

MAR THOME RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, THIRUVALLA
SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION- 2019-20

CLASS-9

PAPER-1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

MARKS-80

TIME- 2hrs

Question-1

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

Write a composition (300-350 words) on **any one** of the following: (20)

- It is said that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the advice of family and friends. Narrate how the advice given by your grandmother helped you in the time of adversity.
- Recently you visited an amusement park with your friends. Describe what you did and how you felt after your visit.
- Availability of all types of information on the Internet is doing more harm than good.* Give your views for and against the statement.
- Write a story which brings out the truth of the saying – 'A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.'
- Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, but there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Question-2

Select one of the following:

(10)

- Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner drawing his attention to the problem of open manholes in your area.
- Write a letter to your cousin, who wants to go abroad for further studies, dissuading her from doing so and telling him/her about the advantages of studying in India.

Question-3

- (a) Your school is organizing an Inter-House One- Act Play competition. Write a notice to invite entries for the event.
- (b) Write an e- mail to the Principal of the neighbouring school requesting him/her to invite three teachers to judge the competition.

(5)

Question- 4

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

In one of the north-western provinces of China, there resided a man, called Meng. His fame had spread far and wide not only as the wealthiest and the most enterprising merchant, but also as a generous man.

Forty years ago Meng had come to the city in search of employment. His stock-in-trade consisted of a bamboo pole and a strong rope, the usual signs of a porter; but his willingness to oblige, and the hearty, pleasant way in which he performed his arduous duties, gained him the goodwill of all who employed him. This made him to rise from the position of a coolie and to take a more honourable place in society. The result was that he established himself as a business man.

He had intense sympathy for his fellow-creatures and a heart of gold that no property could spoil; no one who ever applied to him for relief, was sent away empty-handed. One day there appeared at his door a monk, who asked to be received as a guest for a few days, as he was on a pilgrimage to a shrine and was tired out with the long journey that he had already made. Meng, who was a very devout and religious man placed the monk in one of the best rooms in his house and treated him with all hospitality. The monk was affable with all, but he seemed to find his most pleasure in the company of Chin, Meng's son.

Every day the monk made Chin collect certain tiles and bury them in the earthen floor of his house. Chin found it strange, but he was restrained by the profound love he had for the monk. A few months after the monk had left them, a series of disasters fell with crushing effect on Meng. He was financially ruined, and after paying out all that he possessed, he found himself absolutely penniless. Meng became seriously ill, and after a few days of intense agony, he passed away.

One day while Chin was musing over the problem, his eye caught a silvery gleam from a part of the earthen floor, where the surface had evidently been scratched away by some object that had wandered in. Chin looked at it and that it was one of the tiles that the monk had made him bury in the earth, and when he picked it up, he discovered to his amazement that it had been transformed into silver! Digging further into the earth, he found that the same process had taken place with every tile that had been hidden away beneath the floor. Chin was now the possessor

several millions worth of dollars, and that from being one of the poorest men in the town, he had become a millionaire with enormous wealth at his command.

Thus the Gods showed their appreciation of the noble life of Meng, by helping family during their hard time. In fact, the monk was a fairy sent by the Gods to make arrangements to meet a certain calamitous crisis which they could foresee in the life of Meng and his family.

(a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One-word answers or short phrases will be accepted. (3)

(i) arduous

(ii) affable

(iii) restrained

(b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

(i) How did Meng rise from the position of a coolie to a businessman? (2)

(ii) What strange activity did the monk assign to Chin? Why did Chin continue in it? (2)

(iii) Who was the monk? (1)

(iv) What happened that changed Meng from the wealthiest to a penniless man? What was its effect on Meng? (1)

(v) What did Chin notice on the earthen floor and what was it? (2)

(c) In *not more than 50 words*, summarise how Meng was helped by the Gods for his noble deeds? (8)

Question-5

(a) In the following passage fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

A farmer and his neighbour once went to Emperor Akbar's court with a complaint. "Your Majesty, I bought a well from him," said the farmer,1.....(point) to his neighbour, "and now he2...(want) me3.....(pay) for the water."

"That's right, your Majesty," said the neighbour. I4.....(sell) him the well but not the water!"

The Emperor asked Birbal to settle the dispute.

"Didn't you say that you sold your well to this farmer?" Birbal asked the neighbour. "So, the well belongs to him now, but you5..... (keep) your water in his well. Is that right? Well, in that case you ...6....(have) to pay him a rent or ...7...(take) your water out at once." The neighbour realized that he8.....(outwit). He quickly apologized and gave up his claim.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- (i) Several clubs were shut for security reasons.
- (ii) He never turned anyone who came to him.
- (iii) The Pastry shop is the main road.
- (iv) She came a fortune after her father's death.
- (v) The workers have been demanding an enquiry the last one year.
- (vi) I refrained giving my opinion.
- (vii) The Prime Minister congratulated the cricket winning the World
- (viii) Kindly work.....the cost of the project.

(c) Join the following sentences to one complete sentence without using *and*, *but*

- (i) He was sitting beside a river. A snake bit him.
- (ii) I want to tell you a secret. I may forget it.
- (iii) The lady is extremely pretty. I have never seen a prettier lady.
- (iv) He has a lot of money He will give it in charity.

D. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each changes that may be necessary , but do not change the meaning of each sentence:-

- (i) As soon as Harish was called on stage, his friends began to applaud.
(Begin: No sooner....)
- (ii) Negligence causes many accidents. (Begin: Many.....)
- (iii) He cannot buy a flat without his father's help. (Use: ..unless)
- (iv) Many years have passed since I last saw her. (Begin: It.....)
- (v) My brother spends as much as he earns. (Begin: The more.....)
- (vi) He was too poor to pay his fees. (Use: so.... that)
- (vii) For all his intelligence, he is still not confident. (Use: Although....)
- (viii) I was treated politely by their staff. (Use: politeness)
