**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL**

**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023-2024**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**ANSWER KEY**

**CLASS : IX MAX. MARKS : 80**

**DATE : 4-10-2023**

**SECTION A (READING)**

**I Passage 1 ( 1 X 10 = 10)**

i) a) When you analyse your goal closely you realise that it is not what you thought

it would be.

ii) setting challenging goals and not letting our fears pull us back/ gather strength.

(any of this can be accepted)

iii) scared

iv) (d) Feel Motivated, Feel High-spirited

v) (d) It slowly goes away as time passes.

vi) (c) In agreement

vii) (a) it tends to be temporary.

viii) suffer a perpetual lack of motivation.

ix) d) all of the above

x) choose the easy path.

**II. Passage 2 (Baby Elephants’ passage) (1 x 10 =10)**

i) Each elephant had its own stall, as otherwise, they would disturb one another.

ii) (c) they are like human beings

iii) renowned

iv) a) coconut oil

v) a) Option 1

vi) c) By giving them formula milk.

vii) a) lethal

viii) 1. Other milk sources.

2. Milk formula from Europe, which contained coconut oil.

ix) She had a deep sympathy towards elephants. Often, the elephants arrived

traumatized, having experienced the lethal violence and cruelty of poaching. It

was crucial, in her view, to recognize their grief and help them to overcome

x) (a) (1) National park and sanctuary, (2) Cruelty of poaching (3) Deep sympathy

**SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING)**

**III. Attempt ANY 10 questions. ( 1 x 10 = 10)**

i) had eaten

ii) The book has already been discussed by them.

iii) a) came

iv) c) couldn’t because she had been taking

v) c) should

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vi)

vii) c) very little

viii) **Option No. Error Correction**

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ix) increasing

x) Error Correction

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**IV. A**. **Descriptive paragraph on Sudha Murthy** **( 5 Marks)**

Title : 1 Mark Content : 2 Marks Language and Fluency : 2 Marks

B. **Story Writing**

Title : 1 Mark

Content : 2 Marks (Plot, Characters, Message, Relevancy to the topic,

organization of ideas)

Language fluency and Expression : 2 Marks (spellings, punctuation etc)

**SECTION C (LITERATURE)**

**V. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (1 x 5 =5)**

**(My Childhood)**

i) c) ‘He’ is Sivasubramania Iyer and he invited Kalam for a meal to his home.

ii) a) He wanted to challenge and change the rigid social norms.

iii) c) The lady kept her kitchen protected from all outside influences for religious

purposes.

iv) d) scandalized

v) c) He himself served food to Kalam.

**VI. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow: (1 x 5 =5)**

**(Wind)**

i) c) They can’t withstand strong winds, they die.

ii) b) Being itself strong, the wind is friendly towards strong fires, but inimical

towards weak fires.

iii) c) We praise the wind because it brings rain with it and does not harm if we

are strong.

iv) a) prosper

v) c) challenges that we face in our lives

**VII. Answer the following in 40 to 50 words. (3 x 4 = 12)**

i) In his childhood, Bismillah Khan used to play shehnai with his father in a temple

at Varanasi. When he was five years old, Bismillah Khan used to play gilli-danda

near a pond in Dumraon. After playing he generally went to a nearby temple called

Bihariji Temple. He would sit there and sing the Bhojpuri ‘Chaita’, at the end of

which he would earn a big laddu weighing 1.25 kg, a prize given by the local

Maharaja.

ii) Einstein earned international acclaim with the publication of his General Theory

of Relativity. In 1915, he had published his General Theory of Relativity, which

provided a new interpretation of gravity. An eclipse of the sun in 1919 brought

proof that it was accurate. Einstein had correctly calculated in advance the extent

to which the light from fixed stars would be deflected through the sun’s

gravitational field. The newspapers proclaimed his work as “a scientific

revolution.”

iii) The old lady was a greedy woman. She had no desire to share her things with others.

Once Saint Peter was tired and hungry. He arrived at her cottage to get something.

The old lady tried again and again to bake a too small cake for Saint Peter. But the

size of cake always appeared to her bigger and the lady was even unable to give this

cake to the saint.

iv) The doctor who till now was busy admiring his own reflection, now is repenting for

his sin of vain glory. His encounter with the deadly snake had exposed his

shortcomings to him. In spite of being a doctor he did not have any medicines in his

room even for an emergency like a snake-bite. His good looks became immaterial

when he came face to face with death and the only thoughts that came to his mind

then were about God. While regretting his decision of self-absorption, he was also

reminded of how much humility mattered to survive and thrive.

**VIII. Answer in 40 to 50 words. (3 x 2 =6)**

i) The Happy Prince sent a ruby for the seamstress because she was very poor and

could not feed her child who was suffering from fever. The Happy Prince saw the

poor lady and her son. He felt pity for them. So, he asked the swallow to pick out the

ruby from the sword and give it to the seamstress. The swallow persuaded by the

prince went to the seamstress's house. But the seamstress had fallen asleep as she

was tired. The swallow kept the ruby on the table where the woman worked.

ii) Yes, I think Mahendra was also influenced by Iswaran’s constant mention of ghosts.

Every night he peered into the darkness outside through the window next to his bed,

trying to make sure that there was no movement of dark shapes in the vicinity.

He felt the presence of some spirits around him. One night, he saw a woman ghost

outside the window of his bedroom. This scared him and he ultimately left the place.

**IX. Answer the following in 100 to 120 words. (6 x 2 = 12)**

i) In today's modem context parents and children should be more like friends. The

relationship between parents and children should be warm and close. This would be

very helpful in developing the overall personality of the child. It also helps in

boosting the confidence of the child and making him/her stronger in his relationships.

In the story ‘The Little Girl’, Kezia avoids her father because according to her, her

father was an emotionless person. He never spoke to Kezia lovingly and calmly. He

scolded Kezia and reprimanded her for making mistakes. Kezia stammered in front

of her father since he was a very huge and giant like figure far away from the warmth

of a father. Kezia’s father was a hard working man but short tempered. He was a strict

disciplinarian too. When Kezia’s mother was hospitalized, her father came to her

room and took her into his aims to comfort her. She felt secure with her father near

her. Then she realized that her father was busy with work and had no time to play.

She even realized that her father loved her but didn’t have the art of expressing it.

Hence, being warm and close is certainly the right kind of relationship between a

parent and a child.

ii) It is true that 'greed leads to grief. ' In the story, ‘The Kingdom of Fools’, the king

lacked reasoning. He was lost in all the delusions and nobody was there to correct

him. The disciple decided to stay in the Kingdom of Fools because food was cheap

there. It was his greed for food that put him in trouble. He became the victim of the

foolishness of the king. When the stake was built to punish the merchant, it turned out

to be unsuitable for him because merchant was a fat man. The disciple was arrested

and sentenced to death. The King wanted someone to be executed for a crime which

was not committed at all. The disciple fit his requirement. So, he was in trouble. If he

had not been greedy, he would have left the kingdom like his guru. Not only the

disciple but the king and his minister were also greedy and became the victim. The

guru came to his disciple’s rescue and cleverly informed the gullible king that the

man dying first at the stake would be reborn as king. Being a fine strategist he cleverly

had himself imprisoned to be hung, pretending to covet the throne in his next life. The

foolish ruler who was greedy to become king again, schemed to exchange places in

prison and thus died at the stake.

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