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CLASS – VII

SECTION A- READING (20 MARKS)

I Read the following passage carefully.

There was an artist who had travelled far and wide and had an extensive reputation. But so far, he had not achieved access to Krishna! As such he was anxious to seek approbation from Lord Krishna as well. Luckily, one day he got an appointment with Krishna, met Him and requested Him to stay still so that he could paint His picture. He prepared the outline and told Krishna that he would get ready with the final painting in a week's time. Krishna knew the ego of the painter. After a week, the painter brought a finished portrait, covered with a white cloth.

When he uncovered the painting, the painter himself was shocked to find the lack of similarity between Krishna and the painting. The painter was completely shaken and asked for another week to get the job done. The painter tried several times but each time the result was equally disappointing. In complete frustration and total dejection, he wanted to leave the city and go away. Before he left, he chanced upon sage Narada. Narada told him that it was silly to attempt to paint the picture of Lord Krishna. The Lord has no fixed form and he can change His face every second. Narada advised 'If you want to paint Him, I will tell you a way which will enable you to do so.' Narada whispered something into the ear of the artist. Following the advice was given by Narada, the painter came back with a white cloth covering something and again approached Krishna and told Him that this time, and he is welcome to change to any form. The painting under all circumstances will look exactly like Him when the cloth was removed, Krishna saw only a mirror and this mirror produced an exact replica of Krishna. Therefore, from this story, we deduce that one cannot imagine God to be in a particular form. Neither can one describe God. Make your mind clear, clean and unbiased like a mirror; fill it with love and devotion; that itself will enable you to have a true vision of God.

A On the basis of your reading of the given passage, answer the following questions:

- a. What was the desire of the artist?
- b. Why did the lord test the artist?
- c. What did the painter bring after a week? Why was he shocked?
- d. What was the artist reaction over his inability to draw the portrait?
- e. What did the sage advice the artist?
- f. Why was the painter unable to draw the portrait?
- g. What has he decided to do when he was unable to draw the portrait?
- h. What did the artist do after listening to sage Narada advice?
- i. What is the moral of the story?
- j. Find and write the word which is similar to:
i) impartial ii) dedication

II Read the following passage carefully.

1. Nepal, a small, mountainous country tucked between India and China, may seem completely foreign Americans. Cows walk down busy streets unharmed, 24 different languages are spoken, and people eat two meals of rice and lentils every day. Nepali holidays, many of which are related to the Hindu religion, can see especially bizarre to Americans unfamiliar with the culture. However, if we look beyond how others consider the things they are celebrating, we find surprising similarities to our own culture.

2. The biggest holiday in Nepal is Dashain, a ten-day festival for the Hindu goddess Durga that takes place in September or October. According to Hindu beliefs, Durga defeated the evil demons of the

world. To thank the goddess, people visit temples in her honor and sacrifice goats of sheep as offerings. Throughout the year most Nepalis do not eat much meat because it is expensive, but Dashain is a time to enjoy meat every day. Children fly colourful, homemade kites during Dashain. People also construct enormous bamboo swings on street corners and in parks. Every evening people gather at these swings and take turns swinging. Nepalis say that, by swinging, people can relieve the earth of their weight if only for a few minutes out of the year. Dashain is a time for people to eat good food, relax, and enjoy themselves!

3. Aside from eating and enjoying themselves, during Dashain people also receive blessings from their elders. Schools and offices shut down so people can travel to be with their families. Reuniting with family reminds people of the importance of kindness, respect, and forgiveness. People also clean and decorate their homes for Dashain. And, like many holidays in the United States, it is a time for shopping. Children and adults alike get new clothes for the occasion. People express appreciation for all that they have, while looking forward to good fortune and peace in the year to come.

4. During American holidays, people may not sacrifice goats or sour on bamboo swings, but we do often travel to be with family members and take time off work or school to relax. No matter how we celebrate many people around the world spend their holidays honouring family, reflecting on their blessings, and hoping for good fortune in the future.

