

City International School

First Summative Assessment 2015 - 2016

Date : 29/09/2015

Std : VII

Subject : English Language

Marks : 60

Time : 2 hrs

Q. 1 Write an essay on any one of the following topic given below. (20)
(Do not spend more than 25 minutes on this question)

- a. Influence of internet on children.
- b. Imagine yourself to be a book and write an essay about our life as a book.
- c. A dream I can't forget.
- d. Pollution: A threat to life.

Q. 2 Write a letter on any one of the following topic given below. (10)
(Do not spend more than 15 minutes on this question)

- a. Write a letter to your friend advising him / her to celebrate Diwali without the use of harmful crackers.
- b. Write a letter to the health officer complaining against the poor sanitary conditions of the street you live in.

Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in your own words.

Bhagat Singh, the great revolutionary and martyr, was only 23 when in 1931 he was hanged in the Lahore jail for having thrown a bomb in the Legislative Assembly Hall in Delhi on April 8, 1929. This was the culmination of a life devoted to the great task of first making India free from the British rule and then building India into a strong nation. Bhagat Singh dreamt of an India where there would be respect for every religion and where all Indians would get the basic necessities of life.

Bhagat Singh was born in 1907 in a well – to – do Sikh family of Punjab full of love for the country. As a child, his ideal was his uncle Ajit Singh, who was a great freedom fighter.

Two incidents played a major role in shaping Bhagat Singh's life. In Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar, a peaceful gathering of unarmed people was subjected to indiscriminate firing at the orders of General Dyer. Bhagat Singh ran away from school to visit the site. He was greatly moved by the bullet marks in the walls of the Jallianwala Bagh. He brought back with him some blood – soaked mud in a little bottle to remind him of British cruelty.

The second incident was Lala Lajpat Rai's death in 1928. Lala Lajpat Rai was also Bhagat Singh's ideal. He was leading a protest march when he was beaten up with

lathis, and he died soon after. Bhagat Singh felt highly agitated and he wanted to raise a strong protest. Bhagat Singh thought of throwing a bomb in the Assembly Hall as a means of protest. The idea of so many Englishmen getting killed delighted his friend Chandra Shekhar Azad. But Bhagat Singh said that he did not want to kill anybody, he only wanted to make the British rulers hear. Bhagat Singh and his friends did not try to run away after throwing the bomb. They were arrested and put to trial. In a statement that Bhagat Singh made during his trial, he said, “The bomb was necessary to awaken England from her dreams. Our sole purpose was to make the deaf hear, and give a timely warning...”

a. Give meanings for each word as used in the passage. (3)

- i. culmination ii. agitated iii. protest

b. Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- i. Why was Bhagat Singh referred to as a martyr? (2)
- ii. Why did Bhagat Singh bring blood soaked mud from the Jallianwala Bagh? (1)
- iii. For what cause was Bhagat Singh’s life devoted to? (2)
- iv. After which two incidents did Bhagat Singh wanted to protest against the British? (2)
- v. Why was Bhagat Singh moved by the Jallianwala Bagh incident? (2)
- vi. What message did Bhagat Singh want to convey to the British through the statement made by him during his trial? (2)
- vii. Give a suitable title to the passage given above. (1)

Q. 4 Grammar.

a. Add appropriate question tags to the following statements. (2)

- i. Mukul drives smoothly.
- ii. He learnt painting in France.
- iii. I don’t owe you any money.
- iv. Let us sit in the Sun.

b. Pick out the subordinate clause and state their types. (3)

- i. Your skin cannot remain healthy unless you take a regular bath.
- ii. You have taught me a lesson which I shall never forget.
- iii. I assure you that everyone will get justice.

c. Identify the adjectives in the following sentences and say what kind they are. (2)

- i. Poets have highly imaginative minds.
- ii. I am going to eat those apples.

d. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition. (3)

- i. The flags waved _____ our heads.
- ii. The traveller was resting _____ a tree.
- iii. The hare hid _____ the bushes.
- iv. She quietly walked _____ the room.
- v. Have you decided _____ the dress you are going to wear this evening?
- vi. _____ giving me books, she gave me her notes.

e. Do as directed. (5)

- i. Lala Lajpat Rai was a man with nerves of steel.
(Pick out the phrase and state its kind.)
- ii. How noble of him to build this old age home!
(Turn into an assertive sentence.)
- iii. No other girl in the class is as intelligent as Radha.
(Begin with: Radha)
- iv. The nurse gave some pills to the sick lady.
(Pick out the verb and state whether it is transitive or intransitive.)
- v. I studied for more than two hours without a break.
(Turn into Present Perfect Continuous tense)