

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, THIRUVALLA

SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION- 2019-20

CLASS- VII

PAPER-1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Marks - 80

Time 2Hrs.

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question)

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- a) You were one of the members of a team of relief volunteers during the rains that flooded Kerala. Narrate your experience, the loss of lives and damage to property. Mention the role played in helping the victims. Your composition should be in 250 words.

Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question)

Select one of the following:

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- a) Write a letter to the JetBlue Airlines regarding poor service of their airlines.
b) You are Gauri. You have come to know from your father that your grandma was suffering from cold. Write a letter to your grandma asking her about her health.

Question 3

- a) Write a notice on the School Notice Board, inviting students for participating in the Interschool Swimming Competition. [5]
b) Write an email to the Principal of your neighbouring School requesting him to send a team of three members for the Interschool Swimming Competition which is about to take place under your School [5]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

A young man walks barefoot for three kilometres under the blazing sun, carrying a heavy metal canopy held in position by dozens of steel spikes which pierce the flesh of his chest and back. A dagger-like skewer passes through both cheeks and another through his tongue. The sharp points of the spikes tear his skin and bite into delicate flesh with every jerking movement. However, devotees who participate in this extraordinary experience say they do not feel a thing!

There are no blood and no pain. Is it a miracle? One thing is for certain. There is nothing else in the whole wide world quite like Thaipusam. Held in January or February each year, the Thaipusam festival is observed by the Hindu Tamil community. Those who carry the elaborate steel canopy covered with peacock feathers called the 'kavadi' do so in worship of Hindu god, Lord Subramaniam.

Participants begin their preparations a week before the procession itself. They abstain from eating meat, drinking alcohol and having impure thoughts in order to cleanse their souls for the ordeal ahead. On the eve of the procession, the devotees sleep on the floor of the Perumal Temple on Serangoon Road. Just before dawn, the families and friends of the kavadi carriers gather in the temple courtyard to assist them.

According to a legend, Thaipusam is the celebration of Lord Subramaniam's victory over a demon. The skewer represents the sacred javelin Lord Subramaniam is said to have used to slay the demon. The battle came about because the demon attempted to steal two sacred Himalayan mountains and was caught red-handed by Lord Subramaniam. The sweeping curves of the kavadi symbolize this pair of sacred mountains.

A. Answer the following questions:

1. Why does the extraordinary rituals of carrying kavadi seem miraculous? Which sentence from the passage tells as that the festival Thaipusami unique? [2]
2. Who are the people who celebrate Thaipusam? Why do devotees carry the kavadi? [2]
3. What three things do the kavadi carriers have to avoid one week before the rituals? [3]
4. Why do the kavadi carriers abstain from certain things before the rituals? Where did the devotees sleep? [2]
5. What do the skewer and the sweeping curves symbolize? [2]

B. Give the meanings of these words.

1. Blazing.
2. Extraordinary
3. Cleanse
4. slay

Question 5

[4]

I. What would you say in these situations. Use 'time expressions' and the present perfect tense to complete the following.

1. Manu has won the tournament. It has happened six times before.
2. You are in England for the first time in your life.
3. My mother has got a promotion this year. It has happened once before. [3]

II. Put the verb into the most appropriate form - past continuous, past perfect or past perfect continuous.

1. After Rajat _____ (finish) his work, he went to lunch.
2. Reema _____ (work) here for two weeks when she had the accident.
3. It was very noisy next door. Our neighbours _____ (have) a party.

[3]

III Combine the following sentences using subordinating conjunctions.

1. You should stay away from bears. They are dangerous. (because)
2. I was taking a quiz in science. The power went out. (while)
3. The alarm goes off. I hit the snooze button. (as soon as)
4. I took my umbrella. It was raining. (as)
5. Finish eating your breakfast. Brush your teeth. (after)
6. You need to study your vocabulary words. You can do well in the quiz. (so that)

[3]

IV Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

1. Annie and her brothers _____ at school. (is / are)
2. The players, as well as the captains, _____ to win. (want / wants)
3. Most of the cookies _____ eaten. (was/ were)
4. The leader with his team _____ performed well. (has/ have)
5. Each of these boys _____ passed. (has/have)
6. A couple of students _____ caught cheating in exams. (was / were)

[3]

V Put question tags to the following statements.

1. You don't know of any good job, _____?
2. He came home late, _____?
3. Nidhin has lost his pen, _____?
4. She doesn't like cooking _____?
5. Ali works hard, _____?
6. You are coming tomorrow, _____?

[3]

VI Put in the present perfect or the perfect continuous tense of the verb given in the brackets.

1. The dog _____ (bark) since morning.
2. He _____ (complete) his job. He deserves a rest now.
3. Meena _____ (stay) with me for three weeks.

[3]

VII Transform the interrogative sentences into assertive and the assertive sentences into interrogative.

1. Nobody can have faith in such a lair.
2. Can a leopard change its spot?
3. She was stupid to do that?

[3]

VIII Complete the following sentences using 'will' or 'going to'.

1. Doris is always late. I'm sure she is _____ be late tomorrow too.
2. If you don't stop bullying her, I _____ tell the teacher.
3. I _____ pay you back next week.
4. The children are _____ make some paintings.
5. We must celebrate. I know we _____ have a party.
6. I think the weather is _____ be nicer today.

[3]

IX Fill in the blanks with the verb into the future continuous or future perfect form.

1. On the first day of their voyage, they _____ (orbit) the earth every 20 seconds.
2. Scientists claim that within the next 50 years, they _____ (find out) whether Mars exists or not.

[2]

X Transform the exclamatory sentences into assertive and the assertive sentences into exclamatory:

1. What a cold night it is!
2. It was an extremely delightful party.
3. How beautiful is this scenery!
4. The moonlight sweetly sleeps upon the river- bank.

[4]