

**NORTHPOINT DAY SCHOOL**

**CLASS-VIII**

**ENGLISH**

**FINAL TERM**

**TIME-2:30 HOURS**

**FM-80 Marks**

**SEC-A**

**(Reading)**

1. Read the following passage carefully.

All of us have seen the inside of a hospital sometime or the other. Hospital have a special smell of their own and seem very busy all the time. But how did the idea of setting up a special place for sick people ever come about? The ancient Greeks used the temples of their gods of healing as resting places for the sick. So too, did the Egyptians, the Babylonians and the ancient Indians. The Romans especially, began to realize the need for hospitals. They were always at war and their soldiers needed care and treatment. The idea of hospitals caught on and slowly they passed into the charge of the Church. By the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Church hospitals had begun.

Centuries passed. By the 17<sup>th</sup> century, public hospitals were founded in Britain by rich citizens who wished to serve the public. The hospitals as we see today, began to evolve only around the 19<sup>th</sup> century. People began to live in better conditions. They felt the need for more cleanliness and better expert care. In the past, nuns and other members of the Church had done the nursing. It was Florence Nightingale who began to feel the need for trained nurses to care for the sick. She began the St. Thomas Hospital in England. This was the first training college for nurses ever. Today, any hospital in a vast complete organisation. There are doctors, nurses and other staff like receptionists, record staff, hospital managers etc. Big hospitals could have porters, orderlies, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, security-whew! Doesn't that sound like a small town in itself?

A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements:5×2

- I. Like the ancient Greeks, temples were used as resting places for the sick by the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- II. The Romans were the first to realize the need for hospital as \_\_\_\_\_
- III. The need for cleanliness and better expert care was felt in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. In the past, nursing was done by \_\_\_\_\_
- V. The first nursing training college was started by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Read the following poem carefully.

Trees are the kindest things I know,  
They do not harm, they simple grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows,  
And gather birds among the boughs...

They are the first when day's begun  
 To touch the beams of morning sun  
 They are the last to hold the light  
 When evening changes into night,  
 And when a moon floats on the sky  
 They hum a drowsy lullaby  
 Of sleepy children long ago ....  
 Trees are the kindest things I know

----- Harry Behn

A. Fill in the blank with one word only to complete the following summary of the poem.10×1

- I. The poet feels that trees are the \_\_\_\_ gift of nature to man. They never \_\_\_\_ anyone. They grow on this earth and provide \_\_\_\_ to the sleeping cows and give shelter to the \_\_\_\_ among their \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_ of the morning sun fall \_\_\_\_ on the trees and when evening turns into \_\_\_\_ the trees trap the \_\_\_\_ of the sun. They seem to be singing a drowsy \_\_\_\_ when the moon appears in the \_\_\_\_\_. The sweet music produced by the trees makes the \_\_\_\_ go to sleep.

#### **SEC-B**

#### **(Writing)**

3. Your cousin has invited you to spend the summer vacations with him/her at your native place. Unfortunately, you have already made other plans for the holidays. Write a letter to your cousin declining the invitation mention the reason for not being able to visit him/her.10

4. As the President of the Friends of Animals group in your school, draft a notice for your school notice board, inviting volunteers to spread awareness of prevention of cruelty to animals. 10

#### **SEC-C**

#### **(Grammar)**

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

- a. 'I have something to show you,' he said to her.
- b. The officer told the secretary, 'File all the papers neatly.'
- c. 'How hot this soup is!' said Goldilocks.
- d. 'Where have you kept my bag?' asked Mother.

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

- a. Leave the room.
- b. This magazine offers discounts to their subscribers.
- c. Do you accept credit card?
- d. The school is providing free

7. Do as directed.7×1

- a. What a rainy day this is!(change into assertive sentence)

- b. You have the money, you can buy the dress.(if) (change into complex sentence)
- c. The coach \_\_\_\_ (arrive) by 11 a.m. (fill in the blanks with future perfect tense)
- d. The weather is so humid that you can not wear silk.(using the too....to pattern)
- e. Mumps are a terrible disease.(rewrite the sentence after correcting)
- f. He packs the bag.(change into present perfect tense)
- g. \_\_\_\_ Sun rises in \_\_\_\_ East.(using article)

### SEC-D

### (Literature)

#### 8. Reference to context

“But, Madame, I don’t know you. You must have made a mistake”

- a. Who said these words and to whom?(1)
- b. From which story are these lines taken from? Name the author.(1)
- c. Who is ‘Madame’ here in these lines?(1)
- d. Why is the speaker unable to recognize her?(2)

#### 9. Write answers 5x1

- a. Why did the ox break into a gallop?
- b. What happens in Cherrapunjee sometimes?
- c. Why did Mathilde look sadly at her home?
- d. How did Amit plan to get into the apartment?
- e. What were the cellular phones first used for?

#### 10. Write meanings 5x1

- a. Forays-
- b. Maiden-
- c. Botanical garden-
- d. Concluded-
- e. Lulled-

#### 11. Answer the following questions. 5x2

- a. Describe the author’s friends Anil and Soni.
- b. What happened when Eris, the goddess of discord, threw the golden apple among the guests?
- c. Why do you think the author was proud of discovering the pool?
- d. Who was the bearded man? What had happened to him?
- e. Why did Scrooge reach office early the day after Christmas?