

Saraswati

Duration: 1 ½ Hour

1st Term

max marks 50



English

Q 1 (A) Read the first activity, read the extract, and then do all the activities (12 Marks)

A 1. CHOOSE :

(2 Marks)

Choose TWO statements that appropriately mention the theme of the passage.

1. Chaitanya used to accompany his parents because he was a special child.
2. The mother was not at all ashamed of carrying Chaitanya into public places and answer the queries of the people.
3. Chaitanya had an exceptional capacity. Therefore he made great progress.
4. In spite of his difficulties, Chaitanya had made good progress that made his mother feel proud.

My own faith in Chaitanya started giving me abundant strength. I no longer wanted to hide myself from the glaring eyes of the world. I took him around with me. He went with us everywhere like any normal child. We were not sorry nor uncomfortable carrying him around. If I required help for him in public places, I was not embarrassed to seek it from public around. I did not mind telling them that he was a special child. I was no more scared of people's curious looks and awkward questions. I could talk about Chaitanya's problems calmly. As my mind opened up further, I could discern a new hope springing in my heart. I felt happy I was a Special Mother.

The special school did Chaitanya a lot of good. He was now a much more confident person adored by his teachers, his friends and his school staff. His speech improved and expressions became clearer. His social manners became laudable. Academically, he was still lagging behind the expected standard of learning but it was okay. He started developing an all-round interest in craft, music, dancing and sports. Early in 1997-98, when he returned from state level inter-school sports, he had two prizes to his credit and a silver medal. He had won laurels in athletic events and a silver medal in a running race.

When I saw the prizes and read the citation Chaitanya had received, I was stupefied, in total disbelief, then—hugged him, kissed him and cried unabashedly to my heart's content. That day, I cried for the first time out of joy and a sense of being vindicated. Without practice he had competed with approximately 1,800 children drawn from various schools all over the state. He was subsequently selected for the marathon race, but he could not participate due to a health problem.

A.2. COMPLETE

(2 Marks)

Complete the following statement by giving suitable responses:

A Special mother of a Special child needs some qualities and they are :

1. _____

2. _____

A 3. Give Reasons:

(2 Marks)

Give in your own words at least TWO reasons for the Mother's great joy

1. _____

2. _____

A 4. VOCABULARY

(2 Marks)

Give Synonyms of the following:

Give Antonyms of the following:

a) Vindicated = _____

a) criticize = _____

b) Discern = _____

b) belief = _____

A.5 PERSONAL RESPONSE :

(2 Marks)

"Every child is precious." Write down your response in view of the extract in TWO/THREE sentences ONLY.

A 6. GRAMMAR :

(2 Marks)

Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:

1. We were not sorry or uncomfortable carrying him around. (Rewrite the sentence using the infinitive form of the underlined word)
2. I was stupefied to see the prizes. (Make it complex)

(B) GRAMMAR: (DO AS DIRECTED):

(3 Marks)

1. _____ stranger had _____ sharp, fox-like face, and this frightened me. (Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles)

2. The main drawback _____ the area is the distance _____ the railway station. (Fill in the blanks using suitable Prepositions)

3. Rohini said, " Alas, how foolish I have been!" (Convert into Indirect Speech)

Q II (A) UNSEEN PASSAGE :

(12 Marks)

A 1. Read the first Activity, read the extract and do all the activities.

1. State whether the following statements are True or False.
 - a) Migration of birds to Chilka Lake has decreased over the years.
 - b) Birds migrate to Chilka Lake during summer.
 - c) Pesticides and chemicals in fields affect the migration of birds.
 - d) Birds are encouraged to migrate to Lake Chilka.

With the onset of winter, the picturesque Nalaban Bird Sanctuary inside the Chilka Lake is agog with the presence of thousands of migratory birds from faraway Siberia, Iraq, Iran and Central Europe. The birds arrive at their winter abode inside the bird sanctuary which is spread over 15.5 sq. Kms., to stay for five months till monsoon sets in. This year the migration of winter birds has begun two weeks ahead due to disturbances and scarcity of food in their native places. The birds have taken shelter in artificial mounds inside the sanctuary which had been constructed by the wildlife division as the core area of the sanctuary. According to wildlife officers, the migration of birds to the Chilka Lake, the second largest in the world, has increased over the years due to the conducive atmosphere prevailing there.

A survey conducted by the Chilka wildlife division has revealed that the number of migratory birds arriving at the lake has increased to over two million. Many rare birds like the Smew Duck, Mallard, Nakta, Marbled Teal and Goliath Heron have also been spotted last year. Application of pesticides and chemicals in the fields and loss of natural habitat affect bird migration. Birds and animals have a relationship and their harmonious presence is beneficial for the continuity of a sanctuary.

A 2.. Make a list of the places and birds related with migration. (2 Marks)

A. 3. Give reasons why migration is essential for birds. (2 Marks)

A 4. In the passage the 'core area' means: (Tick the correct answer)

(2 Marks)

(i) (a) Overflowing area (b) central area (c) isolated area

(ii) Make a meaningful sentence of your own using the word 'conductive.'

