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Class : VI

Subject: English

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Literature – How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be, The White Elephant, Leisure, My Experiments with the Truth, Today & Tomorrow, The Helpful Young Man

Reader – Celebrations, Hobbies, Thrill in School Life

Practice – Putting it Together, Regular & Irregular Verbs, Determiners, Subject-Verb Agreement, Modals

Writing Skills – Informal Letter, Diary Entry, Notice Writing, Short Paragraph

Grammar – Error Correction, Sentence Reordering, Omission

Reading Comprehension

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow :

D) In recent years, the debate over the environmental impact of plastic waste has intensified. Plastics, due to their durability and versatility, have become integral to modern life, yet their very longevity poses significant ecological challenges. Marine ecosystems, in particular, suffer profoundly as plastic debris accumulates in the oceans. This debris not only affects marine life but also enters the food chain, potentially impacting human health. Microplastics, tiny fragments of plastic less than five millimeters in size, are particularly concerning. They are pervasive, found in deep ocean sediments, Arctic ice, and even in the air we breathe.

Several countries have implemented measures to mitigate plastic pollution. For instance, the European Union has banned single-use plastics, while some nations have imposed levies on plastic bags. However, these efforts face resistance from various industries and consumers accustomed to the convenience of plastic products. The challenge lies in balancing economic interests with environmental sustainability. Technological innovations, such as biodegradable plastics and improved recycling processes, offer some hope. Nevertheless, the ultimate solution may lie in a fundamental shift in consumer behavior towards reducing, reusing, and recycling materials more effectively.

1. Significant concern regarding microplastics are that they _____.

- a) are easy to clean up from the ocean.
- b) decompose quickly in the environment.
- c) are pervasive and can impact human health.
- d) are not found in deep ocean sediments.

2. Which measure has the European Union taken to combat plastic pollution?

- a) Imposed a levy on plastic bags.
- b) Promoted the use of more plastics.
- c) Banned single-use plastics.
- d) Increased production of plastic products.

3. The following options are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option.

i) **Assertion (A):** Microplastics are only found in the ocean.

Reason (R): Microplastics are small fragments of plastic that can easily spread through various environments.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is true, but R is false.
- d) A is false, but R is true.

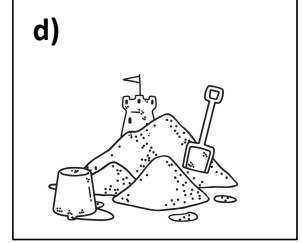
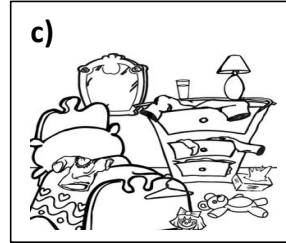
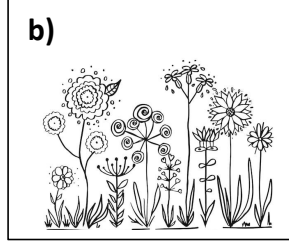
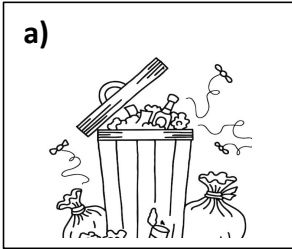
ii) **Assertion (A):** The challenge in combating plastic pollution lies in balancing economic interests with environmental sustainability.

Reason (R): Plastic products are convenient and widely used by consumers.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

- c) A is true, but R is false.
- d) A is false, but R is true.

4. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'important'.
5. Find an opposite of the word 'acceptance' from the passage.
6. How has the use of plastic impacted marine ecosystems?
7. What are some of the technological innovations mentioned that could help address plastic pollution?
8. Identify the picture which makes the meaning of the term 'debris' clear:



