



# St. Paul's School, Darjeeling

Session 2023-24

Class VII

## ENGLISH

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The paper is divided into three sections.

Section A is Comprehension, Section B is Grammar and Section C is Creative Writing.

The intention is to test the candidate's comprehending ability; grasp of grammar and creative skills which are a pre-requisite for admission into Standard VII.

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**Time: 1 hour**

**Full Marks: 50**

### SECTION A

#### COMPREHENSION

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

It was on top of this very mountain that Itao, the **escaped** slave-boy, had built his home, all by himself three years before this story began. He built his wooden hut on the same pattern as the straw huts on the plain below.

The wooden hut had become a real hunters' **camp** now. It was small and Itao was the master of it.

In the middle of the hut there was a huge tree. On one side of it, marks had been cut in the trunk, one for each season, dry and wet, which had passed since Itao came. On the other side were marks to show the height of the **various** members of the band: Adja, Ajmel, Irit – Irit was exactly the same a Boo.

At the foot of the tree was the fire-place with its two blackened stones, its various mud cooking-pots and a **heap** of ashes.

The children were now at dinner, all sitting cross-legged on the mat round a bowlful of rice and a piece of roasted meat. They dipped the rice in some oil and green pepper before they ate it. After their meal there would be a little honey- the honey that Boo and Irit had stolen from the bees.

'Where did you find this honey?' asked Itao, with his mouth full.

'Below the stream. Past the cave.'

'You went as far as that?'

'It was Boo.....'

'Go on. Next you'll be going right down to the **valley** and saying that Boo made you go. You know I have forbidden you to go there.'

**Q.1. Match the following words, as taken from the passage, on the left with its meaning on the right.**

**[5x1=5]**

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| (a) escaped | - | a large amount of something lying in a pile |
| (b) camp    | - | a low area enclosed by hills                |
| (c) various | - | got free of                                 |
| (d) heap    | - | more than one                               |
| (e) valley  | - | temporary overnight stay                    |

**Q.2. Answer the following questions taken from the passage above. [5x2=10]**

- (a) Who first built the home on the mountain top and when did he build it?
- (b) What is the 'trunk' referred to in paragraph three? What was it used for?
- (c) Why do you think the two stones at the side of the fire place were blackened?
- (d) What did the children eat at dinner?
- (e) Who was Itao angry with for stealing the honey? Why was he angry with this person?

### SECTION B

#### GRAMMAR

**Q.3. Fill in the blanks with the correct word given in the box below. [10 x ½ =5]**

through , to , on , off, out , at , with , in , without , beside
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- (a) We write \_\_\_\_\_ a pen \_\_\_\_\_ paper.
- (b) He was born \_\_\_\_\_ Raipur \_\_\_\_\_ the market place.
- (c) When you arrive at the Town Hall, get \_\_\_\_\_ the bus and go \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
- (d) She never goes \_\_\_\_\_ in the rain \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella.
- (e) Please come and sit \_\_\_\_\_ me. I want to talk \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Q.4. Fill in the blanks with the tense of the verbs stated in the brackets. [5x1=5]**

**Example:** The boys of St. Paul's are taught to be well disciplined.  
(simple past tense ...**teach**)

- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ a cold. ( simple present tense ..... **has**)
- (b) Rajesh \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella from the market. ( simple past tense ..... **buy**)
- (c) As I \_\_\_\_\_ along the street, I saw an accident. (past continuous tense..... **walk**)
- (d) Rintu and Rimpu \_\_\_\_\_ football.( present continuous tense..... **play**)
- (e) They \_\_\_\_\_ to town tomorrow. ( future tense ..... **go**)

**Q.5. Complete the following sentences by adding adverbs. The meaning is given in brackets. [5x1=5]**

**Example:** The man who had been attacked fought back savagely. (like a savage)

- (a) The stranger opened the door \_\_\_\_\_. ( without making any noise)
- (b) Some of the students did their work \_\_\_\_\_. ( without taking care)
- (c) The motor car \_\_\_\_\_ turned to the right. ( without any warning)
- (d) The Headmaster stopped joking and began to speak \_\_\_\_\_. (in a serious manner)
- (e) He \_\_\_\_\_ leaves his bicycle there. (every time)

### SECTION C

#### CREATIVE WRITING

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**Q.6. In not more than 200 words write an essay on any ONE of the topics given below:**

- (a) Write a short story titled '**My Clever Plan**'. You may write about an incident which required you to solve a problem or you may write about any other story.

OR

- (b) Write about the person you like the most. You may base your writing on the qualities of the person that influences you.

OR

- (c) Imagine that you are at a shopping mall in your city, town or village in which you live. Describe what you can see as you look around. Use the present tenses.

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