

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMMU**

**SESSION: 2021-22**

**ASSIGNMENT -2**

**DATE: 20th August 2021**

**CLASS: VIII**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**MAX.MARKS:20**

**SECTIONS: Writing, Grammar & Literature**

**TOPICS:**

**MCB: Coromandel Fishers (Poem), Macavity, Letters, The Crowded Home**

**Literature Reader: The Escape Plan**

**Writing: Formal Letter, Poster Making, Diary Entry**

**Grammar: Conjunctions.**

**Based on your understanding of E- Lecture cum PPT's and other e-resources shared with you, Answer the following questions**

**WRITING**

**Q1:** Recently you read a report on increasing stress level among the younger generation and you are very disturbed with the scenario. Write a **letter** to the **Editor** of a newspaper expressing your concern and also about some measures which can be adopted by the youth to overcome stress.

**(2 Marks)**

**Q2.** You are Mohan/Kaya. You have recently won an English Quiz held at your school. Write a **diary entry** in 80-100 words about winning the quiz. Share your emotions with your diary.

**(2 Marks)**

**Q3.** You are Sameer / Smriti of ABC Public School, Delhi. Your school is organizing a workshop on "**Prevention of Drug Abuse**" in the coming week. Prepare a **poster** with complete information for the students of class VIII-XII.

**(2 Marks)**

**GRAMMAR**

**Q4: Fill the blanks with the correct Conjunctions:**

**(0.5x4=2)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ he was the best candidate, he didn't win the elections.

**(Although/Since)**

2. Everybody likes him because he is nice \_\_\_\_\_ helpful. **(and/but)**

3. On Sundays I often stay in bed \_\_\_\_\_ 10 o' clock. **( before/until)**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ he heard about the accident he was shocked. **(When/While)**

## LITERATURE

**Q5: Read the extract from the chapter 'Letters' and answer the questions that follow: (1x2=2marks)**

As she rolled away, the sun came out, and looking back, she saw it shining on the group at the gate like a good omen. And so the journey began with the good omens of sunshine, smiles and cheerful words.

"I feel as if there had been an earthquake," said Jo, as their neighbours went home to breakfast, leaving them to rest and refresh themselves. "It seems as if half the house has gone," added Meg forlornly.

Beth opened her lips to say something, but could only point to the pile of nicely mended hose which lay on mother's table, showing that even in her last hurried moments she had thought and work for them. It was a little thing, but it went straight to their hearts, and in spite of their brave resolutions, they all broke down and cried bitterly.

**i) What made the girls break down and cry bitterly?**

- a) The broken flower vase which was their father's favourite.
- b) The clothesline full of dresses that belonged to their mother.
- c) The sight of nicely mended hose which showed that their mother had thought and worked for them.

**ii) Pick the most suitable option which best describes the feeling of the March sisters in the given extract.**

- a) Pensive
- b) Forlorn
- c) Impressed
- d) Foolish

**Q6: Answer the following questions: (2x2=4marks)**

- a) Why Tom was unhappy at the beginning of the story?
- b) Why was Nasrudin's neighbour upset after following his advice?

**Q7: Read the extract and answer the following questions: (1x2=2)**

1. "Come, Let us gather our nets from the shore  
and set our catamarans free,  
To capture the leaping wealth of the tide,  
for we are the kings of the sea!  
No Longer delay, let us hasten away  
in the track of the seagull's call  
The sea is our mother, the cloud is our brother,  
the waves are our comrades all."

- a) Which poetic device does the poet use in the last two lines of the stanza?
- b) Find two examples of alliteration from the given lines.

2. “His brow is deeply lined with thought, his head is highly domed;  
His coat is dusty from neglect, his whiskers are uncombed.  
He sways his head from side to side, with movements like a snake;”

Answer the following questions: (1x2=2 marks)

- a) Who is ‘he’ in the given lines?
- b) Which poetic devices have been used in the extract given above?

**Q8: VALUE BASED QUESTION:** (2 marks)

What kind of a boy do you think Tom is? Describe his qualities.

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**NOTE:**

- **Due date of Submission: 24th August, 2021.**
- **Students must mention their names, class/section and date in their assignments.**
- **Your assignment will be marked for internals/term assessments. Therefore, it is necessary for you to submit it on time.**