

BUDHA DAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PATIALA
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (20 September 2025)
ENGLISH
Class - VII (Set - A)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Section - A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10×1=10)

Trees are the best gift of nature. They make the environment beautiful and clean. No life is possible on Earth without trees as they, in the presence of sunlight, chlorophyll and water, absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and produce oxygen which helps to support all forms of life on earth.

Trees can be called our best friends as they provide resources to fulfil all our direct and indirect needs. They are valuable source of different kinds of commodities like wood, fuel, fodder, timber and herbal medicines. Trees also provide several kinds of raw materials useful for various industries. Trees are a blessing for humans in different ways. They are globally important because they play a significant role in maintaining the ecosystem of the Earth. They protect the soil from erosion by holding it tightly and maintain soil fertility. Soil erosion is the degradation of soil when its upper layer is displaced by wind, water or any other way. They also provide shade and shelter not just to humans but also to different animals and birds.

But today due to increase in population and human needs, deforestation has increased. This may lead to a number of environmental issues as well as our survival on Earth. We must plant more and more trees to ensure our survival on Earth. We should never forget that trees fill our lives with greenery, freshness and nourishment and now it is our turn to pay back to Mother Nature by planting more and more trees.

1. Trees are beautiful gift of nature because they _____
A. can be exploited by us. B. support disturbance of food chain.
C. can talk to us occasionally. D. make environment clean and beautiful.

2. Trees protect soil from erosion by _____
A. bringing rain. B. holding soil tightly.
C. washing waste from soil. D. preparing manure for soil.

3. Trees support and sustain industries by _____
A. providing food to the workers. B. preventing pollution near factories,
C. bringing rain and pleasing workers. D. providing necessary raw material.

4. We must plant more and more trees to _____

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5. Trees are globally important because they _____

6. Why trees are blessing for humans?

7. Why life is not possible on Earth without trees?

8. Why deforestation has increased today?

9. Write synonym of the word 'decline' from para 2.

10. Write antonym of the word 'decayed' from para 3.

Q2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10×1=10)

Did you meet God? This was a question Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian to travel into space, often faced from admirers at home after he returned to Earth in 1984. 'I would say, no, I hadn't met God,' he said. More than three decades later, fact and fiction blur easily with his modern-day fans when they meet Mr Sharma, 68.

'Now many young mothers introduce me to their kids and tell them, "This uncle has been to the Moon." But Mr Sharma can never forget the hysteria after he returned from space. He criss-crossed the country and lived in hotels and guest houses. He posed for pictures and gave speeches. Elderly women blessed him; fans tore his clothes and sought autographs. Politicians paraded him in their constituencies for votes; and authorities sent him on holiday to a national park in searing 45°C (113°F) temperatures.

'It was completely over the top. It left me irritated and tired. I had to keep a smile on my face all the time,' he recounts. Mr Sharma wears his achievements and fame lightly. He joined India's air force at 21 and began flying supersonic jet fighters. He had flown 21 missions in the 1971 war with Pakistan before his 23rd birthday. By 25, he was a test pilot. He travelled into space at 35, the first Indian and the 128th human to do so. 'I had pretty much done it all before I went into space. So when the opportunity came, I went along. It was that simple.'

1. What was his contribution in 1971 War?

- A) He had flown 21 missions
- B) He began flying supersonic jet
- C) He joined air force at 21 and became trained pilot
- D) All of the above

2. How do Mothers introduce him to their children?

- A) He was first Indian to travel into space
- B) He has been to the Moon
- C) He is a fighter pilot
- D) He has been to space

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3. How was he treated after he came back from the space?

A) He posed for pictures

B) He gave speeches and autographs

C) Authorities sent him on holiday

D) All of the above

4. He travelled into space at 45, the first Indian to do so. (True/False)

5. Politicians paraded him in their _____.

6. What can Mr. Rakesh Sharma can never forget?

7. Write any two achievements of Rakesh Sharma.

8. What left him irritated and tired?

9. Write synonym of the word 'annoyed' from para 3.

10. Write antonym of the word 'clear' from para 1.

Section – B (Writing)

Q3. You are Megha Gupta/ Mehul Gupta, the Head Girl/Head Boy of St Mary's School, Dehradun. Draft a notice, informing the students of classes VII to IX about a workshop on 'table manners and etiquettes' to be held in the school premises. Give all the necessary details in not more than 50 words. (4)

Q4. Write a descriptive paragraph about 'The most important person in your life' in not more than 120 words. (6)

OR

Write a descriptive paragraph about your Home Town. Describe famous places, food, historical significance etc in not more than 120 words.

