

Half-yearly Examination - 2016-2017
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 2 Hrs. + 15 min
F. M. : 80

Std. : IV

1. Answer the following questions : (20)
 - i. Why was Jeannie puzzled? (2)
 - ii. Why was Rajam anxious day and night? (2)
 - iii. What appear after days of rain? What does it do? (1+2)
 - iv. Write down any three features of the amber beads. (3)
 - v. What did Swaminathan plan to be free all the evenings of the week? (2)
 - vi. Who was Anna Pavlova? Name the play which she went to see with her mother. (1+1)
 - vii. What was the cause of Anna Pavlova's death? (2)
 - viii. Why didn't Swami want to attend the drill classes? What excuse did he give for the same? (2+2)
 - ix. Mention the year in which Anna Pavlova died. (1)
2. Write the synonyms of the following words : (4)
 - i. lump ii. prosecute iii. depend iv. outspread
3. Write the antonyms of the given words : (4)
 - i. taught ii. began iii. simple iv. deep
4. Write down the meanings of the given words : (4)
 - i. composers ii. fortnight iii. lodged iv. acorns
5. Make sentences with the following words : (8)
 - i. fragrance ii. treasured iii. responsibility iv. audience
6. Quote from memory : (4+2)

The seeds I sowed

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Name the poem and the poet.

7. Fill in the blanks : (4)
- i. It was one of those _____ that had brought the lump of amber _____ to the shore.
 - ii. There was only one player who caused him the deepest _____ day and night.
 - iii. It was a special event and the little girl was _____ with what she saw.
8. Answer the following questions with reference to the context :
- i. "Sir, the whole of last night I was delirious."
 - a. Who is referred as 'Sir' and 'I'? (2)
 - b. Name the chapter from which the above line has been taken. Who is the author of this chapter? (2)
 - c. What is the meaning of the word delirious? (1)
 - d. What was the event that was about to take place after two weeks? (2)
 - e. Why did the speaker say that he was delirious? (2)
 - ii. "The beads were all so beautiful that Jaennie spent a lot of time just admiring them."
 - a. Name the chapter from which the above lines have been taken. (1)
 - b. Who is Jeannie? (2)
 - c. How did Jaennie get the beads? (2)
 - d. What was so special about the beads? (2)
 - e. Name two creatures which were inside the beads. (2)
 - iii. "I've known him for some years: A harmless green grass-snake."
 - a. Name the poem and the poet. (2)
 - b. Why is the snake called harmless? (1)
 - c. What does the creature do when it hears the footfall of the poet? (2)
 - iv. "But it was very hard work at the school."
 - a. Name the chapter from which the above lines are taken.
 - b. Which school is being talked about? Why did the students at the school have to work hard? (1+2)
 - c. Name the person who came to see the performance of the children. (1)
 - d. Name two countries where Anna Pavlova gave her performance. (2)