A 5. According to you are sanctuaries essential for birds and animals? Explain (2 Marks)

A 6. Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed: (2 marks)

(i) The birds have taken shelter in artificial mounds. (Frame a WH-Question to get the underlined part as an answer)

(ii) The birds have arrived at their winter abode. (Identify the Tense)

Q II. (B) Write a Summary of the above extract with the help of the outline given below and suggest a suitable title. (70-75 words only) (3 Marks)

Clues: Winter --- Chilka Lake -- migratory birds—second largest lake – conducive atmosphere---artificial mounds---variety of birds—effects of pesticides/chemicals---harmony.

III. P O E T R Y : (8 Marks)

Read the following extract and complete the activities given below:

Old women do not fly on magic wands

Nor make obscure prophecies from ominous forests

They just sit on vacant benches in the quiet evenings, call doves by their names

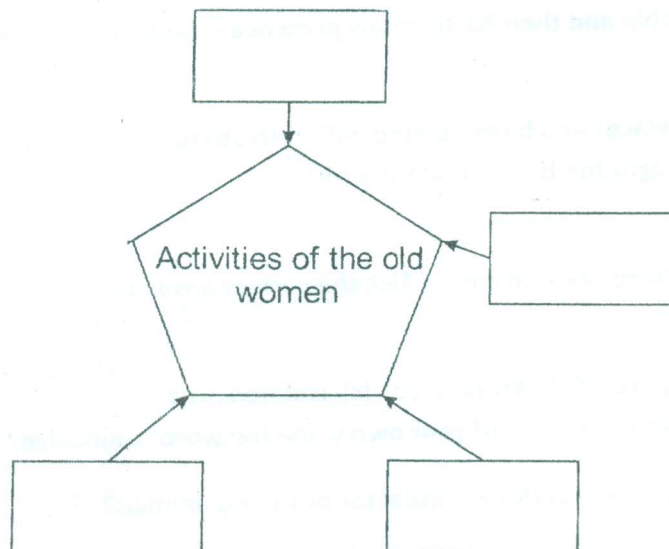
And charm them with grains of maize

Or, trembling like waves, they stand in endless queues in government hospitals

Or settle like sterile clouds in post offices awaiting mail

From their sons abroad, long ago dead.

A 1. Complete the web by writing the activities with which the old women engage themselves. (2 Marks)



A 2. Name and explain the figure of speech of the following line and find another example of the same from the extract. (2 marks)

“ Or, trembling like waves “

A 3. Suggest any two ways, we can make the old people in our families feel happy, wanted and loved. (2 Marks)

A 4. Compose Two lines of your own on the theme of the miseria and loneliness of the old people. (2 Marks)

Q IV. RAPID READER (4 Marks)

(A) Read the following extract and do the activities that follow : (2 Marks)

“I have no water,” said the captive lark, “they have all gone out, and forgotten to give me anything

to drink. My throat is dry and burning. I feel as if I had fire and ice within me and the air is so Oppressive. Alas! I must die, and part with the warm sunshine, the fresh green meadows, and all the beauty that God has created." And it thrust its beak into the piece of grass, to refresh itself a little. The it noticed the little daisy, and nodded to it, and kissed it with its beak and said: "You must also fade in here, poor little flower. You and the piece of grass are all they have given in exchange for the whole world, which I enjoyed outside. Each little blade of grass shall be a green tree for me, each of your white petals a fragrant flower. Alas! You only remind me of what I have lost."

" I wish I could console the poor lark," thought the daisy. It could not move one of its leaves, but the fragrance of its delicate petals streamed forth, and was much stronger than such flowers usually have : the bird noticed it, although it was dying with thirst, and its pain tore up the green blades of grass, but did not touch the flower. The evening came, and nobody appeared to bring the poor bird a drop of water; it opened its beautiful wings and fluttered about in its anguish; a faint and mournful "Tweet,tweet" was all it could utter, then it bent its little head towards the flower, and its heart broke for want and longing. The flower could not, as on the previous evening, fold up its petals and sleep; it dropped sorrowfully.

1) SELECT AND EXPLAIN : (2 marks)

Select the most appropriate title to the theme of the extract and explain its significance:

- a) The love triangle
 - b) Love that knows sacrifice
 - c) The unique love story
- 2) Provide an imaginary ending to the extract in about (50 Words ONLY) (2 Marks)

Q V.(A) INTERVIEW QUESTIONS : (4 Marks)

You are a member of the Literary Committee of your college. You are going to interview a famous writer, who is the recipient of a "National Award.," on his/her recently published book. Frame 8-10 Questions (ONLY) that you would like to ask him/her.

V (B) SPEECH WRITING : (4 Marks)

Prepare a short Speech to be delivered by you on the topic " My duty towards my country." You may use the following points :

- 1) Your present duty
- 2) Your future duties
- 3) How will you carry out your duties

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