**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, BENGALURU**

**Half Yearly Examination (2023-2024)**

**Subject - English**

**Answer Key**

**Class : VII Date : 4/10/2023**

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**Section A ( Reading )**

1. **1st Passage (Shakespeare) (1x10=10)**

1. b) dictionary

2. b) Othello

3. d) 26th April 1564

4. b) 38

5. c) his ability over language

6. c) very little

7. a) They said that he acted with ease

8. a) looks are deceptive

9. a) Maqbool

10. a) rapid

b) significant

1. **2nd passage (Chameleon) (1x10=10)**

1. c) To blend in with its surroundings

2. c) Light and temperature

3 b) It darkens the skin

4. d) Trees

5. d) Insects

6. c) By using their sticky tongues

7. a) Africa

8. c) It changes rapidly

9. c) To avoid its enemies

10. a) birds .

**Section B (Writing and Grammar)**

III. **Bio sketch** **(5Marks)**

Personal Response

Title - 1 mark

Content, Sequence of events and sentence organization - 2 marks

Language and Fluency - 2 marks

IV **Story Writing** **(5Marks)**

Personal Response

Title - 1 mark

Content, sequence of events and grammatically correct sentences – 2 marks

Language and Fluency - 2 marks

V **GRAMMAR (10 marks)**

1. playing, called
2. a) lives
3. (c) Many
4. medal, bravery
5. sent
6. **Error** – was **Correction** - were

7. recently

8. was

9. most enjoyable

10. **Error**- speaks **Correction** - speak

**Section C (Literature)**

VI. EXTRACTS

A **Lesson Extract (1x4=4)**

1. (b) A Gift of chappals

2. (c) Because Ravi gave away a pair of chappals

1. (b) Rukku Manni said Karna gave away his own things and not others
2. (b) liberal

B **Poem Extract** **(1x4=4)**

1. (c) offend most of the children
2. (c) Chivvy
3. (a) Michael Rosen
4. (b) When they are grateful for something they have received

VII **Answer the following in 20 to 30 words. (2x5=10)**

1. The king forgave the bearded man. He showed his forgiveness by offering to send a doctor and servants to take care of the wounded man. He also promised to return his property too.
2. It is good to have rebels because they make the society livelier and they teach us to accept and respect the differences in the thought processes of people around us.
3. The speaker seems to be both curious as well as afraid to go inside the shed. He is afraid because he thinks that a ghost lives inside the shed. He plans to go inside the shed someday soon.
4. The beggar wanted to leave as early as possible because he didn't want to lose the gift of chappals. He needed the chappals badly as his feet were full of blisters.
5. The poet describes the squirrel as an animal which has a tail. This means the outer covering is like “clothes”, the grey overcoat of the squirrel looks like clothing and the squirrel has a tail which looks like a question mark.

**VIII Answer the following in 50 to 60 words . (3x4=12)**

1. Three things that we can learn from the tiny teacher are hard work, cleanliness, Loyalty and care for the young ones. An ant’s life is peaceful. They work bravely, honestly and intelligently. They don't interfere with each other’s work.
2. Gopal was a courtier in the king’s court. He was known for his wisdom and presence of mind. When the king was fed up with ongoing talks about Hilsa fish, he challenged Goapl. Gopal happily accepted the challenge of buying a huge Hilsa fish from the market and to ensure on the way from the market to the palace, no one should talk to him about the fish. He was an intelligent man. He dressed up like a madman and his appearance caught everyone’s attention. He reached the court without anyone talking about the fish as everyone was drawn towards his appearance.
3. Golu reached the edge of the Limpopo river. He saw a crocodile on its bank. The crocodile winked at Golu. Golu asked him if he was a crocodile. The crocodile raised his tail out of the mud. He was surprised why Golu asked him such a question. He shed crocodile tears. He asked Golu to come close. He would not answer the personal question. The would whisper the answer to his question. He would tell him what he had for dinner in a low tone. Golu put his head down close to the crocodile’s snout. The crocodile caught Golu by the nose. He declared that he would eat Golu that day.
4. The hermit’s answers to the three questions were:

1. The right time to do something is “now” because it is the only time when we can

act.

2. The most important person is the person you are with at a particular moment

because we don’t know what will happen in the future.

3. The most important thing to do is to do good to the person because we are here on

the earth for that purpose alone.

I liked the third answer the most as it teaches us a good value in life.

**IX Answer the following in 80 to 100 words. (5x2=10)**

1. Kari the elephant lived in a pavilion under a thatched roof. Once he saved the life of a drowning boy with the narrator’s help. He was fond of eating luscious twigs. He enjoyed rolling in sand and bathing in the river. He was a sensible elephant. He took pleasure in making mischief. He loved ripe bananas. He used to steal the bananas. He was willing to be punished for this. He was a slow but good learner like a child. The elephant learnt how to sit down, walk, go fast or go slow by hearing the word “Dhat” and “Mali”.
2. The homes of the ant are called “nests” or “ant hills”. Each nest has hundreds of little rooms and passages. The queen lays eggs in some of the rooms. Other rooms serve as nurseries for the grubs ( young ants). Some rooms serve as store houses for food. Some rooms serve as reserved quarters for workers or barracks for soldiers. Cleaners also lived in the nests. The queen ant is known as “Mother ant”. It has a pair of wings. It bites them off after its “ wedding fight”. This fight takes place on a hot summer day. The queen leaves the nest and goes out to meet a male ant or drone high up in the air. On its return to earth, it gets rid of its wings and then does nothing but lay eggs.

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