

FIRST TERM EXAMINATION- 2025-2026

CLASS- VII

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LITERATURE

FULL MARKS- 80

READING TIME- 15 MINUTES

WRITING TIME- 2 HOURS

Question 1.

Read each question carefully and choose the most appropriate option from the choices given. (1x10=10)

1. How does Aunt Polly generally respond to Tom's mischievous behaviour?
 - a. She ignores it, believing boys will be boys.
 - b. She tries to discipline him by giving him work and scolding him.
 - c. She sends him away to live with a relative.
 - d. She locks him in his room without food.
2. What trick does Tom use to get the other boys to whitewash the fence for him?
 - a. He offers to do their chores if they help him.
 - b. He tells them it's special work and only a few boys can do it.
 - c. He gives them small treasures like marbles and buttons.
 - d. He says Aunt Polly will reward them if they paint the fence.
3. What does Tom present to Becky as a symbol of his affection and commitment?
 - a. A miniature sketchbook.
 - b. A charm he claims has magical powers.
 - c. A brass knob he values greatly.
 - d. A ribbon he found at the fair.
4. Why did Tom and Huck decide to go to the graveyard at night?
 - a. They wanted to see ghosts and test their courage.
 - b. They were trying to spy on Injun Joe.
 - c. They thought it would be fun to explore at night.
 - d. They believed it would help cure warts using a dead cat.
5. Who actually commits the murder that Tom and Huck witness in the graveyard?
 - a. Injun Joe, during a quarrel.
 - b. A mysterious stranger.
 - c. Muff Potter, in a drunken rage.
 - d. Sid, out of jealousy.

6. After witnessing the murder, what do Tom and Huck vow?
 - a. To leave town before anyone questions them
 - b. To follow Injun Joe and uncover more crimes
 - c. To keep silent, swearing a blood oath of secrecy
 - d. To inform the judge in secret

7. Why do Tom and Joey decide to run away and become pirates?
 - a. They feel unloved and hurt by how people treat them at home and school
 - b. They want to become rich by finding hidden treasure.
 - c. They are punished for witnessing a murder and want to escape.
 - d. They are bored with their lessons and want a holiday.

8. On Jackson's Island, how do the boys mostly spend their days?
 - a. Mapping the island and naming places.
 - b. Writing letters home and planning their return.
 - c. Hiding from search parties and building traps.
 - d. Fishing, swimming, and telling stories around the campfire.

9. How do Tom, Joey, and Huck make their entrance during the funeral?
 - a. They hide behind the pulpit and jump out.
 - b. They walk slowly down the aisle from the back of the church.
 - c. They climb in through the church window.
 - d. They shout from outside and run in.

10. What does Tom do when Becky is about to be punished for tearing the teacher's book?
 - a. He stays quiet and lets her get into trouble.
 - b. He blames another student to protect Becky.
 - c. He admits to the mistake and takes the punishment himself.
 - d. He tears another page to distract the teacher.

Question 2.

Complete the following sentences by adding a logical explanation to it. (1x10=10)

1. Tom threw clods of earth at Sid because _____
2. Tom traded marbles, a piece of liquorice, a fishhook, and other small things for red, blue, and yellow tickets from the boys because _____
3. Tom told Sid that he was going to die, and he told Aunt Polly that he had a mortified toe and a loose tooth because _____
4. All the mothers of the town hated and dreaded Huckleberry Finn because _____
5. Tom decided to pretend to like the painkiller that Aunt Polly gave him when she found he was miserable because _____
6. Peter, Aunt Polly's cat, rose on his hind feet, danced around in excitement, and then ran tearing through the house causing destruction because _____

7. While Tom, Joey, and Huck were hiding behind the bushes, they saw the steam ferry boat out on the river, crowded with people, and many small boats rowing about or floating with the stream because _____
8. After the townspeople thought that Tom, Joey, and Huck had drowned, Mrs. Harper felt guilty and was seen crying to Aunt Polly because _____
9. When Huck and Joey wanted to leave the island and go home, Tom stopped them because _____
10. Alfred Temple opened Tom's spelling book to the lesson for the afternoon and poured ink upon the page because _____

Question 3.

Answer any five of the following six questions. Refer to the context given with each question while answering.

1. **"He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake."**

(6x2=12)

- a. Who gives his harness bells a shake? Why are the harness bells shaken?
- b. What is the 'only other sound' apart from the harness bells?
- c. Where is the speaker at this point? Why has he stopped at this place at this moment?
- d. "He will not see me stopping here." Who is 'he' and why will he not see the speaker stopping there?
- e. What time of the year is described in the poem? Which words from the poem suggest this?
- f. What does the speaker mean when he says, "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep"?

2. **"We smile, but, O great Christ, our cries
To thee from tortured souls arise.
We sing, but oh the clay is vile
Beneath our feet, and long the mile;
But let the world dream otherwise,
We wear the mask!"**

(6x2=12)

- a. Who are wearing the mask in the poem "We Wear the Mask", and what does the mask symbolise?
- b. Why does a mask 'grin and lie'?
- c. To whom do the cries of the tortured souls arise? What does 'tortured souls' mean in the poem?
- d. What does 'the clay is vile' mean in the poem?

- e. What does the poet mean when he says, "Let the world dream otherwise"?
- f. According to the poem, why do people hide their true feelings behind a mask?

3. **"The dark filled the room and the fire died down, and the shadows were lost. And suddenly, first one dwarf, and then another, began to sing as they played their instruments"** (6x2=12)

- a. Where are the dwarves present at this moment? Who is the host of this gathering?
- b. How did Dwalin appear when he entered the house? Whom did the host of the gathering expect at the door?
- c. What did the dwarves talk about when they gathered in the house?
- d. Why did the little hobbit put his head in his hands after all the dwarves arrived?
- e. List the food and drink items that the dwarves were eating and drinking during their visit.
- f. Why was the little hobbit angry while carrying the trays?

4. **"Now, for what purpose did I summon you three boys?"** (6x2=12)

- a. Who said these words and to whom were they spoken?
- b. What was the purpose for which the speaker summoned the three boys?
- c. Who introduced the annual prize for the best poem, and in which college was this tradition followed?
- d. Why were the three boys not interested in taking part in the competition for the annual prize for the best poem?
- e. Who was Reynolds, and what role did he play in the story?
- f. What was the outcome of the meeting mentioned in the above reference regarding the annual prize poem competition?

5. **"And another time, it happened that the Pandava brothers, going in pursuit of a deer in the forest, wandered far from their dwelling place."** (6x2=12)

- a. Why were the Pandava brothers in the forest?
- b. What happened to the deer they were following? Why did the brothers grow weary and parched?
- c. What did Yudhishtira do when they could not find water? Whom did he send first in search of water?
- d. Why did Yudhishtira decide to go and follow his brothers' footsteps? What aspect of Yudhishtira's character is highlighted here?
- e. What sight did Yudhishtira see that made his blood freeze in his veins?
- f. What voice did Yudhishtira hear and what was it warning him against?

6. "O kind yaksha," he said, "Restore to me my brother Nakula."

(6x2=12)

- a. Who says this and why?
- b. Why did Yudhishtira choose Nakula over Bhima or Arjuna?
- c. Who appeared before Yudhishtira after he chose to restore Nakula? What did he reveal about Yudhishtira's choice, and how did he reward him?
- d. What does Yudhishtira do next, and what does this tell you about his character and priorities?
- e. What advice did Yama give to Yudhishtira before leaving?
- f. Do you think Yudhishtira was a wise and fair person? Give one reason for your answer.

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