

SECTION A: READING (20 MARKS)

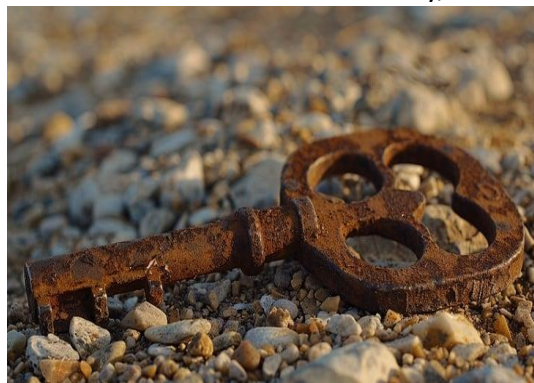
1) Read the following passage and answer the following question.

10

The Adventure of the Lost Key

In a quaint little town called Brooksville, there lived a curious boy named Sam. Sam loved exploring and often wandered through the nearby forest, which was known for its ancient trees and hidden secrets. One day, while walking along his favorite trail, Sam stumbled upon an old, rusty key half-buried in the dirt. The key was unlike anything he had ever seen; it was large and adorned with intricate patterns.

Excited by his discovery, Sam decided to search for the lock that the key might open. He started by visiting the town's library, where he hoped to find some clues. The librarian, Mrs. Thompson, was intrigued by the key and suggested that Sam look into the town's history. Sam spent hours reading old books and records, but he couldn't find any mention of a key that matched his.



Undeterred, Sam continued his search. He decided to check the old mansion at the edge of town, which had been abandoned for years. With the key in hand, Sam carefully explored the dusty rooms and hidden corners of the mansion. In the basement, he discovered a locked chest covered in cobwebs. His heart raced as he inserted the key into the lock. To his amazement, the chest creaked open, revealing a collection of old maps and letters.

The maps detailed hidden treasures buried around Brooksville, and the letters told the story of a long-lost treasure hunt conducted by the town's founders. Sam realized that he had uncovered a significant piece of Brooksville's history. He shared his findings with Mrs. Thompson, and together they began working to uncover the mysteries of the old maps, bringing the town's forgotten history to light.

i) What is the name of the town where Sam lives?

A) Brooksville B) Greenfield C) Rivertown D) Maplewood

ii) What did Sam find while walking in the forest?

A) A golden coin B) An old map C) A rusty key D) A hidden door

iii) Where did Sam go to find clues about the key?

A) The old mansion B) The town's library C) The forest D) The town hall

iv) Who helped Sam with his search for information about the key?

A) His friend Jake B) His teacher Mr. Adams C) The librarian, Mrs. Thompson D) His neighbor, Mrs. Miller

v) What did Sam find in the basement of the old mansion?

A) A secret passage B) A collection of old books C) A locked chest D) A hidden room

vi) What was inside the chest that Sam found?

A) Jewellery and coins B) Old maps and letters C) Antique furniture D) A diary and photographs

vii) What did the maps in the chest detail?

A) The layout of the mansion B) Hidden treasures around Brooksville

- C) Routes to other towns D) Locations of buried artifacts

viii) What did the letters found in the chest reveal?

- A) The history of the mansion B) A long-lost treasure hunt by the town's founders
C) Instructions for building a new town D) Recipes from the past

ix) How did Sam feel when he opened the chest?

- A) Disappointed B) Confused C) Amazed and excited D) Scared

x) What did Sam and Mrs. Thompson decide to do with their findings?

- A) Keep them as personal treasures B) Sell them at an auction
C) Share them and uncover the town's forgotten history D) Hide them in a new location

2) Read the following poem and answer the following questions.

10

Poem: "The Little Raindrop"

*A little raindrop falls from high,
It dances down from the sky,*

*Landing softly on the leaves,
Whispering secrets to the trees.
It joins a stream that flows along,
Where it hums a gentle song,
To the river, it will glide,
Then to the sea, it takes a ride.
From the sea, it starts anew,
As a cloud in the sky so blue,*



*Then once again, it will descend,
And to the earth, its journey ends.*

i) Where does the little raindrop fall from?

