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Mock Test (September,2018)

Subject- English

Class- VI

Time: - 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

All questions are compulsory.

The paper is divided into four sections- Reading, Writing, Grammar & Literature.

Section A: Reading

Q-1 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: (10)

The afterlife was an important part of Ancient Egyptian culture. One of the ways they prepared for the afterlife was to try and preserve the body as long as possible. They did this through a process called embalming. These embalmed bodies are called mummies.

The Egyptians went through an elaborate process to preserve the body and keep it from decaying. It's a little gross, so we won't go into too much of the gory details. The main thing they did was try to get all the water and moisture out of the body. It's water that causes much of the decay.

The Egyptians started out by covering the body with a salty crystal substance called natron. The natron would help to dry out the body. They would also take out some of the organs. With the body covered and stuffed with natron, they would let the body dry out for around 40 days. Once it was dry, they would use lotions on the skin to preserve it, reinforce the empty body with packing, and then cover the body in wraps of linen. They would use many layers of stripes of linen wrapping, covering the entire body. Resin was used to glue the layers of wrap together. The total process could take up to 40 days.

Once the body was all wrapped up, it was covered in a sheet called a shroud and placed in a stone coffin called a sarcophagus.

In the Egyptian religion, the body was needed in order for the soul or "ba" of the person to unite with the "ka" of person in the afterlife. The body was an important part of the afterlife and they wanted to preserve it forever.

Only the very rich could afford the best embalming. It was important to everyone, though, so they got the best that they could pay for and most of the dead were made into mummies. It is estimated that 70 million mummies were made in Egypt over the 3,000 years of the ancient civilization.

A. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions as briefly as possible

- a. The Egyptians preserve the body through a process called _____ 1
- b. The embalmed bodies are called _____ 1
- c. The Egyptians tried and preserved the body as long as possible because _____ 1
- d. In order to preserve the body they removed water and moisture out of the body because _____ 1

- e. Natron is _____ which _____ 1
- f. After drying the body, stripes of linen were used _____ and resin was used to _____ 1
- g. Was embalming a cheap process? 1
- h. Shroud is a sheet which _____ 1
- i. Choose words from the passage which mean the same as : 2
- a. Long and complicated
- b. Cover

Q-2 Read the following poem carefully and choose the option you consider the most appropriate. (5)

Python snake, also known as Ajgar, is one of the most massively built snakes of the Indian subcontinent. It belongs to the Boidae family and is dependent on water to quite an extent. One of the unique feature of the Rock pythons of India is that they can raise their body temperature above the ambient level through muscular contractions.

A python snake grows to an average length of somewhere around 4 meters, and its weight varies from 70 to 129 pounds. An adult python is white or yellow in colour depending upon its habitat.

Rock python of India is a lethargic creature, moving only while hunting a prey or when threatened. It shows great swimming ability and is quite at ease in water.

Python snakes can be found in dense as well as open Indian forests, mostly estuarine mangrove forests, acid scrub jungles and rain forests. They may live in abandoned mammal burrows, hollow trees, dense water reeds and mangrove thickets. However, python prefer to live near a permanent source of water, like rivers and lakes. Rock python of India is an endangered species, now partly protected by the Tamil Nadu Government. The reason for this is that it is killed for its fine skin, meat and even for medicinal purposes.

These snakes are carnivorous animals and they feed on mammals, birds and reptiles indiscriminately, but seem to prefer mammals. Roused to activity on observing prey, the snake will advance with quivering tail and moves forward with open mouth. Live prey is squeezed and killed . One or two coils are used to hold it in a tight grip. The prey, unable to breath succumbs and is subsequently swallowed head first. After a heavy meal, they are disinclined to move. If forced to, hard parts of the meal may tear through the body.

Answer the questions very briefly :

- j. How does a python increase its body temperature ?
- k. On what is the python snake largely dependent ?
- l. Where can python snakes be found ?
- m. What made Rock python an endangered species ?
- n. What happens if they are forced to move after a heavy meal ?

Q-3 Read the poem carefully and the following questions:

(5)

The fisherman goes out at dawn
When everyone's abed,
And from the bottom of the sea
Draws up his daily bread.

