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**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, BENGALURU**

**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2023-24)**

**SUBJECT – English**

**Class: VI Marks: 80**

**Duration: 2½ hrs**

**Date:09/10/2023 Reading Time: 15 mins**

**Number of printed sides: 06 Writing Time: 2½ hrs**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This paper consists of three sections.

Section A Reading - 20 marks

Section B Writing & Grammar - 20 marks

Section C Literature - 40 marks

2. Attempt all questions adhering to the word limit.

**SECTION – A (READING)**

**I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (1x10=10)**

1. When I was in my second grade, my parents insisted that I take up swimming during the summer. However, I was afraid of water. It was nice to see other people dive or swim, but not myself. I liked to watch by the poolside. Despite my resistance, I was taken for my first swimming lesson on a Sunday.

2. As we entered the pool premises, I remember hiding behind my mother while she talked to the instructor. Fortunately, my instructor understood my fears and was patient with me. He helped me into the wading pool. The water, which reached a level of no more than 2 feet was warm and comfortable. That was a big relief for me and it made me less fearful.

3. My session at the wading pool entailed walking on hands along the pool bottom and kicking my legs as I moved. Next, I was taken to the medium pool to learn how to float. The water was shallow, coming up to my waist. I learnt different ways of staying afloat. At first, I lay on my back, arms and legs stretched in star shape, with my instructor holding me up. Very soon, I got my balance and could float with my body totally relaxed. Next, I lay with my face down in the water, with arms and legs outstretched. I tried to float a number of times. That was rather easy and I enjoyed it.

4. I gained a lot of confidence and was interested in swimming now. In subsequent lessons, I learnt new techniques. It has been more than four years now since I took up swimming. Today, I take part in swimming competitions and have won several prizes.

i)The narrator did not take up swimming because he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

1. liked to dive in the water b) was free only on Sundays
2. scared of water c) was too young to take up swimming

ii) The meaning of **wading pool** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) shallow baby pool b) deep pool

c) dangerous pool d) wavy pool

iii) The water in the wading pool was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) more than 2 feet b) not more than 2 feet

c) more than 4 feet d) not more than 6 feet

iv) *‘The narrator was not afraid of water and loved to dive or swim.’*

The above sentence is –

1. true b) false

v). Based on your understanding, choose the **word/phrase** that is closest in meaning to the one

given in the passage: (3 marks)

1. **insisted-**

(i) disobedient (iii) swore

(ii) stand firm (iv) habit

**b**) **resistance**

(i) refusal to go along with (iii) struggle

(ii) challenge (iv) coolness

**c) subsequent**

i) preceding iii) much early

ii) following iv) much later

vi) What was the first thing the swimming instructor did to put the narrator at ease?

vii) What did the narrator learn in the medium pool ?

viii) **Complete the sentence.**

Very soon, I got my balance and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Read the passage and answer the questions. (1x10=10)**

1. The dog family is one of the eleven families that make up the carnivores, a large group of wise, flesh-eating, backboned animals. In this group are such varied animals as bears, pandas, raccoons, cats, hyenas, and even seal. The dog or canine family has many wild species like wolves, foxes, jackals, and wild dogs.
2. The dog is the only domesticated member of the canine family. All members of the dog family are descendants of a wolf-like animal lived about 15 million years ago. From this distant ancestor, the true dogs gradually developed. But nobody knows the exact ancestor of the modern domestic dog.
3. Several wild dogs look and behave like domestic dogs. The dingo or wild dog of Australia is one of these. It is possible that the dingo was a tamed dog brought to Australia long ago which then ran wild.
4. Dogs were the first animals tamed by humans in Europe - perhaps 25,000 years ago. Dogs were first used for hunting. Highly intelligent, dogs have the capability of expressing their joy and happiness by wagging their tails. Dogs’ sense of smell and hearing can be pretty amazing ! They tilt their head to locate the source of sound. They are rightly called as the most loyal and faithful friend of a man.

i. How do dogs express their happiness?

1. By howling in the night b) By wagging their tails

c) By barking at strangers d) By eating their food

ii. Name a wild dog of Australia that looks and behaves like a domestic dog.

