



**JKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, VIJAY NAGAR  
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION-(2019-2020)**



**CLASS VII- ENGLISH –BLUE PRINT & SAMPLE PAPER**

**Time: 3 Hrs**

**M.M:-80**

**BLUE PRINT:**

	<b>Reading (Section-A):</b> Unseen passages	Marks 8+7=15
	<b>Writing + Grammar (Section B+C):</b> Notice, Description(Paragraph Writing),Story Writing, Letter , Editing/Omission, Tenses, Adjectives, Antonyms, Synonyms	35
	<b>Literature (Section-D)</b> Lesson 1-Three Questions, Lesson 3-Gopal and The Hilsa Fish Lesson 4-The ashes that made trees Bloom Lesson 5-Quality  <b>General Awareness</b>	25  5

Variation in marks due to internal choices will be there.\*

**SECTION A (READING)**

1.Read the passage given below carefully. (8)

Sarus is the largest bird found in India ,being almost as tall as an average sized person. It is also the biggest flying bird in the world. Sarus usually move about in pairs. When they are with the young ones; they may be seen in groups of three to four. In summer, four or five of them may group together, especially near water bodies.

2.The featherless head of the Sarus is ash-coloured. The upper portion of the neck is red. The legs are pink and the beak is coloured slightly with green. The rest of the body is grey. The neck,legs and beak are long. When the wings are closed,their feathers hang over the tail. The male and female Sarus are alike. Sarus is one of the few birds in India which tradition does not allow to be killed. The male and female have great affection for one another. Once they have paired , they stay together for a long time.

3.The Sarus is not a shy bird. It lives on the ground itself to get its food-mainly water,plants,grain, frogs and other living things. It builds nest too on ground. Its voice is loud and ringing but at the same time sweet and pleasant to hear. Its flight is slow with methodical, uniform wing beats. Generally it does not fly very high from the ground. With the rains, the breeding season of the Sarus begins.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose the correct option:

**(a) What is so special about the physique of the sarus?**

- (i) It is as tall as an average sized person. (ii) It usually moves in a group.  
(iii) The neck, legs and beak are long. (iv) The upper portion of its neck is red.

**(b) What are the two special things about the voice of the Sarus?**

- (i) It is slow with methodical drum beat. (ii) Its voice is loud and ringing but at the same time sweet to hear. (iii) When it rains the Sarus sings.

**(c) What is noteworthy about the affection of the Sarus ?**

- (i) It cannot be killed according to Indian tradition. (ii) The male and female Sarus are alike.  
(iii) Once paired they stay together for lifetime. (iv) They are seen in groups.

**(d) What is the similarity between male and female Sarus?**

- (i) Both stay together for lifetime. (ii) Both cannot be killed according to Indian tradition.  
(iii) Both look alike. (iv) None of these.

**(e) Give the opposite of the following:**

- (i) bold (Para 3) (1) loud (2) slow (3) shy

**(f) Old (Para 1) (1) largest (2) young (3) tall**

**(g) Give the synonyms of:**

- (i) love (Para 2) (1) alike (2) together (3) affection

**(h) (i) agreeable (Para 3) (1) sweet (2) pleasant (3) uniform**

**2. Read the passage given below carefully.**

(7)

The men who were governing Athens summoned Socrates to appear before them and to stand trial. His friends and pupils begged him to escape or to hide until the storm had blown over. But Socrates was no coward. He knew that he had done nothing wrong and that he had only taught what he believed to be just, true and honourable, and so he went to the court an undersized, ugly old man, dusty and travel-stained, but with a noble heart beating under the shabby garments which everyone knew so well.

He made a powerful, dignified speech, answering every question, explaining that, although the Athenians knew it not, he was really their friend. He told them that they would gain nothing by taking away the last few years of his life, but that he was willing to die many deaths for what he believed to be right.

