

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU

ASSIGNMENT (PER-BOARD-1) 2017-18

CLASS :X

SUB: ENGLISH

Q1.Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Lionel was in bad shape .My daughter Nola and I found him bloodied and beaten . He was too weak to haul his poor ,broken little body inside the house. By the time we saw him ,his battered body had almost lost too much blood .Lionel , the duck died in a few minutes later .We never found about who had beaten Lionel ,so savagely ,or why they felt the need to hurt him .A customer at Nola's store said that she found some teenagers jumping the back fence a few minutes before we found Lionel .They were carrying bats .

When Nola broke the news to her customers over the next few days ,they were devastated .One elderly gentleman was especially heart broken . After doing his weekly shopping , he used to feed Lionel a slice of bread or a biscuit which he kept in his pocket for the occasion .They would spend an hour every week like that , just each and enjoying each other's company .When he heard about Lionel's death , the old man sat down on the same bench and let the tears run freely down his cheeks . Two weeks later he was dead .

Nola also had to tell the local primary –school children who used to play with Lionel on their way to school .Lionel waddled around them was , muttering and letting them feel his soft white feathers while they waited for the bus .Some of the children made sympathy cards for Nola .She also received many condolences –a few from friends and many from strangers . It was only then we realized that how many friends Lionel had made ; how many hearts he had touched.

Lionel liked human company and loved to waddle around .Many people who came to the shop enjoy passing the time of the day with a duck .But it was not just human company Lionel sought .Lionel was friends with an assortment of multi coloured hens and one red rooster . But Lionel also liked spending time with himself .

An elderly couple who lived 100 kms . away read about Lionel's death in newspaper and drove all the way to Nola's shop to deliver a condolence gift . It was the statue of a duck the elderly man, an invalid pensioner , had made . Nola somberly placed the statue at the head of Lionel's grave .The next day , an acquaintance of mine , exasperated at all the fuss being made , said to me ,'He was only a duck !'But he was wrong . Lionel was much more than that. He was a loving friend , not just to me , but to many others and our lives certainly won't be the same without him waddling around .

Answer the following questions :

- (a) Why was Lionel unable to go inside the house?
- (b) What was the reaction of the elderly gentleman on listening to the news of Lionel's death ?
- (c) How did the elderly gentleman spend hour with Lionel every week ?
- (d) What makes you think that Lionel was a loving friend to all?

Find words from the passage mean the same as :

- a. Speaking in low unclear tone (para 3)
- b. A person one knows slightly (para 5)
- c. Shocked and sad (para2)

d. To walk with short steps (para 4)

Q2 . Read the following poem and answer the questions :

Evil Wins When Good Men Walk Away

Where were you and where was I

When for help young children cried ?

Where were you and where was I

When they set this world alight ?

How could we not realize ?

There must be a reason why ,

Wise men say ,

Evil wins when good men walk away .

Don't you talk of history ,

What was then will never be ,

Time has moved on, life has changed ,

Now we just won't let this be ,

Every wrong now we will right ,

Won't forget the reason why ,

Wise men say ,

Evil wins when good men walk away .

Answer the following questions :

- a. What did we fail to realize ?
- b. Why should we not talk of history ?
- c. When can wrong become right ?
- d. What should good men do ?
- e. Who do 'you ' and 'I' refer to ?
- f. What did the children cry for ?
- g. What is the duty of good men ?
- h. What happens when good men walk away ?

SECTION -B (Writing and Grammar)

Q3 . Write a letter to the Editor of Times Of India expressing your concern about the increasing crimes against women . You are Ankit / Ankita of M – 206 Prashant Vihar , New Delhi .

OR

The importance of maintaining cleanliness is very important in life . Write an article in 100- 120 words on the need to conserve cleanliness .

Q4 . Write a story in 200-250 words based on the input given below .

Long ago a man was alone in the wilderness . All around him were wild beasts , thick forests

OR

Once upon a time there was a rich merchant . He was coming back from

Q5. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate words :

Today , you are proud to say (a) _____ you live in India's capital but (b) _____ you guess how many of your fellow citizens were actually around (c) _____ the national capital was shifted from Calcutta to New Delhi in 1911 ? Believe it or not , the answer is not in mere tens or hundreds but (d) _____ astounding 3,938 .

Q6 . Edit the given passage

	Error	Correction
You will have your hair cut very short in the	e.g. will	should
First month . After that you might grow it	a. ____	____
Longer but it shall never touch your collar.	b. _____	____
Your uniform should be neat but clean too.	c. _____	____
A student is expect to be neat and clean .	d. _____	____

Q7. Read the dialogue given below and then complete the report that follows .

Anne : I want to order a big chocolate cake for my birthday .

Baker : When is your birthday ?

Anne : It is tomorrow .

Baker : You can collect it by 5 O' clock in the evening .

Anne : Fine , I'll be here by 5 O'clock sharp .

Anne told a baker (a) ____ a big chocolate cake for her birth day . The baker (b) ____ . Anne replied it was the following day . The baker told her (c)____by 5 O' clock in the evening . Anne said that she (d) ____ by 5 O' clock sharp .

SECTION – C (Literature : Text book & Long Reading Text)

Q8. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow

And immediately I regretted it

I thought how paltry , how vulgar , what a mean act !

I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human action .

- a. Name the poem and the poet .
- b. Why does the poet say ‘ how paltry , how vulgar , what a mean act ‘?
- c. Why did the poet despise his education ?
- d. What action did the poet regret ?

OR

“ Caesar shall forth .

The things that threatened me

Ne’er looked but on my back .

When they shall see the face of Caesar , they are vanished . “

- a. Who is the speaker speaking to?
- b. What does Caesar mean by “ things that threatened me “ ?
- c. Where does Caesar want to go when he says “ Caesar shall forth ?”
- d. Who vanished on seeing Caesar ?

Q9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each

- a. How do you think Sebastian strayed into Michael’s computer games ?
- b. How did Patol Babu’s dream come true ?
- c. Why could John never contradict Jenkins ?
- d. Describe the passions that were stamped on the lifeless stone of the broken statue ?
- e. What word emergency does the poet use when the ship was stuck in the silent sea ?

Q10. Write a diary entry on behalf of Loona Bimberton describing her feelings and reactions of the applause earned by Mrs . Packletide .

OR

Express the essence of time from the poems Ozymandias and Not Marble , Nor the Guilded Monuments .

Q11. In the novel , Diary of a Young Girl , how does Anne feel about the laws that restrict the Jew’s freedom .

OR

What effect did Hanneli’s appearance have on Anne Frank ?