- A) The ocean B) The ground C) The sky D) The mountains

ii) What does the raindrop do when it lands on the leaves?

- A) It makes the leaves fall B) It whispers secrets to the trees
C) It turns into a flower D) It creates a loud noise

iii) What happens to the raindrop after it lands on the leaves?

- A) It evaporates immediately B) It joins a stream
C) It turns into a cloud D) It freezes

iv) What is the raindrop's journey after joining the stream?

- A) It goes to a lake B) It glides to the river and then to the sea
C) It evaporates into the air D) It becomes a snowflake

v) What does the raindrop become after reaching the sea?

- A) A rock B) A cloud C) A fish D) A plant

vi) How does the raindrop's journey start again?

- A) As a plant in the soil B) As a cloud in the sky
C) As a snowflake in the winter D) As a puddle on the ground

vii) What does the raindrop's journey symbolize?

- A) The lifecycle of a butterfly B) The process of recycling
C) The water cycle D) The growth of a tree

viii) What does the raindrop do in the stream?

- A) It rests quietly B) It hums a gentle song
C) It disappears quickly D) It turns into ice

ix) Where does the raindrop go after it reaches the sea?

- A) It stays in the sea forever B) It becomes part of the clouds
C) It evaporates into the ground D) It returns to the leaves

x) What marks the end of the raindrop's journey in the poem?

- A) When it turns into ice B) When it lands back on the earth
C) When it becomes part of the river D) When it evaporates into the sky

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) (15 MARKS)

3. You are Madhav/Madhavi the head boy/head girl of your school. Your school is organizing a tree plantation drive. Write a notice for your school notice board in not more than 50 words to invite students to participate. (5 Marks)

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the word given in the brackets. (4Marks)

- i)** The (a)..... said that only fresh evidence would make him change his (b)..... . (judge)
ii) Hermits are (a) wise men. How they acquire their (b)..... no one can tell. (wise)

5. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. (4 Marks)

How	what	when	where	which
-----	------	------	-------	-------

- i)** My friend lost his chemistry book. Now he doesn't know (a)..... to do and (b)..... To look for it.
ii) Do you know (a)..... to ride a bicycle? I don't remember (b)..... I learnt it.

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets. (2 Marks)

i) He has been from fever since last night. (suffer)

ii) One of my friends hasn't yet. (come)

SECTION C- LITERATURE (25 MARKS)

7. Read the given stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1X1=4 Marks)

My brother says there's a ghost in the shed

Who hides under the rotten floorboards

And if I ever dare to set foot inside

He'll jump out and chop off my head,

But I'll take a peep one day.

- a) Name the poet of the above poem?
- b) Where does the ghost hide himself according to the brother?
- c) What will the ghost do if the boy sets foot inside the shed?
- d) Find out the word from the above stanza which means 'take a secret look'.

8. Read the prose extract carefully and answer the questions that follow. (1X1=4 Marks)

"The kind couple patted the animal, fed it with tidbits of fish from their own chopsticks, and all the boiled rice it wanted."

i) **What did the kind couple do to the animal?**

- A) They ignored it. B) They scolded it. C) They patted it and fed it. D) They put it outside.

ii) **What type of food did the couple give the animal?**

- A) Vegetables B) Fruit C) Tidbits of fish and boiled rice D) Bread and milk

iii) **How did the couple feed the animal the fish?**

- A) With a spoon B) With their own chopsticks C) With a fork D) With their hands

iv) **What can we infer about the couple from this extract?**

- A) They were indifferent to the animal. B) They were careless with their food.
C) They were kind and generous. D) They were annoyed by the animal.

9. Answer the following question in about 20-30 words.

12

- a) How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?
- b) Why does the poet say the squirrel "wore a question mark for tail"?
- c) Mention three things we can learn from the 'tiny teacher'.
- d) What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?
- e) What did the dog do to lead the farmer to the hidden gold?
- f) Finding good twigs for Kari took a long time. Why?

10. Answer the following question in about 70-80 words. (Do any 1)

5

- a) How does the story "The Three Questions" highlight the significance of selfless service?
OR
- b) What lesson can we learn from Gopal's confidence in handling the king's challenge