

ST. XAVIER'S SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, DELHI - 110054

Class 9 Time: $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. 15-12-2017 Pre-Annual Test in ENGLISH M. Marks: 40

General Instructions:

i) This paper has 3 sections:

Section A Reading 10 marks
Section B Writing and Grammar 15 marks
Section C Literature Textbook 15 marks

- ii) Attempt all the questions in their respective sections.
- iii) Attempt your paper neatly.

SECTION - A (READING) (10 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Growth of rural economy depends on infusion of capital, from time to time, to realize higher productivity in agriculture and non – agriculture sectors. Due to long time gap between crop sowing and realization of income, there is a special need for credit, to meet initial investment on seeds, fertilisers, implements and other family expenses of marriage, death, religious ceremonies etc. Credit is one of the important supply side factors which contribute to agricultural production. An efficient and effective credit delivery system is crucial for providing timely, adequate and equitable access to credit for raising agricultural productivity and incomes.

Credit needs of the farmer can be examined from two different angles on the basis of time and on the basis of purpose. On the basis of time, credit needs of the farmers can be classified into short term, medium term and long term credits. Again on the basis of purpose, they can be classified into productive loans and unproductive loans.

On the basis of your reading answer the following questions:

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- a) How is realization of higher productivity achieved?
- b) Why is Credit necessitated?
- c) Which supply side factor contributes to production?
- d) How can credit needs be examined?
- e) Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'critical'.
- 2. Read the following passage carefully:

The under water Carol city is a unique and diverse collection of colorful and weirdly patterned animals. This city is planned by tiny architects who have devised an inter related web of large and complex structures intricate waste disposal system even its own water conditioning plant. Most of the problems of a city are present food supply and distribution, that of accommodation and living space, leading to large scale squatting and shift system, a large floating population, immigration and a balancing force of criminal predators. The islands are low, merely a meter or two above the sea level, yet they withstand the powerful hurricanes and waves of the Arabian Sea. It is because they are encircled by a protective reef, any destruction during attack by pounding waves is quickly repaired by its microscopic engineers and architects before the next wave comes, not merely repaired, but something more constructed so the net effect is that of growth. It is an algae that makes a reef a farmland with many storey pastures. It provides food to many herbivores fish that tear various blue, green, red and brown algae from the reef. So, many such fish are there in the placid waters of the lagoon that their combined crunching sound can be heard by divers and swimmers. Not only do the herbivorous survive by staying in the nooks at the night, but also secure living guarters for them on the crowded reef.

Answer the following questions:

(5)

- a) What is an underwater city?
- b) Who are the tiny architects?
- c) What is the reason that the island can withstand the powerful hurricanes and waves of the Arabian sea?

	d) e)	What does the herbivorous fish secure? Find the word from the passage which means same as 'weird'.	
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		SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (15 marks)	
3.	From past two years Delhi is witnessing Smog, another form of acid rain due to increasing pollution. As Raghav/ Radha write an article on the same highlighting the causes, effects and solutions for the same in about 150 words.		
4.	Complete the story in about 150 words and give a suitable title to it. It was a bright day and you were reading a book in your lawn. Suddenly a boy threw a bag in your garden and ran away		
5.	The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number.		
	of ever	Incorrect Correct ner's job is the nobler ry professions. It is also onsible one if he is the one moulds the young minds. Incorrect Correct a) c) d) Incorrect Correct a) d)	
6.	Rearrange the following words to make a meaningful sentences:		(3)
	a) b) c)	has an / development / economic / India / impressive / and / industrial growth on human / it is / behind / index / but / development / falling is alarmingly / the / education / dismal / scenario	
		SECTION - C (LITERATURE) (15 Marks)	
7.	Read tl	he following extract and answer the questions that follow:	(3)
		If I'd known, I was paving the way To cavities, caps and decay, The murder of fillin's Injections and drillin's, I'd have thrown all me sherbet away.	
	a) b) c)	What did speaker not know? What problem does the poet have to face now? What would the speaker have done, if she had known her present plight?	
8.	Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.		
	 a) Explain the phrase "his wrath was changed to wailing". (Lord Ullin's Daughter) b) How is man's fourth stage different from his fifth stage? c) What is the central idea of the poem 'Seven Ages'? d) 'Private Quelch was different from other recruits'. Elucidate. 		
9.	Answei	r the following question in 50-60 words.	(4)
	The Brambles did not tell Harold the truth regarding his father's profession. Do you think they did the right thing? Elucidate your opinion regarding the same with an appropriate justification.		