The judges listened to him, questioned him and condemned him to death. The old man made no complaint. He leaned on his staff, looking round the crowded court. "No evil can happen to a good man, he said, either in life or after death, so be of good cheer. The hour of my departure has arrived and we go our ways; I to die and you to live,"

**Answer the following questions:**

- (a) Why was Socrates summoned to the court?
- (b) What did his friends and pupils advise him to do ?
- (c) Why did he not follow their advice?
- (d) Describe the appearance of Socrates when he went to the court ?
- (e) What did he explain to the court?
- (f) What was the judgement ?
- (g) Why was he not afraid of death ?

**SECTION B: (WRITING & GRAMMAR)**

3. You are Varun/Varuna ,a student of Class VII ,Pearl Public School,New Delhi. You have lost an expensive watch in the school premises. Draft a notice to be put on the school notice board giving details of the watch and offering a suitable reward. Use not more than 50 words. (5)

OR

Using the information given, write a description of Ms. Shalini Mittal, an English teacher in about 80 words.

Age: 40 years, Family : married, one daughter ,Education : M.A. in English, B.Ed, Teaches in a senior school in New Delhi ;has seventeen years of experience in teaching, Pleasing personality, friendly, motivates the students for reading, well prepared, Likes reading and listening to music.

**4. On the basis of outlines given below, develop a story. (7)**

Once a cat was caught in a hunter's net. A mouse lived in a nearby hole. The mouse started playing around the cat. Soon a mongoose came there.....

**5. You are Abhay/Abha. Write a letter to your younger sister who lives in another city on the need to be organised in order to lead a disciplined life.**

(7)

**6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct question number. (4)**

	Incorrect	Correct
In a certain village, in the province of La Mancha at	_____	_____
Spain, there lived the gentleman of about	_____	_____
50 years of age. He was tall and thin and has	_____	_____
giant features. At one time he is rich,	_____	_____
but now he was poor, because he has sold all his land to buy books.		

**7. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: Do any four. (4)**

- 1. Please give me your pen. I \_\_\_\_\_ mine at home. (forget)
- 2. The hungry child \_\_\_\_\_ for ten minutes. (cry)
- 3. I praised him for what he \_\_\_\_\_ for the poor. (do)
- 4. He is very rude person. I \_\_\_\_\_ him. (not help)
- 5. When I was at school, I \_\_\_\_\_ part in cultural activities. (take)

**8. Underline the adjectives in these sentences.** (2)

- (a) Rahul Dravid is a stable player.
- (b) The girl who wrote this story is a very sincere person.

**9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.** (2)

- (a) I like to ride \_\_\_\_\_ a bus if the road is good.
- (b) It was very cold when we got \_\_\_\_\_ the train at New Delhi.

**10(A). Give the synonyms of these words:** (2)

- (a) ample (b) beautiful

**(B). Give the antonyms of these words:** (2)

- (a) brave (b) fresh

### SECTION C: LITERATURE

**11. Read the given extract and answer the following questions:** (4)

There's a shed at the bottom of our garden  
With a spider's web hanging across the rood,  
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind.  
When I'm in bed I lie and I listen,  
I'll open that door one day.

Questions:

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What is hanging across the door?
- (c) Where is the poet lying?
- (d) What will the poet do one day?

**12. Give the meanings of any four words:** (4)

Affairs, seized, withered, a partical, palanquin

**13. Answer any of the six questions.** (12)

- (a) Why was the king advised to go to magicians?
- (b) Why did the bearded man ask for the king's forgiveness?
- (c) What three things did Gopal do before he went to buy his hilsa-fish?
- (d) Why did the king ask Gopal to do to prove that he was clever?
- (e) What does the poet's brother say?
- (f) Do you know what shed is?
- (g) Why did the neighbours kill the dog?

**14. Answer any one of the long questions:** (5)

- (a) What suggestions were made in answer to the third question?
- (b) Explain why no one seemed to be interested in talking about hilsa-fish which Gopal had bought?

**15. General Awareness** (5)

