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ASSIGNMENT-III

CLASS-VIII
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SUBJECT-ENGLISH

SECTION A (READING)

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

Mike and Morris lived in the same village. While Morris owned the largest jewelry shop in the village, Mike was a poor farmer. Both had large families with many sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. One fine day, Mike, tired of not being able to feed his family, decided to leave the village and move to the city where he was certain to earn enough to feed everyone. Along with his family, he left the village for the city. At night, they stopped under a large tree. There was a stream running nearby where they could freshen up themselves. He told his sons to clear the area below the tree, he told his wife to fetch water and he instructed his daughters-in-law to make up the fire and started cutting wood from the tree himself. They didn't know that in the branches of the tree, there was a thief hiding. He watched as Mike's family worked together and also noticed that they had nothing to cook. Mike's wife also thought the same and asked her husband "Everything is ready but what shall we eat?". Mike raised his hands to heaven and said "Don't worry. He is watching all of this from above. He will help us." The thief got worried as he had seen that the family was large and worked well together. Taking advantage of the fact that they did not know he was hiding in the branches, he decided to make a quick escape. He climbed down safely when they were not looking and ran for his life. But, he left behind the bundle of stolen jewels and money which dropped into Mike's lap. Mike opened it and jumped with joy when he saw the contents. The family gathered all their belongings and returned to the village. There was great excitement when they told everyone how they got rich. Morris thought that the tree was miraculous and this was a nice and quick way to earn some money. He ordered his family to pack some clothes and they set off as if on a journey. They also stopped under the same tree and Morris started commanding everyone as Mike had done. But no one in his family was willing to obey his orders. Being a rich family, they were used to having servants all around. So, the one who went to the river to fetch water enjoyed a nice bath. The one who went to get wood for fire went off to sleep. Morris's wife said "Everything is ready but what shall we eat?" Morris raised his hands and said, "Don't worry. He is watching all of this from above. He will help us." As soon as he finished saying, the thief jumped down from the tree with a knife in hand. Seeing him, everyone started running around to save their lives. The thief stole everything they had and Morris and his family had to return to the village empty handed, having lost all their valuables that they had taken with them.

A. Which of the following best describes Morris?

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| a. He was a rich businessman | b. He bullied his wife |
| c. He paid his servants well | d. He was greedy and imitated Mike |

B. What did Mike mean when he said "He is watching all this from above"?

- a. He had spotted the thief and wanted to scare him
- b. He was telling his wife to have faith in god
- c. It was just a warning for his family members to stick together
- d. He was begging the thief to help his family

C. How did the fellow villagers react to Mike getting rich overnight?

D. What is the synonym of "enthusiasm" as used in the passage?

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| a. Lethargic | b. excitement | c. commitment. | d. None of these |
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E. What is the antonym of "hell" as used in the passage?

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| a. escape | b. fetch | c. heaven. | d. All of these |
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SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING)

Q:2)"Creative Scenario: Change the Voice"

Imagine you're writing a crime mystery. For each sentence, change the voice from active to passive or passive to active.

- a. Active: The detective interrogated the suspect for hours.
(Change to passive)
- b. Passive: The clues were found by the investigator under the table.
(Change to active)
- c. Active: They caught the culprit trying to escape.
(Change to passive)
- d. Passive: The secret note was written in invisible ink.
(Change to active)
- e. Active: The officer solved the case after gathering all the evidence.
(Change to passive)

Q:3) Read the following sentences and identify and correct the errors:

A. Many peoples attended the funeral of the great man.

Error	Correction

B. The shepherd took the cattles to the field.

Error	Correction

C. Sita could not understands what the teacher was saying.

Error	Correction

D. Do you know the importance for clean water?

Error	Correction

E. Laugh is the best medicines.

Error	Correction

Q:4) Imagine you are the boy from the poem 'The School Boy'. Write a **letter** to your parents explaining your feelings about school and how it affects your love for nature and learning. Persuade them to consider an alternative way of educating you that would allow you to learn freely and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. Use specific references from the poem to support your thoughts. In your letter, think critically about how the traditional schooling system may hinder creativity and natural curiosity, and suggest possible solutions or changes that would better align with your interests and well-being.

Q:5) In the chapter 'The Summit Within', Major H.P.S. Ahluwalia talks about the inner journey and challenges faced while climbing Mount Everest. Reflect on a significant challenge you have faced in your life. How did you overcome it, and what did you learn about yourself in the process? Write a **paragraph** describing your experience.

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

Q:6) Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.

O! Father and Mother, if buds are nip'd,

And blossoms blown away,

And if the tender plants are strip'd

Of their joy in the springing day,

By sorrow and cares dismay

(i) What worries the poet the most?

(ii) How important is 'their joy' to the poet?

Q:7) Why does the school boy in William Blake's poem 'The School Boy' compare himself to a plant?