

ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

LA 8

SECOND TERM EXAMINATION - 2019

Sub: ENGLISH TEXT Class: VI F.M. 90

Duration: 2 Hours and 30 Mins.

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GROUP- A

1. Choose the correct answer for the following questions:

1x5=5

- a) What was the average height of the Lilliputs?
- iv. six inches
- b) What was the name of the capital city of the Lilliputs?
- i. Mildendo
- c) How many eggs did the conjurer extract?
- ii. seventeen
- d) Where did the conjurer put the Quick man's gold watch?

iii.mortar

- e) Who asked the Demon Driver to get off the road?
- i. traffic cops

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words:

1x6=6

- a. Once back on the highway, I soon joined the fray
- b. Two men both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room.
- c. The face of the Quick Man beamed.
- d. The curtains fell and the audience dispersed.
- e. Inside the country there was rivalry and great dissatisfaction.
- f. The Royal Palace was at the centre of the city.

3. Match the meanings of column A with column B:

1x8=8

ÇOLUMN A	COLUMN B
a. intrigue	iv. secret plot made to create trouble
b. proceed	viii. move forward
c. skimmed	vii. moved or passed swiftly
d. ally	vi. a friend
e. proclamation	i. a public announcement
f. liberty	v. freedom
g. transpired	ii. spread
h. hordes	iii. large group or crowd

4. State True or False:

1x6=6

- b. The great ancient prophet of the Lilliputs was Skyresh.

FALSE

c. Gulliver took four days to make the stools.

FALSE TRUE

d. The brow of the conjurer was clouded with a gathering frown. e. The window overlooked a park with a beautiful pond.

FALSE

f. The neighbor of the Demon Driver asked for three thousand rupees as a compensation.

TRUE

GROUP - B

5. Answer the following questions within <u>two to three</u> sentences: 2x5=10

a. What happened on the highway?

Once back on the highway, the demon driver joined the fray of hundreds of drivers who refused to give way for him to pass. He skimmed past a truck and revolved around a van, finally offering a lift to a man with a load. However as he pressed on the pedal, the car gave a shudder and the man quickly got off the car, praying that God would help the demon driver drive safely on the road.

b. What are the things that the conjurer asked the Quick Man to give?

The conjurer asked the Quick man to give his gold watch, handkerchief, silk hat, celluloid collar, and spectacles.

c. What isn't a problem anymore for the Demon Driver?

The demon driver's expired license wasn't a problem anymore because he had handed the traffic cops a fee in order to get his license renewed.

d. What does the tramp do in the poem?

In the poem the tramp stands and gazes at the railway carriage in wonder and amazement because when Stevenson wrote this poem, railways were a new phenomenon.

e. Why was Gulliver called "Man Mountain"?

Gulliver was called because all the time the people had only seen him lying. When he stood up they were filled with wonder at his great height.

6. Answer <u>any five</u> of the following questions briefly:

3x5=15

a. Why did Reldresal come to Gulliver one morning secretly?

Reldresal was a good friend who told Gulliver about the political problems of his country. Although the country looked so prosperous, there was internal trouble within it and there was external trouble in their foreign affairs.

b. What happened after the speaker drove through somebody's wall?

After the demon driver drove through somebody's wall, he saw his neighbor standing there. He quietly told the speaker that it would cost him three thousand rupees and asked him to send the cheque before he goes to bed.

c. What upset the conjurer deeply?

Whenever the conjurer performed a trick, the Quick man exclaimed that he had-it-up-his-sleeve and the audience agreed with him, which spoiled his tricks. By the end of the evening, the reputation of the conjurer was rapidly sinking below zero and it deeply upset the conjurer.

d. What is the moral of the story "The Window"?

The moral of the story is that there is tremendous joy in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared is doubled.

e. Why does the poet compare the railway carriages to troops in a battle?

The poet compares the railway carriages to troops in a battle because it was moving as swiftly and steadily as soldiers do when they are on a battlefield.

f. Why did many of the king's advisors suggest that Gulliver should be killed? Why was the suggestion rejected?

