

SECOND SUMMATIVE EVALUATION

Class : X • Subject : ENGLISH

Time : 1 hr 30 mts.

Full Marks : 40

Name : _____ Section : _____ Roll No : _____

SECTION-A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

We live on the Big Half Moon. 'We' are Father and Claude and I and Aunt Esther and Mimi and Dick. It used to be only Father and Claude and I. It is all on account of the kite that there are more of us. This is what I want to tell you about.

Father is the keeper of the Big Half Moon lighthouse. I am eleven years old. Claude is twelve. In winter, when the harbor is frozen over, we all move over to the mainland. As soon as spring comes, back we sail to our own dear island.

The funny part used to be that people always pitied us when the time came for us to return. They said we must be so lonesome over there, with no other children near us. Of course Claude and I would have liked to have someone to play with us. It is hard to run pirate caves and things like that with only two. But we used to quarrel a good deal with the mainland children in winter. So it is perhaps just as well that there were none of them on the Big Half Moon. Claude and I never quarrelled.

A. Write the correct alternative in the given spaces to complete the following sentences :

1 × 3 = 3

(a) Big Half Moon is the name of the _____

- (i) island (ii) kite (iii) cottage (iv) village

(b) The family moved over to the mainland in- _____

- (i) summer (ii) winter (iii) autumn (iv) spring

(c) When the children asked their father about relatives he became _____

- (i) embarrassed (ii) happy (iii) irritated (iv) sorrowful

B. Complete the following sentences with information from the passage :

1 × 2 = 2

(i) When the spring came the family used to _____

(ii) The people of the mainland pitied them when _____

C. Make a list of the people who lived in the Big Half Moon.

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2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :

*Once I crept in an oakwood- I was looking for a stag.
I met an old woman there- all knobbly stick and rag.
She said: 'I have your secret here inside my little bag.'*

*Then she began to cackle and I began to quake.
She opened up her little bag and I came twice awake-
Surrounded by a staring tribe and me tied to a stake.*

*They said: "We are the oak-trees and your own true family.
We are chopped down, we are torn up, you do not blink an eye.
Unless you make a promise now- now you are going to die'.*

A. Write the correct alternative in the given spaces to complete the following sentences:

1 × 2 = 2

(a) In the oakwood the poet met with a/an- _____

- (i) old woman (ii) old man (iii) elephant (iv) hog

(b) The poet's own true family were the- _____

- (i) oak trees (ii) sal trees (iii) cherry trees (iv) birch trees

B. Answer the following question :

2 × 1 = 2

When did the poet become twice awake ?

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Whales, the largest animals on earth belong to a family of mammals known as cetaceans. Unlike fish, whales are warm blooded animals. They breathe air and give birth to their offspring. Scientists believe that they evolved from land animals with four legs although they are now supremely adapted to underwater life. Whales are difficult animals to study because they are long lived, reproduce slowly and most of them are migratory. Most whales live at an average of forty years. Bowhead whales are generally long living. There are mainly two types of whales: toothed whales and baleen whales. The blue whale is the largest animal. It is around 25 metres long. Killing of whales has been practised by a number of coastal communities from ancient time. People living in extreme climate conditions like those in Greenland or the Alaskan coast consume whale meat and fat which are the main source of nutrition and energy.

A. Write the correct alternative in the given spaces to complete the following sentences :

1 × 3 = 3

- (a) The whales are a kind of _____
(i) reptiles (ii) fish (iii) amphibians (iv) mammals
- (b) The average span of whales is- _____
(i) 90 years (ii) 10 years (iii) 40 years (iv) 45 years
- (c) The largest animal on earth is the _____
(i) gray whale (ii) blue whale (iii) toothed whale (iv) baleen whale

B. State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False in the boxes on the right hand side. Provide sentences / phrases / words in support of your answer :

2 × 2 = 4

- (i) Whales are cold blooded animals.

S.S :

- (ii) Whale meat and fat give nutrition and energy to the people of Alaska and Greenland.

S.S :

C. Give a suitable title for the passage :

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SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

4. Write the correct alternatives in the given blanks :

1 × 2 = 2

The police started to investigate about the robbery that _____ (takes / has taken / took) place last week, but so far they _____ (discover / have discovered / had discovered) nothing.

5. A. Do as directed :

1 × 2 = 2

- (a) They have not returned yet. (Begin with 'Have')

Ans. _____

- (b) Suravi blamed her luck for her troubles. (Use the noun form of 'blame')

Ans. _____

B. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right hand side changing the form wherever necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list :

1 × 2 = 2

- (i) Read the passage carefully.

- (ii) Rabindranath Tagore established a university in Santiniketan.

[set up, go through, set in]

6. Given below are the meanings of two words which you will find in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right hand side :

2 × 2 = 4

(i) baby of an animal

(ii) habit of changing places

SECTION-C

WRITING

7. Suppose you want to celebrate Teachers' Day in your school. Write a letter to the Headmaster / Headmistress of your school seeking his/her permission to organize it. You may use the following points : 10

Points: [Programme time and place – request for granting your prayer]

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