Q5. Your cousin is a brilliant student but not keeping good health because he avoids homemade food and is very fond of eating outside. Write a letter telling him/her about eating healthy food and maintaining good health. You are Jasmine/ Jasjot of 120-B, Model Town, Mohali. (6)

OR

Write an application to the principal of your school requesting her to exempt you from participation in the school Annual function as you have to attend a family function. You are Jasjot/ Jasmine of Doon public School, Mohali.

Section – C (Grammar)

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. Edit it by replacing the incorrect word with the correct word. (½×8=4)

Helen Keller is aged two when an illness take away her sight and hearing. She also lose the ability to spoke, because all of us learns to speak by imitating what we hears. So, as a child she live in a dlark and silent world. At first, it seem impossible that she would even understood others.

e.g.	is	was
(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
(f)
(g)
(h)

Q7. Do as directed: (1×10=10)

- a. I am going to ___ school library to borrow ___ book. (suitable article)
- b. These five chairs ___ (cost) one thousand rupees. (correct verb form)
- c. Very few hotels are as ___ (expensive) as The Taj Hotel. (Adjective) (Degree of comparison)
- d. He has sold the house ___ he built last year. (relative pronoun)
- e. My son ___ (work) on a new project with his team. (present continuous)
- f. He ___ (complete) his assignment before everyone else even started. (past perfect)
- g. I have never seen such a beautiful sunset," She said. (change to indirect form)
- h. The writer's use of c ___ language makes his books very enjoyable. (Metaphor)
- i. We ___ (read) this chapter in the class. (Future continuous)
- j. health/ leads to/ rising early/ happiness /and (Rearrange the sentence)

Section – D (Literature)

Q8. Read the following Reference to the context and the following questions. (1×4=4)

*Or could a shooting just be,
A lonely star in search of a friend who'll be true?
So perhaps if I get a shooting star to notice me –
I'll soon be whizzing through the Milky Way too !*

- a. Name the poetic device used in the above lines. Write example also.
- b. What would speaker do, if she gets noticed by shooting star?
- c. Why is shooting star mentioned as 'Lonely star' in the above lines?
- d. Name the poem and the poet?

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Q9. Read the following reference to the context and answer the following questions. (1x4=4)

Kaldi and his wife thought that it was a gift from God. Days later, Kaldi took some of the fruit and leaves of the coffee plant to a nearby monastery. Kaldi told the whole story to the monks, and then left the monastery.

- Why Kaldi and his wife thought that it was a gift from God.
- Which fruit is mentioned in the above lines?
- What was the whole story told to the monks?
- Did monks believe in his story? *Why?*

Q10. Answer the following questions briefly. Do any four

(4x3=12)

- The wandering singers have no permanent homes and families. Do they show any sadness about it? Or Do they have a different notion of family and home?
- What did the villagers say one should do when chased by a bear?
- What did the student confess to his new friend?
- Is Grandma a good host? Justify your answer with examples.
- What did the bear do when he saw that narrator was not there?

Q11. Kaldi was a young Ethiopian Shepherd. He was thoughtful and good observant. He took the berries to nearby Monastery. Write few more lines about him. (5)

OR

Wandering singers are depicted as Nomadic Musicians who travel from place to place, sharing songs and stories of glories cities. They are guided by winds and have no fixed homes. Write more lines about wandering singers.

Q12. Grandparents help teach family culture, tradition and history. When grandparents share stories, it does more than just entertainment, it helps to connect with family. But some grandparents are abandoned by their children and they live in old age homes. Write your view points on importance of grandparents and how we should take care of them.

(5)

OR

Recently, a new girl named Sejal joined your class. She seemed to be a bit nervous. Your class teacher asked you to mentor her, show her school campus and offer her the help with anything she needed. Write a diary entry about your experience with her.

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