

NORTHPOINT DAY SCHOOL

CLASS-VII

ENGLISH

FINAL TERM

TIME-2:30 HOURS

FM-80 Marks

SEC-A

(Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given.

An autobiography of Jawaharlal Nehru

In May 1905, when I was fifteen, we set sail for England. Father, Mother and I all went together. On a May day towards the end of the month, we reached London. While I was in the train from Dover to London, I read about the great sea victory at Tushima. I was in high spirits because the very next happened to be derby Day and we went to see the race. I remember meeting M.A. Ansari soon after our arrival at London. He was then a smart and clever young man with a record of brilliant academic achievement behind him. He was a surgeon at that time in a hospital in London.

I was a little fortunate in finding a vacancy at Harrow, for I was slightly above the usual age for entry, being 15. My family returned to India after some months. Never before had I been left among strangers all by myself and I felt lonely and homesick, but not for long. I managed to fit myself to some extent in the life at school and work and play kept me busy. I was never an exact fit. Always I had a feeling that I was not one of them, and the others must have felt the same way about me. I was left a little to myself. But on the whole I took my full share in the games, without in any way shining at them. I believe, it was recognised that I was no shirker.

To begin with, I was put in a lower grade because of my poor knowledge of Latin, but I was pushed higher up soon. In many subjects probably and especially in general knowledge I was ahead of those of my age.

a) Fill in the blanks. 6×2

- I. Nehru went from Dover to London by ____.
- II. Nehru was in high spirits on reaching London because ____.
- III. Nehru considered himself fortunate in finding a vacancy at Harrow because ____.
- IV. At Harrow he felt ____ and ____.
- V. After his admission to Harrow, his family ____.
- VI. Nehru spent his time in school at ____ and ____.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given.

In 1926, the year I turned ten, my grandmother retired upon the age of sixty. She had taught in girls High School since 1936. When she had first joined the school she had only fifty pupils and the premises had consisted of two sheds with tin roofs. During the monsoons she had often to teach in ankle-deep water—once, she claimed, it had been so bad that a girl had actually managed to spear a fish with a compass during a geometry lesson. But over the next two decades the school had grown

into a large, successful institution and had acquired a big building near Deshpriya Park. For the last six years before she retired, my grandmother had been its Headmistress. She had been looking forward to her retirement although she had grown very attached to the school in the twenty seven years she had spent there. But she no longer had the stomach for staff room problems and battles with the Board, she would tell my parents, she was growing old, she had earned her rest. And besides my father's career was going well, so she had no real worries left.

A. Tick the correct answers.4×2

I. In the passage the writer tells us what

- a. the saw at school
- b. he read in a book
- c. he remembers about his grandmother
- d. he was told by his father

II. The grandmother once had to stand in ankle-deep water because

- a. the city was flooded by monsoon rain
- b. She enjoyed doing so
- c. The girls found it interesting
- d. The school had no proper classroom

III. 'over the next two decades' means

- a. Forty years
- b. Ten years
- c. Twenty years
- d. Two years

IV. She was eager to retire because

- a. She was growing old
- b. Her son's career was good
- c. She had no real worries
- d. All the above

SEC-B

(Writing)

3. You are Sanchit/ Sanchita the organiser of the Inter-school Football Competition to be held in your school. Write a notice in not more than 50 words to be put on the school noticeboard, asking the students of class X to meet you to discuss details of the competition. 10

4. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her for your brother's wedding. Also give some details about the wedding programme.10

SEC-C

(Grammar)

5. Change the following sentences into indirect speech.4×1

- a. 'Clean up your room', said my mother.
- b. 'This is my garden and only I will use it,' said the giant.

- c. Joseph said, 'Have the vacations started?'
- d. The actress said, 'I left home at seventeen.'

6. Rewrite the sentences into passive voice.4×1

- a. They shouted at Hari.
- b. Who broke this window?
- c. Put some sugar in the tea.
- d. The leading party is holding the meeting in Delhi.

7. Do as directed.7×1

- a. No gas is as light as hydrozen.(turn into superlative)
- b. Did I ever ask you to do it?(turn into assertive)
- c. It ___(rain) ___(since/for) yesterday evening.(using present perfect tense)
- d. Deepak or Deepti ___(clean/cleans) the conference room each week.(choose the correct option)
- e. The market has been functional ___ 2010.(using preposition)
- f. My friend who lives in London looks like Homer Simpson.(underline adjective clause)
- g. I ran to the lake.(turn into past perfect tense)

SEC-D

(Literature)

8. Reference to context

"They say that the building belonged jointly to both brothers that place we want to shift the restaurant"

- a. Who said these words and to whom?(1)
- b. From which story are these lines taken from? Name the author.(1)
- c. Who are 'they' in the above lines?(1)
- d. What is the family members searching for?(1+1=2)

9. Write answers 5x1

- a. Why was the 'Lost Battalion' given this name?
- b. Who was Athena?
- c. Why did Radhika wake up?
- d. How did Himmat keep himself clean?
- e. What did Poorna excel in?

10. Write meanings5x1

- a. Bugle horn
- b. Sluggish
- c. Contradicted
- d. Fleeing
- e. flushed

11. Answer the following questions. 5×2

- a. What advice does dogberry give to the watchman regarding thieves?

- b. Describe the behaviour of various birds and animals on the morning after the storm.
- c. Describe the things that Buck did at the Judge's place.
- d. Describe the manner of the stranger's arrival at the inn.
- e. Why did Mowgli find it difficult?