

ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL,PUNE
PERIODIC TEST – 1, 2018-19
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

STD: VIII

M.M. : 50

SECTION A – (READING)

1. Read the passage carefully : **(8)**

1. In 1975, a Director made a film about a shark that attacks people at a popular resort in a small American town. It terrified film audiences across America and made more money at the box office than any other film. The film was Jaws, and the director was Steven Spielberg. The mechanical shark was nicknamed 'Bruce', and became Spielberg's first special effects 'star'. In the years since Jaws was first released, Spielberg has made some of the most popular films of all time. They include E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial and Jurassic Park. E.T. cost USD 1 million to build but it worked very well. For Jurassic Park he created realistic dinosaurs using computer effects.
2. Audiences were very impressed, and the Tyrannosaurus Rex dinosaur became world famous. These amazing characters, created through special effects, have been loved by audiences so much that these movies stayed in the US box office top twenty, even after all these years. He has also made several serious films like Schindler's List and Saving Private Ryan which have won Academy Awards for best Director. Audiences are at times difficult to impress. But E.T., a film about an alien stuck on earth, trying to get home, had them all crying and cheering ! They loved it. Perhaps that's the secret of Spielberg's success. He is able to show us something amazing – something that makes us want to cry and cheer all at the same time.

1.1 Answer the following questions / complete the sentences : **(1x5= 5)**

- a) Who was the star of 'Jaws' ?
- b) What was 'E. T'. all about ?
- c) Spielberg's success is mainly due to _____
- d) Spielberg's film 'Jaws' was about _____
- e) From the above passage what is your opinion of Stephen Spielberg as a film director ?

1.2 Do as directed : **(1x3=3)**

- a) Find a word in the passage that means the same as 'famous' (Para 1)
- b)The antonym of terrified is _____

- i) frightened ii) unafraid iii) scared iv) frozen
- c) Give the noun form of the word ‘amazing’

SECTION B – (WRITING)

2. You are a student studying in class VIII. Your exams are going to begin from tomorrow. write a diary entry expressing your feelings before an exam in 80-100 words. (4)
3. During the vacations you undertook an adventure trip enjoying activities like trekking, rock climbing, river rafting, zorbing etc. Write an e-mail to your friend describing your trip in about 100-150 words. (4)

SECTION C- (GRAMMAR)

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article wherever necessary : (1x3=3)

- a) Kiran works 8 hours _____ day.
- b) Do you speak _____ German ?
- c) Raj lost _____ book that Neha had lent him.

4. Identify the type of sentence : (1x2=2)

- a) Water the plant !
- b) Ruskin Bond is a successful writer.

5. Change the following sentences into the negative : (1x2=2)

- a) Are you reading the novel now ?
- b) Carry your handbag.

6. Complete the sentences using the adjective form of the words given in the brackets: (1x3=3)

- a) The kingdom appeared _____ from a distance. (peace)
- b) He arrived _____ at the top of the stairs. (breath)
- c) It is very _____ to live in a pollution free world. (please)

7. Change the degree of comparison without changing the meaning of the sentence: (1x2=2)

- a) Supriya is the smartest girl in the class. (Comparative degree)

b) Air is lighter than water. (Positive degree)

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

a) one of/ that of reading/ known to/ is/ greatest/ the/ pleasures/ man

b) some/ believe/ in/ do not/ unfortunately/ God/ people

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (1x4=4)

Scrubbing sand and ash on a big metal pot. He said, “You were right. Your son is alright. And I don’t care if he doesn’t want to be a fisherman like his achan.” Devaki smiled in the dark.

a) Who said these words and to whom ?

b) Why did ‘the son’ not want to be a fisherman ?

c) Why did Devaki smile ?

d) Find a word in the above extract which means ‘to clean’

10. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2x4=8)

a) Why did Damu throw away the lantern ?

b) How does the tone and attitude of the speaker change in the third stanza of the poem ‘It Couldn’t be Done’ ?

c) Describe Naushad’s character in the story ‘Living Dreams’

d) ‘There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done, there are thousands to prophesy failure.’ Explain these lines from the poem ‘It Couldn’t be Done’

11. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words each : (4x2=8)

a) Do you think Naushad understood Damu and knew how to get across to him ? Give reasons.

b) What message is the poet Edgar Albert Guest trying to convey through the poem ‘It Couldn’t be Done’. How would you react in any difficult situation and what efforts would you take to resolve it ?