

Delhi Public School, Jammu
ASSIGNMENT, HALF YEARLY(2019-20)

Class:X

Sub:English

Comprehension:

Prose passages

Writing:

Letter to the Editor

Letter of placing an order

Letter of complaint

Letter of enquiry

Story

Grammar:

Gap filling

Editing/Omitting

Jumbled sentences

Literature:

A.Textbook:

A Letter to God

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

Two Stories About Flying

From the Diary of Anne Frank

The Hundred Dresses-I

The Hundred Dresses-II

Glimpses of India

Mijbil the Otter

Dust of Snow

Fire and Ice

A Tiger in the Zoo

How to Tell Wild Animals

The Ball Poem

Amanda

B. Supplementary:
A Triumph of Surgery
The Thief's Story
The Midnight Visitor
A Question of Trust
Footprints Without Feet

A.Comprehension

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully:

Su means number and Doku means single. The game of Sudoku has many similarities to the game of life. The game consists of 9*9 grid divided into 3*3 boxes in which a few numbers called 'given' the number of given varies between 17 and 30 for a puzzle to be reasonably viable__are already in place.

In life too, you start with a given set of notions and then work from thereon. In Sudoku, you need to follow a set of rules to build up the grid filling each row, column and box with numbers ranging from 1 to 9 , much so in life where you have to go on in your way without antagonizing anyone else. Respect every number (person) and things would be fine. While trial or error may or may not work, the correct technique is eliminating numbers that don't fit in a particular box.

In Sudoku, the arrangement of the given numbers is symmetrical. This is instructive in life, on how to maintain steadfast faith, poise and equanimity despite situations when everything turns topsy_turvy.

There is a subtle difference between the two. Make a mistake and you can erase it and begin all over again in Sudoku. Not, so in life. You can learn a lesson though , and avoid making the same mistake in future

Now answer the following questions

- a. What does Sudoku mean?
- b. How is the arrangement of given numbers in Sudoku?
- c. What is the difference between Sudoku and life?
- d. What are the similarities between Sudoku and life?
- e. Mention the rules you need to follow in Sudoku.
- f. Describe the game of Sudoku.
- g. How is symmetry maintained in Sudoku?
- h. Antagonise means_____
i. appease ii. quell iii. harass iv. hate
- i. Equanimity means_____
i. calmness ii. stress iii. tension iv. equality

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully:

Every single mistake is a blessing in disguise...there are untold blessings hidden within every mistake.

Children make many mistakes while how to ride a bike or write , and we don't give it a second thought because we know that through their mistakes they will learn and eventually master what they are trying to do. Why adults are so hard on themselves? We all make mistakes and we didn't make them we'd never learn anything and we wouldn't grow wiser. We have the freedom to make our choices and the freedom to make mistakes. Mistakes can hurt but if we don't learn from them, the pain we've suffered from them has been for nothing.

To learn from a mistake, we first have to own it and this is where many people can come undone because they often blame someone else for their mistakes.

Let's consider the scenario of being pulled over by the police for speeding and being given a speeding ticket. Instead of taking responsibility for speeding, we blame the police because we were caught unawares. But the mistake was ours as we chose to speed.

So, how do we learn from our mistakes. Gratitude! No matter how bad something may seem, there are always many things to be grateful for. When you look for as many things as you can to be grateful for in a mistake, you magically transform the mistake into a blessing.

Let a mistake be a blessing. Look for the things to be grateful for. Ask yourself what you have learnt from this mistake. Every blessing you find has magical power. So get ready to write out your list in a gratitude journal or type them on a computer.

I. Answer the following questions:

- a. What is hidden in a mistake?
- b. How are children different from adults with respect to mistakes?
- c. How can we gain from a mistake that hurts?
- d. How can a mistake become magical?

II. Find the words from the passage which mean

- a. finally (para 2)
 - i. eventually
 - ii. through
 - iii. ultimately
 - iv. timely
- b. unprepared (para 4)
 - i. unawares
 - ii. casually
 - iii. undone
 - iv. clueless

III. Give synonyms of

- a. disguise
 - i. attire
 - ii. appearance
 - iii. guise
 - iv. make up
- b. journal
 - i. magazine
 - ii. diary
 - iii. newspaper
 - iv. Both i. & ii.

B.WRITING & GRAMMAR

Q3. You are shocked to read a news item that some drug manufacturing companies are making spurious medicines. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily in 100-150 words expressing your concern. You are Perna Chadha of 29/8 R.K. Puram, New Delhi.

OR

You are Aram/Arahi, the Manager of APS Public School, Jammu. Write a letter to the Ajay Stationers for placing an order for stationary required by the school office in 100-150 words.

Q4. Complete the story in about 150-200 words ...

The children's book writer was invited by his readers to their birthday party. He had accepted the invitation. Yet.....

Q5. Fill in the blanks using correct form of the verbs given in brackets. Attempt any four.

I (a)____(not) recognize Seema. She (b)_____(put on) a lot of weight.I advised her to stop (c)_____(eat) and start (d)_____(skip) and (e)_____(walk).

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write the missing word, the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it. Attempt any four.

Before missing after

A bicycle punctured
when thorn or nail
runs into its tube. Puncture
needs to be repaired. First all
the tube taken is out of the tyre
and inflated.

Q7. Rearrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences

a. great importance/one of the/essentials of life/discipline is/in all spheres/and is of/of life

b.it life/become/without/miserable/at home/will

c.fear /farmers/ displacement /from/ economic zones/ special/ large –scale

d. carefully /walk/ lest / walk / should/ you

C. LITERATURE

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

But he is locked in a concrete wall,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.

- i. Who is 'he' referred to here?
- ii. Where is he?

- iii. How is his mood?
- iv. Give meaning of 'stalking'.

Or

“Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar.”

- i. Who spoke these lines and to whom?
- ii. What was the occasion?
- iii. What did the writer expect?
- iv. What made the situation a mystery?

Q9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- a. Comment on the title of the fiction 'A Triumph of Surgery'.
- b. How did Wanda Petronski look?
- c. What is the theme of the story 'A Letter to God'?
- d. What happened when the author turned the aeroplane twelve degrees west towards England?(Two Stories About Flying)
- e. Draw a character sketch of Griffin.(Footprints Without Feet)

Q10. Answer one of the following questions in 100-150 words each:

Who was Mijbul? What were his peculiar habits?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Anne Frank.

Q11. Answer one of the following questions in 100-150 words each:

How is 'The Thief's Story' a study of the complexities of human mind?

OR

Comment on the title of the story, 'The Midnight Visitor'? Elaborate.