

ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE
TERM -1 EXAMINATION, 2017-18
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

STD: VII

M.M:80

General Instructions:

i) This paper consists of four sections

Section A:	Reading	20 marks
Section B:	Writing	15 marks
Section C:	Grammar	15 marks
Section D:	Literature	30 marks

ii) All questions are compulsory.

iii) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A – (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

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1. Small improvements can lead to big changes. A few flowers can change the look of a room. The efficiency of a factory, for instance depends upon an infinite number of operations, performed properly from day to day.
2. Abraham Maslow, the well known psychologist, mentioned with admiration the case of a young man who spent several years in Mexico digging deep wells to provide clean drinking water to the villages. He managed to dig only three wells, and had to spend enormous amount of time teaching the villagers to use pure water in place of contaminated water. There may have been only three wells but they gave the engineer a great feeling of achievement.
3. Charles Darwin has shown that, given enough time, small and gradual causes can produce large and radical changes. His last book was in fact on earthworms. He was preoccupied with the theme for forty years. He had shown that on every acre of Chall, hills near Down, worms brought up eighteen tons of earth annually. What a stupendous achievement for the small and insignificant earthworms!
4. Even the dullest of men was a million times more creative and productive than the earthworm. If men were to work in unison like the earthworms, there would be a paradise on earth in not too distant a future.

1.1 Answer the following questions given below:

(1x5=5)

- a) What does the efficiency of a factory depend on?
- b) What did the young man teach the villagers?
- c) How did the young man feel after he dug three wells in the village?
- d) According to Charles Darwin, what was considered to be a 'stupendous achievement'?
- e) What characteristic traits of Abraham Maslow are highlighted in the above passage?

1.2 Complete the following statements:

(1x3=3)

- There would be paradise on earth _____.
- The young man dug deep wells _____.
- This passage teaches us that _____.

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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- A father one day asked his daughters, "What is the sweetest thing in the world?" "Sugar!" said the elder daughter. "Salt," said the younger daughter. Her father thought that she was making fun of him, but she stuck to her opinion. The father was obstinate, but so was his daughter. A quarrel broke out between them over this small matter, and he drove her out of the house, saying "As you think that salt is sweeter than sugar, you had better find another home where the cooking is more to your taste."
- It was a beautiful summer night, and as the pretty maiden sat singing sadly in the forest around her father's cottage. A young prince, who had lost the way while hunting the deer, heard her voice, and came to ask her the way. Then, struck by her beauty, he fell in love with her, took her home to his beautiful palace and married her.
- The bride invited her father to the wedding feast, without telling him that she was his daughter. All the dishes were prepared without salt, and the guests began to complain as they ate the tasteless food. "There is no salt in the meat!" they said angrily.
- "Ah," said the bride's father. "Salt is truly the sweetest thing in the world! But when my daughter said so, I turned her out of my house. If only I could see her again and tell her how sorry I am!"
- Drawing the bridal veil aside from her face, the happy girl went to her father and kissed him. Now properly salted dishes were brought in and all the guests were satisfied.

2.1 Answer the following questions given below:

(2x4=8)

- What question did the father put to his daughters?
- What answers did the daughters give?
- Why did the younger daughter stick to her opinion?
- How did the father realize that he had been unjust towards his younger daughter?

2.2 Do as Directed:

(1x4=4)

- Find the word from the passage which means '**unchanging or unbending**'. (Para 1)
- Give the adjective form of the word '**beauty**'.
- Give the noun form of the word '**satisfied**'.
- Make a sentence with the phrase '**broke out**' in your own words.

SECTION B – (WRITING)

3. Children feel stressed during examination. Write an article in about 100-120 words giving your views on what students can do in such a situation. (5)
4. You are the Secretary of the welfare club of your school. Under your leadership, the club was able to collect a huge amount of money for old age home 'HELP ME'. Express your happiness and pride in the form of a Diary Entry in 100-120 words. (5)
5. You are Sania Joshi, Activity Co-ordinator of Delhi Public School, New Delhi. Your school is organizing a Book Fair in your school to promote the habit of reading among the students. Write a notice in not more than 50 words inviting students to visit the fair in their library periods. (5)

SECTION C – (GRAMMAR)

6. Do as directed:

(1x10=10)

- a) Tashi hasn't made _____ friends so far. (Choose the correct option - **some** / **any**)
- b) Three coaches got derailed but nobody was injured. (Rewrite the sentence using '**although**')
- c) i know nothing about these new machines said she (Punctuate the sentence)
- d) Our Annual Day celebrations are always a _____ affair. (Choose the correct option - **memorial** / **memorable**)
- e) We walked _____ the field to the church on the other side. (Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition)
- f) My daughter is elder than Mary. (Correct the error in the sentence)
- g) This is the road. It leads to the station. (Combine the sentences with a Relative Pronoun)
- h) I believe in her _____. (Fill in the blanks with the noun form of the word '**innocent**')
- i) Is Chennai very hot during summer? (Change the question into statement)
- j) The iron was a little too hot. The shirt got burnt. (Join the sentences using '**so**')

7. This passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the words. (1x3=3)

	Error	Correction
One morning the Nawab call	a).....
his minister and said him	b).....
that he wanted the length and		
breadth from the earth	c).....
to be measured.		

8. Rearrange the following phrases and words to form meaningful sentences: (1x2=2)

- a) pay / the / had to / poor farmers / high taxes / very
- b) judge / cover / by its / you / cannot / a book

SECTION D – (LITERATURE: TEXT BOOK AND NOVEL)

9. Read the following extract and answer the following questions: (1x3=3)

“I have answered three questions and that is enough.”

- a) Who is the speaker and the listener?
- b) What is the relationship between the speaker and the listener?
- c) Why did the speaker refuse to answer the last question?

10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (2x3=6)

- a) What did Ambu think of the grandmother?
- b) How did Hafiz Mian react when he saw the coat on nawabzada?
- c) The Spider tries to tempt the fly in many ways. What are all those ways?

11. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words: (4x4=16)

- a) Explain the phrase ‘coarser realities of life, with reference to the prose piece ‘The Mouse’.
- b) Why would the residents have felt a sense of regret after cutting off the roots of the Gulmohar tree?
- c) Describe what happened once the ‘orange-tipped white butterfly’ was caught.
- d) The scorching blazing heat of Indian summer actually causes many trees and young plants to dry and wither away. What would you do to save trees and young plants in your locality?

12. Answer the following question in 120-125 words: (5x1=5)

- a) With reference to the novel ‘Treasure Island’, write a brief character sketch of Jim Hawkins.