II) Once upon a time, there was a small village nestled at the edge of a vast, mysterious forest. The villagers often spoke of strange occurrences within the forest, such as glowing flowers and animals that could talk. Despite these tales, no one dared to enter the forest for fear of the unknown. One sunny day, a brave young girl named Maya decided to explore the forest. Equipped with a lantern and a small bag of provisions, she ventured into the dense woods. As she walked deeper, she noticed the trees were much taller and the air felt cooler. Suddenly, Maya stumbled upon a clearing filled with luminescent flowers. The flowers emitted a soft, warm glow that illuminated the entire area. While admiring the beauty of the flowers, Maya heard a rustling sound. Turning around, she saw a small deer with shimmering fur. To her astonishment, the deer began to speak. "Welcome, Maya," it said. "You are the first human to enter the forest in many years." Maya was amazed but not afraid. She and the deer walked together, and the deer explained that the forest was enchanted. The animals could speak, and the plants glowed to protect the forest from harm. Maya realized that the forest was not something to fear but to cherish and protect. After spending the day in the forest, Maya returned to her village. She shared her adventure with the villagers, who were initially skeptical but eventually believed her story. The villagers learned to respect the forest and its inhabitants, ensuring that it remained a place of wonder and mystery for generations to come.

1. Maya decided to enter the forest to _____.

 - a) find treasure b) explore the unknown c) collect firewood d) escape from the village

2. Maya found _____ in the clearing.
3. The deer was special because it _____.

 - a) could fly b) had shimmering fur and could talk c) was gigantic d) had golden antlers.

4. Choose the correct word showing the reaction of the villagers to Maya's story."
 - a) excited b) doubtful c) angry d) certain
5. The following options are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option.
 1. **Assertion (A):** The villagers often spoke of strange occurrences in the forest.
Reason (R): The forest was filled with talking animals and glowing plants.
 - a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - c) A is true, but R is false.
 - d) A is false, but R is true.
 2. **Assertion (A):** Maya was afraid when she met the talking deer.
Reason (R): She had never seen a talking animal before.
 - a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - c) A is true, but R is false.
 - d) A is false, but R is true.
6. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'thick'.

7. Why did the villagers change their attitude towards the forest after hearing Maya's story?

Writing Skills

Diary Entry –

1. Imagine you are Harry Potter. You celebrated your birthday for the first time and received three gifts from your friends. Write a **Diary Entry** expressing your feelings and thoughts about your thirteenth birthday and the gifts received. Take help from the unit **Celebrations** from *My English Reader*.
(Word limit: 80-100)
2. You are Jehangir. You have started a new hobby of collecting stamps from Dr Mody. Express your thoughts related to your first class with Dr Mody and his collection of stamps. Take help from the unit **Hobbies** from *My English Reader*. **(Word limit: 80-100)**
3. Imagine you are Alice. You joined a new group of girls and helped Kristy by lying to your teacher, Mr. Sawyer, to save her. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about lying to the teacher and joining the new group. Take help from the unit **Thrill in School Life** from *My English Reader*.
(Word limit: 80-100)
4. You and your friends went on a trip to Panna National Park with your respective families. Write a Diary Entry expressing your thoughts about the trip. **(Word limit: 80-100)**

Informal Letter –

1. You travelled Japan and experienced the festival – Hina Matsuri. Write a letter to your friend explaining the rituals of the festival and your experience. Take help from the unit **Celebrations** from *My English Reader*. **(Word limit: 80-100)**
2. Your sister has joined skating classes. She practices everyday at home and takes your help as well. Write a letter to your friend telling him about your sister's practice routine at home. Take help from the unit **Hobbies** from *My English Reader*. **(Word limit: 80-100)**
3. Imagine you are Ramu. You appeared for an interview in a new school to seek admission. The interview went well and the headmaster was happy with your confidence. Write a letter to your sister Akka explaining about the interview and your experience. Take help from the unit **Thrill in School Life** from *My English Reader*. **(Word limit: 80-100)**
4. Imagine you are on a vacation in a hill station with your family. Write a letter to your best friend describing your trip. Mention the places you visited, activities you enjoyed, and any special experiences you had. **(Word limit: 80-100)**

Notice Writing –

1. Your school is organizing an Annual Sports Day next month. As the Class Monitor, write a Notice informing all the students about the event and invite them to participate in various sports activities. Put Notice in a box. **(Word limit: 50)**
2. The school is conducting a book fair next week for the students as well as the parents. Write a Notice informing all the students about the event and encourage them to visit the book fair. Put Notice in a box. **(Word limit: 50)**
3. You have lost your English Reader Book. Write a notice for the school notice board asking everyone to return it if found. Give necessary details. Put Notice in a box. **(Word limit: 50)**

