

**JEM FOUNDATION SCHOOLS**  
**ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2018-19**  
**SUBJECT - ENGLISH**  
**CLASS –VII**

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**M.M.:80**

**Time: 3 hours**

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**Instructions:** Read the questions carefully and write the answers neatly and correctly in the answer sheet.

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**SECTION A (Reading)**

**20 Marks**

**A1. Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follows:**

**(1x12=12)**

Narmada is one of the largest Westland – flowing river of India and cover 94,500 km between the ranges of Vindhya and Satpuras. The Narmada river valley project is one of the largest water project in the world, which started in the year 1979 .The project induces the constructions of 30 big, 135 medium and 3000 small dams on the Narmada and its tributaries. The two principal mega dams are the SardarSarovar Dam and the Narmada Sagar Dam. Narmada BachaoAndolan (NBA) is a social movement consisting of tribal farmer environmentalists and human right activists against a number of large dams being built across Narmada River. One of India’s most vibrant and best known living activists MedhaPatkar has led the Narmada movement for over last two decades. Alongside MedhaPatkar, the social activist, Baba Amte provided moral leadership to the cause to preserve the Narmada River. The major opposition came from the tribal groups and the surrounding villagers who would have been displaced by the flood caused by the water of the reservoir. It was estimated that the reservoir would submerge 40000 hectares of land and 250 villages, disrupt downstream fisheries and on the whole cause immense ecological damage. No proper arrangements were made to rehabilitate or resettle the inhabitants of the region. In 1992, the World Bank withdrew the funding for the project.

- a) When did the Narmada valley project start?
- b) What is the Narmada river valley project about?
- c) Which are the two mega dams of the project?
- d) Name the two activists associated with the project.
- e) Make a sentence with the word ‘preserve’.
- f) Why did the villagers oppose the project?
- g) One of India most vibrant \_\_\_\_\_ (complete the sentence)
- h) What is Narmada BachaoAndolan?
- i) Why did the World Bank withdraw the funding for the Narmada River Valley Project?
- j) Find a word from the passage which means-i) covered with water
- k) Find the antonym of the word ‘destruction’ from the given passage.
- l) Give a suitable title to the passage.

**A2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**(2x4=8)**

The Great Pyramid at Giza is one of the world’s most amazing landmarks rising high above the Sahara desert in the Giza region of northern Egypt. The Great Pyramid stands about 450 feet into the burning desert sky and occupies an area of 13 acres. The rough climate of the Sahara has caused the pyramid to shrink 30 feet from its original height. It is constructed of more than a million blocks of limestone and the whole bulk weighs nearly 6 million metric tons. The great pyramid stands on an artificially flattened site and its base is remarkably close to being a perfect square. Its four corners are almost perfect right angles and its sides face the four directions. The pyramid, erected without the assistance of modern machinery, is indeed an amazing feat of engineering. It is believed that the pyramid was built as the Pharaoh Khufu’s tomb by the order of the Pharaoh himself. His vizier Hemon is credited with being the pyramid’s architect. The Great Pyramid is actually a part of a complex of pyramids that include the Pyramid of Khufu, the Pyramid of Menkaure and the Great Sphinx. However, it is quite odd that no corpse has been found in any of these pyramids. The entrance to the Great Pyramid is from the side facing the north. A low, narrow passage leads to a long passage called the Grand Gallery, which opens into the Pharaoh’s chamber with the empty granite coffin. There are two other chambers inside the pyramid, both empty. Massive and mysterious, the great pyramid has withstood the test of time for 45 centuries!

- a) Why has the height of the pyramid shrunk?
- b) Describe the location and area of the Great Pyramid.
- c) Why the Great Pyramids are called an amazing feat of engineering?
- d) What does the word 'corpse' refer to? Make a sentence using it.

**SECTION – B (Writing and Grammar) 30 Marks**

**B1.** As the Editor of the School News Letter, write a notice announcing an 'Inter Class Poetry Writing Competition' to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019, at 11:00am in the School Hall. Announce that the best poems will be published in the Annual Edition of the School News Letter. (8)

**B2.** Write a paragraph (in not more than 120-150 words) on the topic 'Mobile Phones- A Boon or a Bane' (10)

**B3. Do as directed: (1x12=12)**

- i) He locked up all the \_\_\_\_\_ before leaving. (Fill in the blank with a suitable object of the verb.)
- ii) If you hope to succeed, you should put in more effort. (Circle the main clause and underline the subordinate clause.)
- iii) The boy was flying a kite. his sister cheered him. (Join the sentences to form a complex sentence.)
- iv) There is enough milk in the pot. (State whether the underlined word is adjective or adverb.)
- v) The teacher announced, 'there will be no classes today' (Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech.)
- vi) \_\_\_\_\_ are you calling from police station. (Fill in the blank with suitable interjection.)
- vii) We did not invite him to the party. We did not know he was in the city. (Use subordinating conjunction to join the sentences into one sentence.)
- viii) Keep the biscuits \_\_\_\_\_ the shelf \_\_\_\_\_ the sink. (Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.)
- ix) The \_\_\_\_\_ sang beautifully during the Sunday mass at the church. (Fill in the blanks with a suitable collective noun.)
- x) The streets were crowded by anxious supporters of the national team. (Change the verb in the sentence into active voice)
- xi) I met \_\_\_\_\_ Assamese gentleman while travelling from Agra to \_\_\_\_\_ hill station. (Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.)
- xii) We had known him for a while. (Change the tense of the verb in present perfect tense.)

**SECTION – C (Literature) 30 Marks**

**C1. Answer the following questions with reference to the context.**

1. *'Your mother's gone crazy, John. This gentleman has offered us five pounds for that old China Dog and she won't sell it'.*

- a) Who says this to whom? (1)
- b) Why did the speaker say that? (1)
- c) Why did mother not want to part with the dog? (1)
- d) i) Pick out an adjective from the above lines. (1/2x2=1)
- ii) Give antonym of the word 'offered'.

2. *'And in my court should peacocks flaunt, and in my forest tigers haunt, and in my pools great fishes slant. Their fins athwart the sun.'*

- a) Who is the speaker of the above lines? (1)
- b) What does the speaker wish for? What is the mood of the speaker? (1)
- c) What do the peacock and the tiger symbolize? (1)
- d) Name the poem and the poet of the above context. What is the mood of the speaker? (1)

**C2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (any four)**

**(2X4=8)**

- a) What is faster than fairies and witches? Why does the poet make this comparison?
- b) How would the Lord of Tartary enjoy his evenings?
- c) What advice did the old father give to his son? What was the meaning of his advice?
- d) How was the treasure in the china dog discovered?
- e) What is the message of the poem 'From a Railway Carriage'?

**C3. Answer the following questions in 100- 120 words. (any two)(5x2=10)**

- a) Robinson Crusoe was a very inventive man. Give reasons.
- b) Write the character sketch of Raicharan from the lesson 'My Lord, the Baby'.
- c) Describe the seven stages of life as mentioned in the poem. 'All The World's A Stage'

**C4. Answer any one of the following questions within 100 words: (4X1=4)**

- a) With reference to the story 'Ploughing the road' what are the things you can do to make your father's or mother's birthday special?
- b) Writers often compare life with a journey. The journey takes unexpected turns, but there are signposts that mark our progress. What helps you to recognize that you are moving from one stage of your life to the next?