional forms in which Tulsi is taken?
- Name the two types of Tulsi worshipped in Hinduism.

1.2 State whether the following statements are true or false: (2)

- Tulsi is regarded as "elixir of life".
- Shyama Tulsi has light green leaves and is larger in size.

1.3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as: (1)

- a medicine or treatment for a disease of injury(para 2)
- made from herbs (para 3)

Q2. Read the following poem carefully:

You're nuisance, I declare

You tease me so, it isn't fair:

You pounce on me from everywhere,

And hold my hat and catch my hair,

And tie my clothes in knots, and tear  
The leaves and blossoms from the pear;  
I wish I could get a snare  
To catch you but I shouldn't dare.  
For though you tease me, I declare.  
For I don't think I should manage quite.  
To sail my boat or fly my kite.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete its summary by filling one word only in each blank: (4)

The boy declares the wind a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ because it is troublesome. It (b) \_\_\_\_\_ on him from all sides. It (c) \_\_\_\_\_ his hat and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ his hair. It makes the leaves and (e) \_\_\_\_\_ fall from the trees. The boy (f) \_\_\_\_\_ he could catch the wind and keep it as prisoner. But without the wind, he won't be able to (g) \_\_\_\_\_ his boat and (h) \_\_\_\_\_ his kite.

Q3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Buddhism is one of the greatest religions of the world. Most of its followers live in Sri Lanka, China, Japan, Korea and Thailand, but there are Buddhists everywhere.

The founder of Buddhism, Prince Gautama Siddhartha was born to luxury. One day, as he left his palace he saw three men—one very sick, one very old and one dead. Very disturbed by this evidence of man's suffering, he began to wonder how man might find true and lasting happiness.

He fasted and meditated as he sought the answer. One day, as he sat under a fig tree, which became known as Bo Tree, or tree of enlightenment, he suddenly saw clearly that the cure for all happiness



lay in the mastery of one's selfish desires. He set out to teach his discovery to the world. As Buddha, "the Enlightened One," he wandered through India with his disciples for more than forty years, teaching the people how to find true happiness.

3.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements: (4)

- a. Most of the followers of Buddhism live in countries like \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Buddha, the founder of Buddhism got disturbed when he saw \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. He began to meditate \_\_\_\_\_ to find out the answer.
- d. One day, he found out that the cure of for all happiness \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Section-B Writing

Q4. Read the following conversation between Aashna and Mr Singh.

Aashna: Hello, may I speak to Ranjit, please?

Mr. Singh: Ranjit is getting ready for school. May I know who is speaking?

Aashna: My name is Aashna. I am Ranjit's classmate.

Mr. Singh: Hello, Aashna. I am Ranjit's father. Is there any message?

Aashna: Yes. Please ask him to bring his biology notebook to school today. I was absent from school due to illness. I would like to copy the notes which our biology teacher gave to the class during my absence.

Mr. Singh: I will definitely do that.

Since Mr. Singh had to go for his morning walk, he left a message for Ranjit. Write that message in 50 words. Put the message in a box. (4)

Q5. Imagine you are Siya/Sayan of class VI. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting her to grant you leave for a week. Do mention the reason for leave. (6)

Q6. Celebrations bring us joy and happiness. We all like to celebrate together. But in our society, there are many underprivileged children, who cannot celebrate their special days or festivals. You celebrated your birthday with underprivileged children and made your day memorable. Write a letter to your friend describing how you celebrated your special day. Taking ideas for My English Reader Unit-Celebrations from the hints given below, write the letter in 100-150 words. (6)

Special day – celebrated with poor children- played games with them-ate food together-gave them gifts-talked to them-sang and danced together-loved the smile on their faces-very happy-memorable day

### Section-C Grammar

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the past simple form of the following verbs: (4)

go	swim	see
receive		

Amya's birthday party was a lot of fun. We (a) \_\_\_\_\_ for nature trail, where we (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a snake! Then we (c) \_\_\_\_\_ in the lake. She (d) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of presents on her birthday.

Q8. Rearrange the words/phrases to make meaningful sentences: (3)

- from God/ a precious/ life/ is/ to/ gift/ us
- be thankful/ we should/ God/ to/ it/ for

c. do not/ unfortunately some/ believe/ God /in

Q9. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners:

(4)

It was a very cold night. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ old man was shivering, sitting under (b) \_\_\_\_\_ tree. He had no shelter. A kind man passed by and gave him (c) \_\_\_\_\_ food to eat. He was very happy for the kindness shown by (d) \_\_\_\_\_ man and thanked him.

Q10. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number:

(3)

Columbus is so much \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
influence by riches of India \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
that she set out in search \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
for India with high hopes \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
and he could not succeed in \_\_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
his mission. He discover America \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
by chance.

Q11. Fill in the following blanks by choosing the correct option:

(3)

- Each member of the team \_\_\_\_\_ to donate his service. (want/wants)
- The man with the four dogs \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle's brother. (is/are)
- Some of the cheerleaders \_\_\_\_\_ honoured at the function. (was/were)
- There \_\_\_\_\_ sixteen math problems on page twenty five. (is/are)
- Few \_\_\_\_\_ present at the ceremony. (was/were)
- Does \_\_\_\_\_ need water? (cats/the cat)

Q12. Identify the tense used in the following sentences:

(3)

- Priya was reading a novel when I reached her home.



- b. The earth revolves round the sun.
- c. My father has bought a new car.

### Section-D Literature

Q13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions: (4)

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like stars at night

- a. Name the poem and the poet.
- b. What can't the poet see in broad daylight due to lack of time?
- c. When do streams seem to be full of stars?
- d. Mention the poetic device used in the above stanza.

Q14. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (4)

'I decided to write out the confession. In this note not only did I confess my guilt, but I also asked for adequate punishment for it.'

- a. Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- b. What is the confession he writes about?
- c. Whom does he write his letter to?
- d. *Does he get any punishment? Does he asked for any punishment*

Q15. Answer the following questions: (3x5=15)

- a. Why did Little Daddy want to become an ice cream seller?
- b. Who advised the white elephant not to help the man in distress?  
Why?
- c. Why is repentance called a ghost of the past?

- Whom*
- d. ~~Where~~ did the young man go after first accepting the challenge?  
What was the result?
- e. Do you agree that first of all you should be a good human being?  
What, according to you, are the traits of a good human being?

Q16. Imagine you are the fish in the story 'The Helpful Young Man'. Write a diary entry describing your meeting with the young man. (5)

*Q* *Just* Or

Imagine you are the white elephant. You are in the king's palace and your mother is alone in the forest. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings.