

DEVAMATHA CMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Std. IX

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (101)

Time : 90 mins.

SECTION A - READING (8 MARKS)

Marks : 40

I Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Each day is a chance to invest in life; a chance to renew yourself. To shed yesterday's skin. To unburden yourself. To get rid of yesterday's hurt. Be glad of life each day as it gives you a chance to work, love and play; to look at the sun. And then when sun sets, don't cry - the tears will make you miss the beauty of the stars.

Life moves on and if you don't stop and look at the wonders already present in your life, you will miss life altogether. Think of big thoughts but relish the small joys life offers you each day. Maybe it's as simple as smiling at someone. For that could be the last day of life- for you or for her.

If you are not enjoying this journey, for sure you won't enjoy the destination. It will become a moment to dread, not a moment you can actually look forward to. It's not what happens that determines our future, but what you do about what happens that counts.

Conquer the mind and you conquer the world. Looking back strains your neck muscles. Similarly, living in the past, strains your life. Don't dwell on the past, have faith in yourself and you will have faith in others. Fulfil your destiny. Remember, no one can make you unhappy without your consent.

The way you cope with life, is what makes the difference. Even peace of mind is not the absence of conflict but the ability to cope with it. You have to reach out to other people. That will teach you to forgive people and also forgive yourself.

Forgiveness means letting go of the past. Compassion is about stepping outside yourself. A kind compassionate act is often its own reward. Live your life without complaining, just like the tree.

a) On the basis of reading of the passage answer the following questions: (3x1=3)

- i) How should we look forward to each day?
- ii) Why should we not dwell on the past?
- iii) What is compassion about?

b) Complete the following sentences: (3x1=3)

- i) You will miss life altogether.....
- ii) Peace of mind is -----
- iii) Relish the small joys of life like.....

c) Pick out the words from the passage which mean the following: (2x1=2)

- i) Restore to freshness
- ii) The place that someone is going to

SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

II Write an Article on the topic 'There is no age bar for learning' with reference to the lesson 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read.' (1x5=5)

III The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct question number. (4x1=4)

1. Students are generally immature in his a) -----
mental faculties. They are rash and hot-blood. b) -----
His active participation in politics can c) -----
lead in dangerous consequences. d) -----

(P.T.O.)

2. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: (4x1=4)

Wife: Our new servant has run away.

Husband: Is anything missing?

Wife: I can't find my watch.

Husband: Where did you keep it?

The wife told her husband (a)..... . The husband asked her (b)..... . The wife told (c)..... . The husband asked her (d)..... .

3. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (2x1=2)

a) suppressed/ can/ anger/ something/ be/ on/ positive/ focusing/ by/

b) success/ work/ those/ hard/ and/ glory/ who/ in/ only/ life/ get.

SECTION C - LITERATURE (17 MARKS)

IV Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. (3x1=3)

' Alone she cuts, and binds the grain,

And sings a melancholy strain:

O listen! for the vale profound

Is overflowing with the sound.'

a) Identify 'she' in the given stanza.

b) What is she doing?

c) Give a synonym of 'melancholy'.

V Answer the following questions briefly: (30-40 words) (3x2=6)

a) What is the message conveyed by the poem 'The Book'?

b) What made Triveni a popular writer?

c) Which road does Robert Frost choose and why?

VI Imagine you are Chuck Hooper. After receiving the promotion order as an Assistant National Manager of the Chemical Company, write a letter to your friend expressing your happiness and pride and considering it as a tribute to Duke. (8)