Many of the King's advisors suggested that Gulliver should be killed because feeding him was becoming too expensive and there might be a famine in the country. He should therefore be killed either by starvation or shot with poisoned arrows. The idea was rejected because they did not know what to do with his body.

g. Describe the capital city of the Lilliputs.

The city was built like a square with two main streets running across it, dividing it into four quarters. The houses were three to five stories and to Gulliver they just looked like dolls' houses. He could also see shops and markets just like any other city.

GROUP - C

7. Write the first 10 lines of the poem "The Demon Driver". (Refer to page 58 in the English Treasure)

10x1=10

5x6 = 30

8. Answer any six of the following questions in detail:

a.Describe the plan by which Gulliver could look inside the royal chambers of the King,

Queen and the Princess in the Royal Palace.

Gulliver went outside the city and cut down some of the tallest trees with which he made two strong stools, each about three foot high. It took three days to make them. He then carried them to the palace grounds. When he came to the outer buildings, he put one stool before another and stepping upon them reached the inner court. Lying down on his side, he brought his face on a level with the windows and looked into the royal chambers.

b. Write the summary of the poem "The Demon Driver".

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The Demon Driver by Ruskin Bond is a very short story about a man who drives his car recklessly. From the title itself, you can make out that the driver is a tormentor. He doesn't follow the traffic rules, instead of going by a roundabout; he prefers to go straight causing inconvenience to others present on the road. He speeds on the highway and bribes the traffic cops. Once he had advanced into an unseen ditch. He had offered a lift to a man with a load. However as he pressed on the pedal, the car gave a shudder and the man quickly got off the car, praying that God would help the demon driver drive safely on the road. Another time he drove through his neighbour's wall and had to pay him three thousand rupees. His new car was sent for repair. The next day the demon driver's friends gifted him a nice bullock-cart which would help him drive slowly and avoid causing accidents.

c. "He-had-it-up-his-sleeve."

1+2+2=5

i. Who said this and to whom?

The Quick man told this to the audience.

ii. What exactly was the trick?

The conjurer took an absolutely empty cloth and conjured from it a bowl of goldfish.

iii. What was the next trick that the conjurer performed?

The next trick that the conjurer performed was the famous Hindostanee rings. The rings were apparently separate but at a blow they all joined.

d.Describe the scene from the window. Why did the man describe the scene in detail

The window overlooked a park with a beautiful lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers held hands and walked. Grand old trees graced the landscape. The dying man took pleasure in describing a scene that did not exist, thus giving comfort and hope to a patient deprived of a view. He just wanted to encourage him.

e. "We are all going to help you make a fresh start."

2+2+1=5

2+3=5

i. Who does "we" refer to? Whom are they going to help?

We refers to the friends of the demon driver, whom they are going to help.

ii. What was the immediate cause of despair?

The immediate cause of despair was that he had driven through his neighbour's wall and his new car had been sent for repair.

iii. What "fresh start" is being referred to?

The next day the demon driver's friends gifted him a nice bullock-cart which would help him drive slowly and avoid causing accidents.

f. What was the cause of rivalry between the two main political parties?

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The cause of it all was high heels and low heels. The Tramecksan party followed the older high heels tradition. But the present Emperor had declared his preference for low heels, and insisted that all government officials should wear low heels. This was supported by the Slamecksan party.

g. What did the Lilliputs discover when they searched Gulliver's pockets? What did they think of the comb and the watch?

3+2+5

When the Lilliputs searched Gulliver's pockets they found simple things like a comb, a razor, a pen-knife and a watch. They comb looked dangerous to them because the teeth of the comb was like large poles. The sound of the watch ticking filled them with amazement and when they found Gulliver often consulted it, they thought it maybe some God to whom he repeatedly went for advice.

h. What were the Big-Endians and Little-Endians fighting for? Where did the Big-Endians run away? 4+1=5

In the history of the Liliputs, the custom had been that eggs were always broken at the big end. But the present Emperor's grandfather had accidentally cut his finger while breaking the egg. His father immediately passed a law that everyone must break the egg at the littke end. The people greatly resented the new law. One side known as the Big-Endians believed in the old custom while the Little-Endians followed the new law.

The big-Endians ran away to the enemy country of Blefuscu.