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**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION 2017-2018**  
**CLASS X**  
**ENGLISH**

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:**

1. The question paper is divided into three sections.  
Section A: Reading 20 marks  
Section B: Writing and Grammar 30 marks  
Section C: Literature 30 marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

**SECTION- A (Reading -20 Marks)**

Q1) Read the passage carefully:

**How My life changed its course**

**(8 marks)**

1. Ever since I can remember, I always felt I was stupid, really stupid. I lost my father when I was three. Since I was a sick child, a polio victim, I lived with my grandmother in Mumbai so I could avail of the metro's advanced medical facilities. I remember being on the streets all day, playing or lazing around.
2. When I turned ten, my mother and my sister came to live in Mumbai too. My sister was a bright student, always securing high grades. She and my mother encouraged me to study, but I just could not bring myself to concentration on any subject. I would get bored and feel sleepy when forced to open my books. After innumerable lectures on the importance of studying had failed, mother tried threats as well, but nothing worked, I truly believed I was stupid; no matter how much I worked, it wouldn't help.
3. One afternoon, as always, I was sitting under a tree in the school premises eating potato wafers when I saw a former classmate approaching me. (Aditi and I had been in the same class the year before. I had failed sixth grade and had to repeat the year, Aditi had topped the class and was the brightest student of the seventh grade too.) I flinched a little Aditi as I saw her walk towards me. 'Hi,' she said. 'Hi,' I replied, but not with much enthusiasm; I wanted her to leave. I continued to



eat my chips. Ignoring my coldness, she sat down next to me. For five minutes neither of us spoke and then she asked, 'Is Devika your real sister?' 'Yes, she is,' I answered.

4. So how come she doesn't teach you so that you too can do well? she asked. I peered at her, wondering if she was making fun of me, but all I could see on her face was earnestness. No, she is not trying to tease me, I decided. This time I answered a little more warmly, she tries to, but I don't like studying. 'Why not? I'm sure you can get good grades too,' she said emphatically. 'No, I can't. I have no brains. God forgot to give me brains, health or beauty. He gave me nothing.'
5. "That's not true. And anyway, health and beauty can't be helped, but God has given brains to everyone, we only have to learn to use it." I shook my head, 'No, I have difficulty in concentrating, and books bore me, there is no hope for me. Please leave me alone. 'I can prove it to you that you are not stupid. Give me one chance, I will teach you to study.'
6. Though I was softening from inside, I still held on to my low self-esteem. 'You'll be wasting your time. I cannot study, I am not as bright as you are nor lucky as my sister,' I said, " Let me try and help you, please. I will show you the right way to study. You just have to cooperate with me. Will you try?" Her belief in me proved more powerful than my doubts about myself. She won and I relented.

Based on your reading of the passage answer the following questions briefly:

(1x8=8)

- a) Why did the writer believe that she was stupid?
- b) Why did she flinch when she saw her friend walking towards her?
- c) The writer lacked interest in studies because \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Do you think the writer was very confident or assertive? Why or why not?
- e) When she had to study she felt \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- f) The writer said that God had forgotten to give her brains, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- g) From the passage find one word which means the same as –
  - (i) Finally agree to something after refusing (para 6)
  - (ii) To look carefully at something, to see it clearly (para 4)

Q2) Read the following passage carefully:

(12)

The advent of digital age makes public libraries obsolete. Advancement in technology and changing cultural moves have made the traditional public libraries difficult to exist.

Although e-book usage has not become widespread as quickly as many anticipated with the advent of the computer, this slow adoption is beginning to accelerate with the recent development of specialized e-book readers which use electronic-paper technology, such as the high-profile Amazon Kindle, which has sold tens of thousands of units. Just as consumers are moving away from hard-copy formats in music and videos, towards electronic files, the same will happen with books once e-reader technology reaches the "killer app" level achieved by the ipod for music. With the decline of the physical book will come the necessary decline of the physical library.

The internet is bringing about a culture where information and files are shared freely, negating the need for public institutions to hoard and distribute books. This has already been observed in music and video – despite their best efforts, recording companies cannot stop the inevitable free sharing of data. The same process is under way with books- Project Gutenberg makes it possible to find almost any popular public domain classic free on-line, while Google Books is doing the same with more obscure selections. Already there is a large collection of commercial books which have been scanned into digital formats and are available for download.

The internet presents a better way to achieve the goals of libraries than physical libraries themselves- namely free and open access to information and books. Providing free access to the internet would be a more effective way of making e-books available than building and supporting larger buildings filled with unread books. Once this fact becomes apparent to the government, it will become difficult to justify the larger relative cost of running a traditional library.