Paragraph Writing –

1. Write a paragraph about your favourite hobby. Describe why you enjoy it, how often you do it, and any special experiences or memories you have related to it. **(Word limit: 50)**
2. Write a paragraph about your best friend. Describe their personality, what makes them special to you, and some fun activities you enjoy doing together. **(Word limit: 50)**
3. Write a paragraph about your favourite memory from a trip. **(Word limit: 50)**

Grammar

I) The following passages have not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.

i)	Incorrect	Correct
a) Children are fond to mango. It is a	_____	_____
b) juicy or citrus fruit, available in	_____	_____
c) much varieties. Mangoes grow on a	_____	_____
d) tree over tropical and temperate climate.	_____	_____
e) One of the best place to have good mangoes	_____	_____
f) was Andhra Pradesh, India.	_____	_____

ii)	Incorrect	Correct
a) Ones there was a King who	_____	_____
b) thought only to himself.	_____	_____
c) He only talked about her own charms	_____	_____
d) and conquests in a court all day.	_____	_____
e) He wants people to believe his tales	_____	_____
f) and talk about his great to everyone.	_____	_____

II) Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences.

- certainly / the / laughter / is / medicine / best
- ensures / life / it / longer / and / healthier / a
- it / fact / is / in / a / panacea / for / diseases / all
- lowers / pressure / by / circulation / it / blood / increasing / blood
- decreases / and promotes / it / stress / well-being / a sense of

III) In the following passages, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it.

i)	Before	Omitted	After
a) Three robbers broke _____ a goods shop yesterday.	broke	_____	a
b) They found the cash-box _____ took it.	cash-box	_____	took
c) But before they _____ leave the shop, Police	they	_____	leave
d) barged in and arrested all _____ them.	all	_____	them

ii)	Before	Omitted	After
e) Mahatma Gandhi _____ considered one	Gandhi	_____	considered
f) of _____ most influential men to ever walk	of	_____	most
g) on Earth. Through _____ principles of	through	_____	principles
h) non-violence _____ non-cooperation,	violence	_____	non-cooperation
i) he won hearts not only in India but also _____ South Africa.	also	_____	South Africa

IV) Fill in the blanks with a / an / the or put a cross 'x' where nothing is required.

- (a) She is untidy girl.
- (b) She scored highest marks in the examination.
- (c) April is fourth month of the year.
- (d) Sunil, watchman of our colony, has gone home.
- (e) Which is nearest railway station from here?

V) Fill the correct form of Verb given in the bracket :

- a) Every morning, she _____ (**walk**) to school.
- b) He _____ (**eat**) an apple for breakfast yesterday.
- c) They _____ (**play**) football in the park last weekend.
- d) She _____ (**write**) a letter to her friend last night.
- e) The dog _____ (**bark**) loudly at the stranger.

VI) Do as directed :

- a) _____ student must submit their project by Friday. (**Fill in an appropriate Determiner**)
- b) A bouquet of roses _____ kept on the table. (**Fill in an appropriate Verb for the Subject**)
- c) You _____ wear a helmet when riding a bike. (**Fill in an appropriate Modal**)
- d) He doesn't have _____ money left. (**Fill in an appropriate Determiner**)
- e) Neither the teacher nor the students _____ in the classroom. (**Fill in an appropriate Verb for the Subject**)
- f) You _____ to respect your elders. (**Fill in an appropriate Modal**)
- g) We _____ (**visit**) our grandparents last summer. (**Use the correct form of Verb given in bracket**)
- h) _____ crowd of people gathered at the place. (**Use an appropriate Article**)

Literature

I) Read the given extracts and answer the following questions in not more than 20 words.