His life is strange; half on the shore
And half upon the sea –
Not quite a fish, and yet not quite
The same as you and me.

The fisherman has curious eyes;
They make you feel so queer,
As if they had seen many things
Of wonder and of fear.

He knows so much of the boats and tides,
Of winds and clouds and sky!
But when I tell of city things
He sniffs and shuts one eye!

A. Complete the summary of poem by filling in the blanks:

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The fisherman ____ when others are still asleep and goes fishing to _____. He spends as much time upon the _____ as on the shore. Just like a fish, his life also depends _____. His eyes are _____ to learn the secrets of the sea and appear mysterious because they have seen _____.

B. Fill in the blanks:

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- a. From the bottom of the sea, the fisherman draws up _____
- b. The fisherman has a thorough knowledge of _____

Section B: Writing Skills

Q-4 Write an article in about 120-150 words on the topic “ Importance of Discipline in Student’s Life” (8)

Q-5 Write a letter as Sumant of Class VI to a friend of his inviting him to spend the winter vacation with you. Your letter of about 120 words should make invitation most appealing. (6)

Q-6 You are Avneet Kaur/ Raman Desai, the sports secretary of Sri Venkateshwara School, Chennai. Your school has decided to host the Regional Level Basketball Tournament. Draft a notice for your school notice board inviting all the children to attend the tournament and cheer the participants. (4)

Section C: Grammar

Q-7 Do as directed: (12)

- I. The local trains in the city are _____ than the buses. (bad) (fill in the blank with the correct form of the adjective given in the bracket)
- II. The boatman sowed the boat. (rewrite the sentence in negative and interrogative sentence.)
- III. The blessings of my teacher (write the possessive form of the given words)
- IV. I am currently reading ninth chapter of the book. (Insert ‘article’ where necessary)
- V. The boatman sowed the boat. (Rewrite the sentence in negative and interrogative sentence.)
- VI. A lot of money _____ (Be) spent on social welfare projects. (fill in the blank with the correct form of verb given in the bracket using simple present tense)
- VII. The patient _____ (wait) for the doctor for 3 hours. (fill in the blank with the correct form of verb given in the bracket using present perfect continuous tense)
- VIII. The girl _____ (fly) kites since childhood. (fill in the blank with the correct form of verb given in the bracket using past perfect continuous tense)
- IX. The boy _____ (walk) up the slope. (fill in the blank with the correct form of verb given in the bracket using simple past tense)
- X. The sheep _____ (gaze) near the river . ((fill in the blank with the correct form of verb given in the bracket using past continuous tense)
- XI. The girls carried their water bottles to school. (rewrite the given sentence in the ‘negative’ form)
- XII. The chef is preparing vegetable soup. (underline the ‘verb’ and tell whether the verb is transitive or intransitive)

Section D : Literature

Q-8 Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions : (4)

Be a friend. You don't need money:

Just a disposition sunny;

Just the wish to help another

Get along some way or another;

Just a kindly hand extended

out to one who's unbefriended ;

Just the will to give or lend,

This will make you someone's friend .

- a. Name the poem and the poet.
- b. What are the qualities that one needs to be a friend?
- c. What is the meaning of the word 'disposition'.
- d. Identify a pair of rhyming words from the above passage.

Q-9 Answer the following questions: (21)

- a. Who is the speaker of the poem 'You Can't Be That'? How do you know that? 2
- b. What was unique about Miss Beam's system of education? 2
- c. Why did the pret start troubling the family? 2
- d. Why is Hope so important to human beings? 2
- e. How is the blind day educative to both the 'blind' and the 'helpers'? 2
- f. Why was Ranga annoyed with Attila? 2
- g. What does one gain by being a friend? 2
- h. Do you think Attila deserves the status of a hero? Give reasons 2
- i. Narrate the episode that elevated Attila to a hero. 5

Q-10 Answer the following questions: (5)

- a. Why did Bassanio beg Antonio not to sign the bond? Did Antonio sign the bond? 2.5
- b. Why did the Prince from Spain choose the silver casket? What did he find inside it? 2.5