Furthermore the internet has demonstrated its effectiveness for bringing people together in a social network to share preferences within a given domain. Last FM is a popular music sharing and discovery resource. These types of sites are popular amongst the current generation, and are a likely candidate to replace the community fostered by traditional libraries. Trends indicate that traditional libraries will soon become obsolete.

Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words (2×4=8)

- (i) What has made paper books obsolete?
- (ii) How has internet led to the decline of the public libraries?
- (iii) How has the music and video industry transformed in recent times?
- (iv) Why will it become difficult to run a traditional library?

Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options: (1×4=4)

- (v) What is meant by the word 'anticipated'?
  - (i) Inhabited
  - (ii) Awaited
  - (iii) Animated
  - (iv) Regretted
- (vi) What is meant by the word, 'inevitable'?
  - (i) Unavailable
  - (ii) Inexhaustible
  - (iii) Improbable
  - (iv) Inescapable
- (vii) What is the adjective form of the word 'access'?
  - (i) Excessive
  - (ii) Accession
  - (iii) Accessible
  - (iv) Accessory
- (viii) What is the antonym of the word 'popular'?
  - (i) Unpopular
  - (ii) Unacceptable
  - (iii) Favourite
  - (iv) Infamous

### SECTION B ( 30 marks)

**Q3)** You are Arjun/Alia of S-57, Mall Road, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner Complaining about the nuisance of loudspeakers in your area. (8)

**Q4)** Given below is the beginning of a story. Complete it in about 150 to 200 words :  
Ritu was going to school. Suddenly a truck .....

**Q5)** Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/phrases from the given options. (1×4=4)

They place (a) \_\_\_\_\_ much emphasis on material things. People (b) \_\_\_\_\_ poor self – esteem judge a person's (c) \_\_\_\_\_ by his possessions, not by who he is. It is sometimes very difficult to form (d) \_\_\_\_\_ correct opinion.

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| (a) (i) so    | (ii) very  | (iii) a lot       | (iv) too        |
| (b) (i) with  | (ii) have  | (iii) owning      | (iv) possessing |
| (c) (i) worth | (ii) worth | (iii) worth while | (iv) character  |
| (d) (i) an    | (ii) the   | (iii) a           | (iv) no article |

**Q6)** In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it. The first one has been done as an example. (1×4=4)

Tansen is considered the greatest musician	e.g	considered	as	the
Of India. He was one the nine jewels or	(a)			
'navratnas' in the court Akbar. Tansen	(b)			
was Born in Gwalior, India.	No	error		
Tansen's real name Ramantanu Pandey.	(c)			
The title 'Miyana' was conferred Tansen by Akbar	(d)			



Q7) Rearrange the following jumbled words /phrases to make meaningful sentences. (1×4=4)

- a) sea / the / did/not /like / Mr Patch
- b) would be /he believed / no sea / in Heaven/ that there
- c) disliked/ the sea / that / so much/ he would / at it / never / look / he
- d) he always / back streets / walked / in the / to avoid / the sea / seeing

**SECTION C ( 30 marks)**

Q8) Read the extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (1×4=4)

A) 'Now the nightingale, inspired  
Flushed with confidence, and fired  
With both art and adoration  
Sang- and was a huge sensation'

- (a) What inspired the nightingale to sing?
- (b) Explain 'fired with both art and adoration'.
- (c) The poetic device used in the above line is \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Name the poem and the poet .

Or

B) 'She'll come fast enough after her share of what grandfather's left. You know how hard she can be when she likes. Where she gets it from I can't tell.'

- (a) Who speaks these words and to whom?
- (b) Who is 'she' in the above lines?
- (c) Name the literary device used in the above lines.
- (d) What is the speaker trying to say about 'she' ?

Q9) Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2×4=8)

- (a) Although Nicola and Jacopo are young boys, the author refers to them as 'gentlemen'. Why does he do so ?
- (b) How did the Frog scheme to break the nightingale's spirit and destroy her?
- (c) The poet says that neither forces of nature nor wars can destroy his poetry. What quality of the poet is revealed through these lines?
- (d) Which three things did the grandfather want to do on the next Monday ?
- (e) What was Mrs Packetide's motive to shoot a tiger ?

Q10) Answer one of the following questions in about 100-150 words: (1×8=8) (1×8=8)

The mirror is a symbol of truth whereas candle light and moon-light are called liars, which flatter the woman. Elaborate how flattery can be harmful and truth even though cruel is always pleasing at the end.

Or

Grandfather decides to move away from the daughters and settle with Mrs John Shorrocks, rejecting their proposal to take care of him. Do you think he was right in doing so ? What would you have done if you were in his place ?

Q11) Answer one of the following questions in about 200-250 words: (10)

Give a brief character sketch of Helen's father.

Or

How did Helen Keller's book prove to be inspirational for others ?