- i) *"When Daddy was little he was often asked: 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' Daddy always had an answer ready. But each time his answer was different."*
 - a) What answers did Daddy give when anyone asked him what he wanted to be ?
 - b) Why do you think Daddy answered differently each time ?
 - c) Find a word from the extract which means the same as '**frequently**'.
 - d) What do you think about Daddy's character in the story ?
- ii) *"But a few days later, the trainers came to the king in great distress saying, 'Your Majesty, the white elephant is very sick and will eat nothing.'"*
 - a) How did the white elephant reach at the king's court ?
 - b) How did the white elephant get sick ?
 - c) The white elephant was very _____.
 - d) Find a word from the extract which means the same as '**worry**'.
- iii) *"A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare."*
 - a) What does the poet suggest is a poor life?
 - b) What does the poet mean by "full of care"?
 - c) What is the poet encouraging people to do in these lines?
 - d) Name the poem and the poet.
- iv) *"There is another incident which I must share. I committed a theft when I was fifteen."*
 - a) Who is the narrator of the above line ?
 - b) Which theft the narrator is talking about ?
 - c) How did the narrator repent for his mistake ?
 - d) What emotion might the narrator be feeling while sharing this incident ?
- v) *"Don't tell me of tomorrow
There is so much to do today,
That can never be accomplished,
If we throw the hours away."*
 - a) Name the poem and the poet.
 - b) According to the poet, what should we avoid doing with our time?
 - c) The poet believes that today's tasks are insignificant and can be delayed. ((**True / False**))

- d) What is the rhyming scheme of the poem ?
- vi) “The young man kept on wandering for many days. He was tired and hungry and wanted to take some rest. He spotted a strange palace.”
- Why was the young man wandering for many days ?
 - What did the young man decide to do after spotting the palace ?
 - Whom the palace belonged to ?
 - Find an antonym of the word ‘regular’ from the extract.

II) Answer the following questions in about 30 words each.

- Why did Daddy’s mind change frequently about his choice of profession ? (*How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be*)
- What was the final decision taken by Daddy about the profession ? (*How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be*)
- What was the white elephant’s thinking about the humans as compared to his mother’s ? (*The White Elephant*)
- Do you think the opinion of mother elephant was right about the humans ? Why ? (*The White Elephant*)
- "Streams full of stars, like skies at night". Similie is used as figure of speech in the given line. Explain. (*Leisure*)
- What does the poet suggest we miss out on if we are too busy with our work ? (*Leisure*)
- What were the two false notions that Gandhiji had ? (*My Experiments with the Truth*)
- Why did Gandhiji’s father cry after reading the confession letter written by his son ? (*My Experiments with the Truth*)
- According to the poet, what will happen if we will waste our time ? (*Today & Tomorrow*)
- When does repentance act like a ghost ? (*Today & Tomorrow*)
- Who decided to send the young man to fetch the ashes of a fish’s eye ? (*The Helpful Young Man*)
- Why do you think the young man accepted the princess’s challenge ? (*The Helpful Young Man*)

III) HOTS (Word Limit: 80-100)

- How did seeing different people, like the night watchman and the ice-cream seller, influence Daddy’s choice of career? What if he hadn’t met them? (*How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be*)
- Why do you think the white elephant was so special ? What does it show about the values of the character in the story ? (*The White Elephant*)
- What are some things the poet says we miss out on if we are always busy ? Why are these things important ? (*Leisure*)
- How did Gandhiji’s personal experience of always being honest help him as a leader ? (*My Experiments with the Truth*)
- What message does the poet convey about the importance of focusing on the present moment in the poem ‘Today and Tomorrow’ ?
- What qualities of the young man made him a good helper ? How did these qualities influence the outcome of the story ? (*The Helpful Young Man*)

IV) Life Skills & Values (Word Limit : 80-100)

- Why is it important to think carefully about what you want to be when you grow up ? (*How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be*)
- What does the story ‘The White Elephant’ teach us about being kind and generous to others ?
- What are some simple activities you can do to appreciate the beauty around you ? (*Leisure*)
- How can honesty help build trust in our relationships with family and friends ? (*My Experiments with the Truth*)
- How can planning our time effectively help us achieve our goals ? (*Today & Tomorrow*)
- Why is it important to offer assistance to those who need it, even if it’s a small act ? (*The Helpful Young Man*)