On the basis of your reading of the given passage, choose the correct option.

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- a. What kind of country is Nepal?
 (i) A plain (ii) A desert (iii) Mountainous (iv) An island
- b. Nepal is tucked between India and _____.
 (i) America (ii) China (iii) Sri Lanka (iv) Bangladesh
- c. How many languages are spoken in Nepal?
 (i) 25 (ii) 22 (iii) 21 (iv) 24
- d. The biggest holiday in Nepal is _____.
 (i) Holi (ii) Winter Festival (iii) Dashain (iv) None
- e. What do children fly during Dashain?
 (i) Ships (ii) Kites (iii) Staffs (iv) Papers
- f. Dashain is a festival to:
 (i) Enjoy (ii) Work (iii) Travel (iv) Read
- g. Dashain reminds the people of the importance of _____.
 (i) Kindness (ii) Respect (iii) Forgiveness (iv) All the above.
- h. Nepalis thank the goddess Durga by visiting _____ and sacrificing goats or sheep as offerings.
 (i) Foreign countries (ii) Temples (iii) America (iv) None.
- i. Many of Nepali festivals are related to the Hindu religion.
 (i) True (ii) False (iii) None
- j. Find the word from *Para 3* which means *admiration*.
 (i) Kindness (ii) Appreciation (iii) Forgiveness (iv) importance

SECTION B- WRITING (20 MARKS)

III You are Rajshree. This morning you received a call from Mr. Mohan, your father's friend. Your father

was out. Mr. Mohan asked you to convey to your father that he was in fever and not in a position to go to the office today. He has asked your father to inform the Managing Director about it. Write the message for your father in about 50 words.

IV Imagine yourself as one of the scientists of Chandrayan mission. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about the successful completion of your mission.

V Many schools do not have enough open space for playground. This harms the health of the students. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of the national Daily mentioning the problems it can cause and possible solutions. You are Rima/Ramesh, 12 station, Ambala.

SECTION C- GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

VI Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

- a. She said, "I can swim."
- b. Shreya said to Neha, "Shall we start?"
- c. Rahul told to me, "When are you leaving?"
- d. "Call the ambulance," said the man.

VII Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate modals from the brackets:

- a. _____ I sit in that chair please? (Can/could/will)
- b. You _____ stop when lights turn red. (ought to, must, shall)
- c. _____ I use your phone, please? (Could, May, Can)

VIII Fill in the blanks with determiners:

- a. _____ ostrich would beat _____ chicken in a race. (a/an/the)
- b. She liked _____ desserts equally. (every/either/all)
- c. _____ one is his house? (Whose/what/whose)

IX Do as directed:

i. Find the adverbs and its kinds:

- a. The boy is too careless.
- b. The baby slept soundly.

ii. Complete the sentences using idioms/proverbs:

- a. Making breakfast is not _____ for me.
- b. Actions speak _____.

iii. Fill in the blanks with correct phrasal verbs:

- a. The CID _____ the case very carefully. (went into/went out/went on)
- b. I have _____ his request. (turned on / turned into/turned down)

iv. Make two sentences using the 'waves'.

v. Write the opposite of the following words:

- a. Ignorance
- b. Joy

SECTION D-LITERATURE (20 MARKS)

X Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. 'Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.'

- a. Why are the buds referred to as 'darling'?
- b. Which season is the poet talking about?
- c. Who is better than the rough winds?

2. "Puck attempts to undo his mistake.'

- a. Who is Puck?

- b. What is unusual about him?
- c. What happens when Titania sees him?

XI Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words.

- a. Why did the people look towards the entrance of the exhibition?
- b. What can death not boast about?
- c. How do both Lysander and Demetrius fall in love with Helena?
- d. How was the forest warning them through the night?
- e. How should you behave with people who doubt you?

XII Attempt the following question in about 80-100 words.

Why did Bhima mock Karna? Why did Kunti faint on seeing Karna?