



**ST. MARGARET SR. SEC. SCHOOL  
MID TERM EXAMINATION 2023-24  
ENGLISH  
CLASS VII**

**Time: 2.5Hrs**

**SAMPLE PAPER**

**M.M: 60**

**This paper is divided into 4 sections:**

Section A: Reading – 15 marks

Section B: Writing – 11 marks & Grammar – 14 marks

Section C: Literature – 20 marks

**General Instructions:**

- Answer all questions.
  - All questions must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.
  - Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
  - Internal choice has been given in a few questions, answer accordingly.
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**Section A: Reading**

**Q1. Read the passage carefully.**

1. The rainforest ecosystem is often referred to as the "lungs of the Earth" due to its role in producing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide through photosynthesis. These ecosystems are characterized by their dense vegetation, tall trees, and a multilayered structure that includes the forest floor, understory, canopy, and emergent layers.

2. The forest floor, though shaded from direct sunlight, is teeming with life. Decomposing plant matter creates a nutrient-rich layer that supports various fungi, insects, and small animals. The understory, located just above the forest floor, is home to plants adapted to low light conditions. Many species of birds, insects, and reptiles thrive in this layer.

3. The canopy layer, formed by the interconnected branches and leaves of tall trees, receives the most sunlight. It is a bustling hub of activity with a diverse range of animal species, including monkeys, birds, and tree-dwelling mammals. The leaves in this layer are designed to capture sunlight efficiently, and some even have adaptations to repel water and prevent overcrowding by other plants.

4. The emergent layer consists of the tallest trees that rise above the canopy. These trees have access to the most sunlight and provide perches for birds of prey and nesting sites for various animals. Some animals, like the harpy eagle, are uniquely adapted to life in this top layer.

5. The rainforest is home to countless plant species, many of which have unique adaptations. Some plants grow on other plants for support and reach towards the sunlight, a strategy known as epiphytism. Others have large leaves that help them capture sunlight or repel water, while some produce toxic chemicals to deter herbivores.

6. Despite their importance, rainforests are under threat due to deforestation for agriculture, logging, and other human activities. This has led to the loss of biodiversity and disruption of ecosystems. Efforts are being made to protect and conserve these valuable ecosystems for future generations.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose the correct answers for the following questions. (1x8=8)**

**A. Why are rainforests often called the "lungs of the Earth"?**

- a) They produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide. b) They provide homes for lung-related diseases. c) They have lungs-like structures in the trees. d) They are rich in respiratory plants.

**B. What adaptation do some leaves in the canopy layer have to prevent overcrowding by other plants?**

- a) Poisonous chemicals    b) Rapid growth    c) Reflecting sunlight    d) Repelling water

**C. Which layer of the rainforest is known as a hub of activity with a diverse range of animal species?**

- a) Forest floor    b) Understory    c) Canopy    d) Emergent layer

**D. Which layer of the rainforest has the tallest trees?**

- a) Forest floor    b) Canopy    c) Emergent layer    d) Understory

**E. What is epiphytism in rainforests?**

- a) The ability to breathe underwater                      b) A type of rainfall pattern  
c) Plants growing on other plants for support    d) A strategy to hide from predators

**F. What is the main threat to rainforests in terms of human activities?**

- a) Renewable energy projects    b) Marine pollution  
c) Overfishing                      d) Deforestation for agriculture and logging

**G. Which statement is correct about rainforest ecosystems?**

- a) They do not produce oxygen.                      b) They consist of a single layer of vegetation.  
c) The forest floor receives the least sunlight.    d) Rainforests are found only in polar regions.

**H. Which word could replace "bustling" (paragraph -3) without changing the meaning of the sentence?**

- a) Silent    b) Crowded    c) Lethargic    d) Serene

**Q2. Read the passage carefully.**

1. In the heart of a mystical land stood the Enchanted Forest, a realm of wonder and magic. It was said that the trees whispered secrets, and the animals held conversations in the language of the wind.

2. The Enchanted Forest was a place where reality blended with fantasy. The leaves on the trees shimmered like precious jewels, and flowers emitted a soft, glowing light. It was as if the forest itself was alive, responding to the thoughts and wishes of those who ventured within.

3. One day, a young boy named Leo entered the Enchanted Forest. He was guided by a gentle breeze that seemed to have a purpose of its own. As he walked deeper into the forest, he encountered talking animals, each with a story to tell. Birds sang melodies that resonated with his heart, and the rivers whispered ancient tales of bravery.

4. Amidst the beauty and magic, Leo stumbled upon a hidden cottage. Inside, he met an old woman who appeared to know his thoughts before he even spoke. She told him of a hidden treasure that could only be found by those pure of heart. Leo felt a surge of determination as he set out on a quest to uncover the treasure's secret.

5. The journey was not without challenges. Leo faced tests of courage, kindness, and integrity. He encountered mythical creatures that tested his resolve, and he had to make choices that revealed his true character. With each obstacle he overcame, the forest seemed to glow with approval.

