

Maheshwari Public School, Ajmer

Pre-Mid; Session: 2018-19

Class: VIII; Subject: English

Time Allowed– 40 Min.

Maximum Marks – 20

General Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory.
- All the answers must be correctly numbered.
- Adhere to the word limit given with each question.
- Marks will be deducted for bad handwriting.

1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The earth will continue to regenerate its resources only as long as we and all the other people of the world do our part to conserve the environment. This calls a certain amount of self-discipline besides a conscious effort to save the fast depleting resources. Environmentalists have devised a plan which, if followed sincerely, will both save our precious resources and keep pollution levels under control. This plan consists in following 3 R's – restricting, reusing and recycling.

Restricting means checking ourselves from unnecessary buying. We often buy an object not because we need it but because it has been caught our fancy or it is being offered at a discount. This kind of buying needs to be curtailed. Before stepping into a shop we should ask ourselves whether the item we are going to buy is something we really needed.

Reusing implies finding a new use for an existing item, like reusing paper bags or envelopes, turning a used box into a storage box, decorating a can or bottle and using it as a pen holder or even as a vase. Giving away used clothes, shoes, books and toys in charity is a good way of saving resources.

Recycling is possible in the case of those objects that can be shredded, melted or otherwise processed and then turned into new raw material.

Paper, glass, plastic and aluminum can be easily recycled to turn them into new products. (1x4=4)

- Giving used things away in charity
 - encourages idleness.
 - is a wastage of resources.
 - is a good way of saving resources.
 - none of the above.
- Environmentalists' major concern is
 - not to allow pollution level to rise.
 - to conserve natural resources.
 - both a and b.
 - none of the above.
- Fill in the given blanks.
 - _____ and b)_____ can be easily recycled.
- Find the words from paragraph 1 which means the same 'with full awareness'

2. Read the given lines carefully and answer the questions.

(2+1)

- A. 'Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupation.'
- Name the poem and the poet of the given lines.
 - Which is the 'Children's Hour'?

Or

- B. 'That was twenty-four hours ago. Since then nobody had come near him.' (2+1)
- Name the lesson and the writer of the given lines.
 - Who mocked the seagull for his lack of courage?
3. You are Yash/Yashika. You visited a renowned historical place of your city with your friends. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings in 90 to 100 words. (5)

Or

You visited the book fair that is organized every year in your school. Record your experience in the form of diary entry in 90 to 100 words.

4. **Transform the sentence according to the instruction in bracket.** (1)
Her good acts are likely to be remembered. (Negative)

5. **Pick the subject in the sentence and write whether it is complex or compound.** (1)
A strong telescope helped Salim in his bird watching expedition.

6. **Fill the given blanks with the correct option.** ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)
- The sound of the bells _____ loud. (was/were)
 - Peanut butter and jam _____ my favourite breakfast. (is/are)
 - Ram with his brothers _____ the palace. (enter/enters)
 - Much of my time _____ been wasted. (has/have)

7. **Answer any two questions in 25 to 35 words.** (2x2=4)
- Which of the March sisters was called 'Little Miss Tranquility'? Why?
 - What promise was made by father to his daughters in poem 'The Children's Hour'?
 - What was the mother seagull doing when the baby seagull saw her from the brink of the ledge?