1. Raccoon b) German Shepherd

c) Dingo d) Panda

iii. Who first tamed the dogs ?

1. Australia b) India

c) Europe d) America

iv. Dogs were initially used for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Running b) hunting

c) carrying loads d) guarding

v. Why do dogs tilt their head ?

1. To smell for food b) To see things clearly

c) To locate the source of sound d) To catch cats

vi. Find the antonyms of these words from the above passage . **(½ x4= 2** )

(i) **ancestor** x \_\_\_\_\_\_ (ii) **wild** x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(iii) **near**  x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (iv) **ancien**t x \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

vii. According to the passage in para (4) the word ‘loyal’ means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. friendly b) sometimes becomes carnivores

c) most grateful d) attacks strangers

viii. .‘Dogs don’t belong to the carnivore family’. This sentence is -

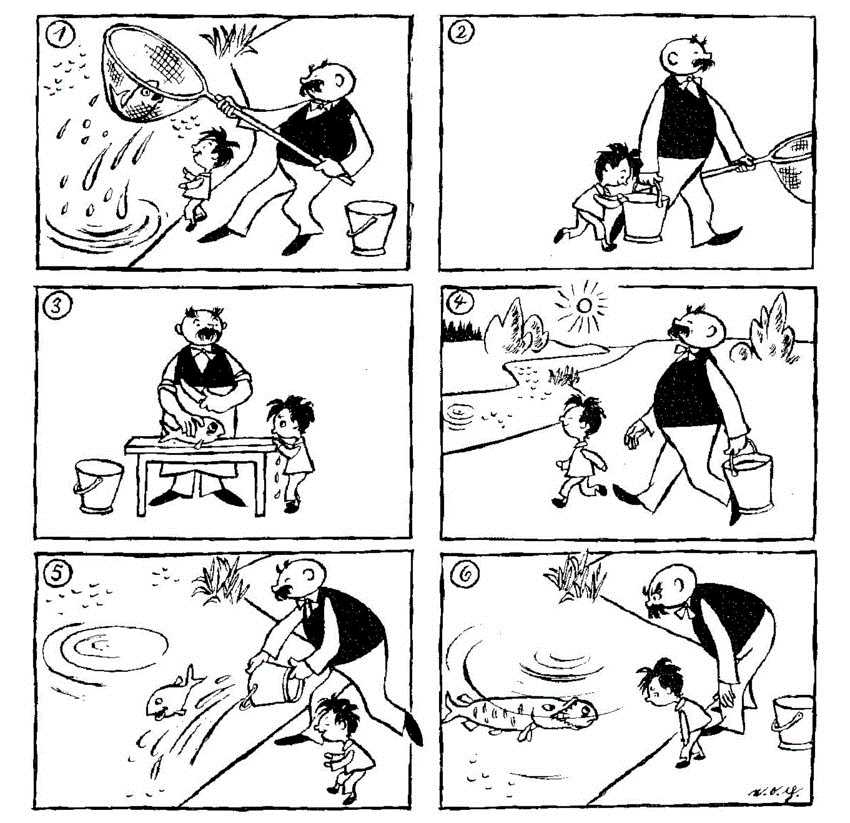
1. Correct b) Incorrect

ix. Find the synonym of the word **‘clever’** from para 4.

**SECTION – B (Writing & Grammar)**

**III. Look at the pictures given and write a story in your own words. Give a suitable title**

**to the story. (5marks)**



**IV. Write down a biographical sketch of Lionel Messi with the help of the given notes**

**Full name:**Lionel Andrés Messi

**Born:**24 June 1987 , Argentina

**Jersey number - #10 (Argentina)**

**Achievements**- 1995 Joined the Youth team of Newell’s Old Boys

2000 Began playing for [FC Barcelona](https://www.britannica.com/topic/FC-Barcelona)’s under-14 team

2004–05 Became the youngest official player and goal scorer

in the Spanish La Liga (the country’s highest division of football)

2008 Olympic gold medal winner

2009- 2019 Won the Ballon D'Or, the annual award given to the

best player in the world, 7 times

2022 FIFA World Cup winner

2023 Best FIFA men’s player award

**V.** **Do as directed for the following :- 10 Marks**

1. **Complete the following passage with the correct form of verb given in the brackets.**

**One has been done as an example (1 x 4 = 4)**

Sujata **eg. asked (ask)** me how long I **(a) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait)**for the tickets yesterday. I **(b)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(tell)**her that Mala and I **(c)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stand)**in line for three hours. The film **(d)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_(be)** worth watching because it had a great deal of information.