6. After days of adventure, Leo stood before a shimmering waterfall. Following the old woman's guidance, he uttered words of gratitude, unlocking a hidden passage behind the falls. Inside, he found a simple, golden key that held the promise of unlocking endless possibilities.

7. As he left the Enchanted Forest, Leo knew that the journey had transformed him. He had discovered that the magic of the forest was a reflection of the magic within himself—a reminder that courage, kindness, and a pure heart could open doors to wonders beyond imagination.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. (1x7=7)**

- A. What was the Enchanted Forest known for?
- B. How did the leaves on the trees in the Enchanted Forest appear?
- C. What did Leo find inside the hidden cottage?
- D. Why did Leo embark on a quest?
- E. What did Leo learn from his journey in the Enchanted Forest?
- F. Find the synonym of the word 'fell' used in paragraph-4.
- G. Find the antonym of the word 'factual' used in paragraph-5

**Section B: Writing and Grammar**

Q3. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper raising the issue of the poor condition of parks in your residential colony. Express your views on the issue and suggest how it should be tackled. You are Tarun/ Tathya residing at KL-256, New India Society, Rohini, Delhi-110085.

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Q4. You received the results of your class tests today. Your performance is below average. In around 80 to 100 words, convey your emotions in a diary entry.

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**Q5. Complete the sentences using the suitable quantifiers as given in the brackets.**

- a. Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ friends visit me. ( a few / little / too)
- b. How \_\_\_\_\_ kilograms of rice did you buy? ( much /few/ many)
- c. I haven't purchased \_\_\_\_\_ books.( no/ a few/ any )
- d. I have \_\_\_\_\_ money. I can't buy this. ( little/ enough/ too much)

**(1/2 x4=2)**

**Q6. Fill in the blanks with the adjectives given in the bracket or its adverb form.**

- a. The artist played her part \_\_\_\_\_. (efficient)
- b. I expect you to treat me \_\_\_\_\_. (fair)
- c. The kite did not go very \_\_\_\_\_.(high)
- d. I cannot stay here very \_\_\_\_\_. (long)

**(1/2 x 4=2)**

**Q7. Fill in the blanks with correct degree of comparison as given in the bracket.**

- a. The pen is \_\_\_\_\_ than the sword. ( mighty)
- b. The Shatabdi Express is the \_\_\_\_\_ train on this route (comfortable)
- c. Iron is a \_\_\_\_\_ metal (useful)
- d. The more you talk, the \_\_\_\_\_ you understand.(little)

**(1/2 x 4=2)**

**Q8. Change the tense of the given sentences as directed.**

**(1x 4=4)**

- a. He writes neatly. ( Simple Past Tense)
- b. I played very well yesterday. ( Past Continuous Tense)
- c. I will have finished my painting by then. ( Past Perfect Tense)
- d. I will wait for you. (Future Continuous Tense).

**Q9 Choose the correct answer.**

**(1x4=4)**

**a. Order of adjective:** (i) I saw a blue beautiful bag. (ii) I saw a bag beautiful blue (iii) I saw a blue bag beautiful. (iii) I saw a beautiful blue bag.

**b. Comparison:** Her result was as \_\_\_\_\_ good as we had expected.

(i) as (ii) like (iii)too (iv) enough

**c. Future Perfect Tense:** (i) I will have slept by 8:00pm. (ii) I will be sleeping at 8:00pm. (iii) I will sleep at 8;00pm. (iv) I will have been sleeping by 8:00pm.

**d. Adjective of Quantity :** (i) some books (ii) some rice (iii) nice books (iv) tasty rice

### Section C: Literature

**Q10. Answer with reference to context.**

**(1x4=4)**

*The grackle's voice is less than mellow,  
His heart is black, his eye is yellow,  
He bullies more attractive birds  
With hoodlum deeds and vulgar words,*

- Name the poet and the poem.
- Find a pair of rhyming words.
- What do you understand about the grackle's behaviour from the above lines?
- What is the meaning of 'hoodlum deeds'?

**Q11. Answer any five of the following questions.**

**(2x5=10)**

- How did Barman try to instil a sense of pride and ownership in the bird?
- Where was Romi when the forest fire started? How far was his village from Prem's house?
- Who was Mrs Pringle? Why was she all exhausted after the phone calls from Oliver's secretary and the Tupperts?
- Why was it important to make fresh place-cards and a new diagram?
- What common strategy both Purnima Devi Barman and Arvind Mishra used that made the villagers respect and protect the bird?
- Who did Romi Meet in the forest? What was the first animal that Romi saw?

**Q12. Answer any two of the following questions.**

**(3x2=6)**

- What did Purnima Devi Barman find out about the storks while doing her thesis? What name was given to Barman by the villagers?
- Why did Mrs Pringle want her husband to sit at the head of the table? What trouble had Mr Harper put Mrs Pringle in?
- Mrs Pringle kept cursing the blizzard since the start. Why then did she thank God for the blizzard in the end?