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## APEEJAY SCHOOL, PITAMPURA SUBJECT: ENGLISH SUMMATIVE EXAM I, 2016, 2017 CLASS-VIII

**Total Marks80** 

Time allotted-2.45hrs. General Instructions: This paper is divided in four sections

Section A: Reading
Section B: Writing
Section C: Grammar
Section D: Literature
Attempt all questions
2. Do not write anything in the question paper
3. Answer the questions in each section before going on to the next section
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the

answer sheet provided to you.

5. Adhere to the word limit given with each question.

6. Read each question paper carefully and follow the instructions.

### SECTIONA: READING (16MARKS) Speech by Kofi Anan (8 marks)

1 Your Majesties, Your Royal Highnesses, Excellencies, Members of the

Norwegian Nobel Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen.

2 Today's real borders are not between nations, but between powerful and

powerless, free and fettered, privileged and humiliated. Today, no walls can separate

humanitarian or human rights crises in one part of the world from national security

crises in another.

3 Scientists tell us that world of nature is so small and interdependent that a

butterfly flapping its wings in the Amazon rainforest can generate a violent storm on the other side of the earth.

4 This principle is known as the 'Butterfly Effect'. Today, we realize, perhaps

more than ever, that the world of human activity also has its own 'Butterfly Effect' -

for better or for worse.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5 We have entered the third millennium through a gate of fire. We realize that humanity is indivisible. New threat make no distinction between races, nations, or regions. A new insecurity has entered every mind, regardless of wealth of status. A deeper awareness of the bonds that bind us all – in pain as in prosperity – has gripped young and old.

6The 20th century was perhaps the deadliest in human history, devastated by innumerable conflicts, untold suffering, and unimaginable crimes. Time after time, a group or a nation inflicted extreme violence on another, often driven by irrational hatred and suspicion, or unbounded arrogance and thirst for power and resources. In response to these cataclysms, the leaders of the world came together at midcentury to unite the nations as never before.

#### Questions & Answers: (8 Marks)

1. What are the old and young aware of? 2

2. What is the 'Butterfly Effect'? 2

3. 'The 20th century was perhaps the deadliest in human history ....'

What evidence do you find in the extract to support this statement? 1

4 find synonyms of: 2

a)fortunate(Para 2) b) impractical(Para 6)

5 What message does the speaker wish to convey? 1

Q2Read the poem below and answer the question that follow (8 Marks)

## A GREEN CORNFIELD

The earth was green, the sky was blue;

I saw and heard one sunny morn

A skylark hang between the two,

A singing speck above the corn.

A stage below in gay accord,

White butterflies danced on wing,

And still the singing skylark soared,

And silent sank and soared to sing.

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The cornfield stretched a tender green To right and left beside my walks; I knew he had a nest unseen Somewhere among the million stalks. And as I paused to hear his song While swift the sunny moments slid, Perhaps his mate sat listening long, And listened longer than I did. 2.1 Read the following summary. Complete it by writing the missing word against the correct blank number in your answer sheet:  $(1/2 \times 10=5 \text{ marks})$ The poet's intense (a) ..... for nature is (b)..... in the poem. She looked (c) ...... from a cornfield and saw a (d) ..... soaring in the sky and (e) ...... The butterflies (f) ..... about in the cornfield. The poet knew that the skylark's (g) ...... was hidden (h) ...... the stalks. She (i) ..... that its (j) ..... too was listening intently to the song. 2.2 Complete the following statements on the basis of your reading of the poem. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number:  $(1 \times 3 = 3 \text{ marks})$ (1) The colours mentioned in the poem are ..... (2) One sunny morning the poet ..... (3) The phrase 'gay accord' in the second stanza means-----

## **SECTIONB: WRITING (24MARKS)**

Q3 You are the president of the Environment Club of your school. The club is organizing a three day trip to Jim Corbett Park. In about 50 words write a notice for the students of Std. VIII informing them about the trip. Also give other necessary details. (4 Marks)

Q4 You have been reading incidents of foreign tourists being duped and cheated of their money and valuables, incidents of inhospitable behavior and eve teasing. As a

# concerned citizen, write a letter to the Editor of a National daily expressing your views on the issue and also giving suggestions on how to make our city a safer tourist destination (10marks)

Q 5.Today, there is a dire need for peace and harmony, if we want our country to progress. People of India need to come together, shunning violence, hatred and communalism. Write a speech highlighting the need for communal harmony and the efforts that can be undertaken at the school level to lead our country forward .You may take help from the following hints: (120 words)

(10 marks)

- Respect religious sentiments of all
- Refrain from making disgraceful remarks
- Report to police if anyone poses a threat to peace
- In school- celebrate all religious festivals
- There should be tolerance among all for the people of all religions

# SECTION C GRAMMAR: 16 MARKS

Q 6Complete the paragraph with participle phrases (4 Marks)

One of the bad things about New York is the high rate of people -------(live) in this city. The most common crime ------ (report) to the police are muggings and robbery. Policemen who are ------ (call) to the scene of crime are unable to do anything significant. Tourist who are ----- (attract) to the city are often victim of crime

# **Q7Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences**. (4 marks)

- i) Apes/ large /the /are orangutans
- ii) Are /that make/they/ mammals/ the only /nests
- iii) Should /efforts /to/ them /protect /be made
- iv) Species /endangered /an / are /they

## **Q 8** Complete the following sentences using conditional clauses (4 marks)

- a) If you are sincere -----
- b) If tomorrow is a holiday------
- c) If Ram comes first-----
- d) If it rains -----

**Q9** Combine the following pairs of sentences to make compound sentence. (4 –Marks)

- a) Sidharth was ill. .he did not go to school.
- b) You should get your licensed renewed at once. if you don't .You will have to pay the fine,
- c) I have never participated in a painting contest. I don't want to participate in one either.
- d) The captain won the toss. He elected to ball first

# **.SECTIO**ON D: LITERATURE 24MARKS

Q10Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow4\*2=8 marks

I Tell them I came, and no one answered, That I kept my word, he said.

a) Who speaks the above lines?
b) Where is he? Why is he there?
c) Why didn't any one answer? Do you think he expected anyone to greet him?1
d) How did he keep his word?1
II But it was difficult to understand that the men on the earth found
Causes to hate each other, to build walls across cities and to kill
From that height , it was not clear why.
a) Name the poem and the poet.
b) What geographical facts did the poet notice?
c) What trait of human character did the poet fail to understand?2

Q11Answer the following questions in brief 5\*2 = 10 marks

a)O.Henry 's stories are known for their surprise endings. What is the surprise at the end of this story? (After Twenty Years)?

b)the narrator loved chasing the rainbows. What, at the deity's altar, brought rainbows to the narrator's mind once again (Chasing the Rainbow?)

c) In what ways Rattan provided company to the postmaster? (The postmaster)

d) Why does the poet compare books to ships and trains? Who travels on these ships? (Adventures with books)

e) What did the tiger begin to wish for? What did he think of human beings? (The Tiger in the School)

Q12Imagine you are the Silky Bob from the story after Twenty Years write the diary entry of the day when your best friend Jimmy Wells ditched you. (6marks)

## OR

Imagine you are the head master from the Story A Tiger in the School. Write the diary entry of the day when the tiger entered in your school (6 marks)