



Brain International School

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REVISION SHEET

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS- VIII

ANNUAL EXAM

LITERATURE

Q1. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

I) *"The Rocket was very damp, so he took a long time to burn. At last, however, the fire caught him. 'Now I am going off!' he cried, and he made himself very stiff and straight. I know I shall go much higher than the stars, much higher than the moon, much higher than the sun. In fact, I shall go so high that- 'Fizz! Fizz! Fizz! and he went straight up into the air.*

*'Delightful!' he cried, 'I shall go on like this forever.
What a success I am!'*

But nobody saw him. Not even the boys. They were fast asleep. "

- a) What does the Rocket's statement, "I shall go on like this for ever," indicate about his character?
 - i) His inflated sense of invincibility and self-importance
 - ii) His belief in his unique purpose despite external indifference
 - iii) His fear of losing relevance once his moment is over
 - iv) His longing to outshine the moon and stars.
- b) What is ironic about the Rocket declaring himself a success?
- c) What theme does Wilde convey through the Rocket's failure to be noticed?

II)

*"He has his Summer, when luxuriously
Spring's honied cud of youthful thought he loves
To ruminant, and by such dreaming high
Is nearest unto heaven."*

- a) What does "ruminate" mean in this context?
- b) Why does the poet say man is "nearest unto heaven" during this stage?
- c) Identify the poetic device in "Spring's honied cud of youthful thought."

III) "What is life but a series of inspired follies? Can I do it? Never lose a chance. I shall make a duchess of this plebeian."

- a) Who is the speaker here? In what situation are these words spoken?
- b) What does the speaker mean by "inspired follies"?
- c) What do these lines reveal about the speaker's character?

Q2. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words.

- a) Analyse how Vera's imaginative storytelling in 'The Open Window' contributes to creating an unexpected twist in the plot.
- b) What does the podcast Journey to the Sundarbans intimate about Royal Bengal tigers.
- c) In 'The Way Through the Woods', how does Kipling use the imagery of the vanished road to evoke a sense of mystery?
- d) Assess the role of the printing press as described in 'From Storytelling to Film-making,' and explain its impact on storytelling.
- e) How does George Bernard Shaw use humour and satire in 'A Comedy of Manners' to critique societal norms?
- f) Why has Framton Nuttel come to the rural retreat in the chapter 'The Open Window'? Do you think he was doubtful that formal visits to total strangers would help him?
- g) Why do you think it is important for human beings to tell stories? Explain with reference to the chapter 'From Storytelling to Film-making,'
- h) Why did the rocket feel that its companions were hollow and empty in the chapter 'A Remarkable Rocket'?
- i) When is a man robust and free from all the worries of his life, according to the poem 'The Human Seasons'? How does the poet convey this?
- j) What does Higgins' reaction to Eliza's new appearance reveal about his character in the chapter 'A Comedy of Manners'?

Q3. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words.

- a) In 'A Remarkable Rocket,' how does Oscar Wilde use satire to expose the flaws of arrogance and the need for humility? Quote example for the same.
- b) Explore the philosophical message in 'The Human Seasons'. How does Keats use metaphors to portray the inevitability of life's progression?
- c) "*There is no prettiness here to invite the stranger in!*" Why do you think the novelist Amitav Ghosh writes this in his book? Explain the sentence with instances from the podcast 'Journey to the Sundarbans'.
- d) In 'The Way Through the Woods', analyse how Kipling contrasts the past and present to highlight the themes of loss and change.
- e) According to Vera, what tragedy had befallen Mrs Sappleton three years ago? Elucidate with reference to the chapter 'The Open Window.'

GRAMMAR

Q1. Change the voice of the following sentences.

- a) Keep the classroom neat and tidy.
- b) Taruna is throwing a bachelorette party for her friend.
- c) Eliza spoke the words clearly and confidently.
- d) The class monitor scolded the class when the teacher was out.

Q2. Convert the sentences into indirect speech:

- a) Tarun said, "I had done my entire task."
- b) I told my friends, "I will be planting a new plant in the park tomorrow."
- c) Mahesh said, "Do you have any objection to my proposal?"
- d) Lalita said to Mona, "Concentrate on your studies if you want to pass."

Q3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in the bracket.

- a) Reema and Manju _____ buying clothes online. (prefers/prefer)
- b) None of these ladies _____ up when it comes to traditional parties. (shows/show)
- c) Whether Ranjan or Dimple _____ responsible for the accident. (was/were)
- d) The number of children attending the party _____. (is/are)

Q4. Choose the correct modal verb from the brackets:

- a) You _____(can / must) wear a helmet while riding a bike.
- b) She _____(might / must) be late because of the traffic.
- c) We _____(should / could) help the poor and needy.
- d) _____ you please open the window? (Can / Must)

Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable adverbs out of the verbs given in the brackets.

- a) They debated the topic _____ (fierce), refusing to back down from their positions.
- b) The project was completed _____ (efficient) despite limited resources.
- c) He approached the problem _____ (methodical) to ensure accuracy.
- d) Aksh is a _____ (trouble) child. He can't stay at one place for too long.

WRITING SKILLS

Q1. Write a debate for or against the motion on the following topics in about 120-150 words.

- a) 'Are fitness apps and gadgets creating unnecessary pressure on people?'
- b) 'Fame on social media is more important than real success.'

Q2. Write a speech on the following topics in about 120-150 words.

- a) 'The Benefits of Learning Multiple Languages'
- b) 'Failure Is the Stepping Stone to Success'

Q3. Complete the following stories in 120-150 words, giving a suitable title to each.

- a) *The letter arrived on my birthday, but the words inside brought tears that I hadn't expected and a story I would never forget.....*
- b) *The old photograph slipped out of the book and landed at my feet. One look at it, and the past I had tried to forget came rushing back.....*