**2. Choose the correct option for the following paragraph. One has been done as an example. (1x3=3)**

Last Sunday, I went eg. **to** the railway station. There was a large crowd **(a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

passengers. People stood **(b) \_\_\_\_\_** a long queue **(c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the booking window.

a) (i) of ii) with iii) by iv) in

b) (i) by ii) with iii) in iv) on

c) (i) for ii) with iii) in iv) at

**3. Complete the passage with the correct form of adjectives given below. (½ x 6= 3)**

I live in a family of five people. My father is the **(a)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(elder).** I have a sister who is **(b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(old)** than me. My sister is the**(c) \_\_\_\_(pretty)\_**in the family and my brother is the **(d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(handsome).** On my birthday I get the **(e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(big)** and the **(f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (delicious) cake.

**SECTION C- LITERATURE**

**VI.** **Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow.**

***“Too boring," he said. His teachers told him, “Do your homework or you won't learn a thing." And it's true, sometimes he did feel like an ignoramus.* (1x4=4)**

a)Who never did his home work?

i) the elf ii) teacher iii) Patrick iv) Patrick’s friend

b) What did he do instead ?

i) he played hockey, basketball and Nintendo instead. iii) he used to sleep instead.

ii) he used to practise dance instead. iv) he used to fight instead.

c) Give the meaning of “**ignoramus**”.

i) a person who ignores his health iii) a person who always studies.

ii) a person who lacks education iv) a person who knows everything.

d)The writer of this lesson is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

i) Lorraine.M .Halli ii) Harry Behn

iii) Carol Moore iv) Ruskin Bond

2) “**I quarrelled with my brother (1 x 4 = 4)**

**I don't know what about,**

**One thing led to another**

**And somehow we fell out.**

**The start of it was slight,**

**The end of it was strong,**

**He said he was right**

**I knew he was wrong!”**

1. **With whom did the poet quarrel?**

i) brother ii) sister iii) friend iv) parent

**b) The line ‘*one thing led to another*’ here means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

i) They went on arguing.

ii) They stopped the fight after one thing happened.

iii) One thing that happened was petty.

iv) They liked each other after one thing.

**c) The poet of this poem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

i) William Wordsworth ii) Peter Dixon

ii) Eleanor Farjeon iv) Mary O’Neill

**d) Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the above lines.**

**VII**. **Answer the following in 20-30 words . (2 x 5 = 10)**

1. ‘The farmer’s wife took a hasty decision.’ What was the result of this action with reference to the lesson “The Friendly Mongoose”?
2. Differentiate between a house and a home on the basis of the poem.
3. ‘The king was happy and rewarded Taro.’

Explain the above statement by giving suitable reasons.

1. Why did the carefree dog feel the need of having a master?
2. What happens when the kite gets trapped in the tree?

VIII. **Answer the following in 50 – 60 words . (3 x 4= 12)**

1. Why was Taro awarded with sake while others did not get it ?
2. Who granted a wish to Patrick? In what subjects did he need help to do his homework?
3. Write the character sketch of the bird which was with the gang of robbers.
4. Why were the siblings quarrelling? What is the message given by the poet to young readers?

IX. **Answer in detail in 80 – 100 words. (5 x 2 = 10)**

1. Imagine you are the shepherd who was poor and uneducated. Write a

diary entry expressing your opinion when you were rewarded twice by the king,

in 60 to 80 words.

2) Dog finally chose man as his master. Mention the names of the other masters he served

before choosing man. Why was he not satisfied with all of them? Give reasons.

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