

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU
SESSION: 2024-25
ASSIGNMENT-I

CLASS: VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

M.M: 10

Instructions:

Read the questions carefully.

Attempt all questions.

Section A(Reading)- 5 marks

Section B(Grammar & Creative Writing Skills)- 10 marks

Section C(Literature)- 10 marks

SECTION- A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

(4 marks)

Nepal lies between India and Tibet, among the Himalayan Mountains. The tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal, and there are several mountains nearly as high. When mountaineers try to climb Mount Everest, they take the help of the Sherpas, the strong and hardy people who live in these mountains, to carry heavy loads and act as guides.

A long time ago, the Sherpas crossed over the mountains from Tibet and made their homes along the southern slopes of the Himalayas in Nepal.

Some Sherpa families have three houses, one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and one further up. The houses are in small village groups of about forty or fifty. Round each group of houses, there are cultivated fields, usually built in the shape of terraces right up the hillsides. In the highest fields, the Sherpas grow potatoes; In the lower fields, they grow barley; and turnips, garlic and other vegetables in the lower ones. They also graze their yaks on the higher mountain slopes in the summer and on the lower slopes in the winter. Yaks are very hardy, large cattle with thick, hairy blackish-brown coats and long horns. The Sherpas use them for almost everything they need. They ride them, plough with them, and use them to carry their goods. The hairy wool of these animals is made into cloth, and their skins into leather boots and tents. The yaks also provide milk, fat and meat. Their dung is dried and used as fuel instead of wood or coal.

1. Sherpas are not known for?

(1mark)

- (a) their strength and hardness (b) for cunningness
(c) their carrying heavy loads (d) acting as guides.

2. The synonym of the word 'feed' given in the passage is-

(1mark)

- (a) leather (b) houses
(c) graze (d) none of these

3. State True or False:

(1 mark)

Sherpa families have three houses: one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and another a little higher up. _____

4. What are the things for which yaks are used?

(1 mark)

SECTION-B (GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

Q2. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences.

(0.5x4=2marks)

1. during/ the /concert/ the/ talented/ musician/ played/a/ mesmerizing/ melody/on/ the/ piano
2. feed/twice/i/a/her/day
3. quite/yet/she/naughty/is/adorable
4. my/is/partner/she/crime/in

LITERATURE

Q3: Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

(1x2=2 marks)

- a) Do you think the soldiers of the two armies are like each other, or different from each other? Find evidence from the story to support your answer.
- b) The ant tells the cricket to “dance the winter away.” Do you think the word ‘dance’ is appropriate here? If so, why?

Q4: Answer the following questions in about 50 to 60 words.

(2 marks)

- a) What is Connie’s Christmas present? Why is it “the best Christmas present in the world”?
- OR
- b) What is your opinion of the ant’s principles?