

10th CBSE English Mock Test

Time Allowed: 2 Hrs.

M.M: 55

Section- A (12 Marks)

1. Read the Comprehension and answer the questions lucidly

Douglas still remembers that horrific episode that wrecked his life and existence. Fear gripped his mind, sabotaged his peace and ruined his childhood. Icy horror followed him wherever he went after that tragic misadventure. Yes, hydrophobia took the better of him. (1)

He remembered how he peacefully sat at the side of the pool and how a big bruiser boy came and casually tossed him in the deep end of the pool oblivious of the fact that that act of his could ruin someone’s whole life. When tossed in the deep end of the pool, Douglas felt a fear that knows no understanding, fear that knows no control and fear that can be understood only by the one who may have experienced it. (2)

Fear shook him like a charge of electricity. He almost encountered death. But in that moment he realised that death was peaceful. So what needed to be conquered wasn’t death but the fear of it. After that episode, he went weak on his knees, puked for days at a stretch and couldn’t sleep in peace. (3)

He later realised that cowards die many a times before death but the valiant experience death but once. So he decided to face his fear head on. He hired a trainer or I must say a trailblazer who came and changed his life forever. He understood the intensity of his fear, showed infinite patience with him and built an impeccable swimmer out of him day after day, week after week and hour after hour. (4)

He never gave upon him. He made him believe in himself once again and strengthened him to an extent of him diving in the deepest depths of water dauntlessly. Now Douglas swam in the roughest of weather, lakes, oceans and challenge his terror like a brave heart. (5)

1. Find out words from the passage that mean the same
 - (a) flawless (passage 4)
 - (b) to construct (passage 4)
 - (c) to throw with a great force (passage 2)

2. Find out the antonyms of the following
 - (A) to forget - (passage 2)
 - (B) smooth - (passage 5)
 - (C) coward - (passage 4)

3. Give the meaning of the following words
- (a) sabotage (passage 1)
 - (b) trailblazer (passage 4)
 - (c) What happened to Douglas when he sat at the edge of the pool? (2)
 - (d) What lesson does Douglas learn from the entire episode? (1)
 - (e) What qualities of the trainer made him a trailblazer? (1)

Section - B (23 Marks)

2. You are Kiara/ Manan and you are ardent to take admission in the venerated institution ‘ Excellence International School’ to pursue your MBA. Write a letter to enquire about all the necessary details. (10)
3. One word has been omitted from each line. Find out the missing word and also write a word before and after it. (6)
- (a) Jesse Owens, American African athlete was angry while
 - (b) going for Olympics in Berlin. No he scared but deeply angry
 - (c) at what Hitler spread in all these years - the theory
 - (d) that Aryan’s were superior. Jesse for himself had already world record in his country
 - (e) while he was in his Sophomore. Also he was Confident he had trained
 - (f) rigorously for six years reach here. As he reached there he
 - (g) saw young German ‘Luz Long’ breaking his world record in the trials itself who had been kept under the wraps by Hitler.
 - (h) Jesse was clearly heartbroken. Not because he was jealous because his victory would prove Hitler’s theory right.
 - (i) It is rightly said” An angry athlete make a lot of mistakes”, that is exactly what happened.
 - (j) It that Jesse who was the world champion would be chuckled out of the trials.
 - (k) However, something happened. Luz walked Jesse and patted his back amiably.
 - (l) He soothed him and corrected his so much so that soon after that Jesse qualified for the trials in a flash.
4. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb given in the bracket (4)

Long Long ago, there _____(live) a beautiful yet lonely princess whose life _____(fill) with melancholy. _____(Sit) under the tree, she often pondered what _____(happen) to her parents when she was a child. No one ever _____(tell) her. All she _____(hear) were stories - stories with different interpretations. She often _____(remember) her childhood and also how she _____(struggle) alone after they _____(leave).

5. Change to Reported Speech
- (a) Priya said to Shaurya, “Did I forgive you so soon?”
 - (b) Tara said to Ayush, “ I shall bear all your expenses for this trip.”
 - (c) Jayesh said to Ishita, “Please help me.”

Section - C (Literature) (20 marks)

6. Answer the questions lucidly (2*5=10)
- (a) What happened to Lencho suddenly amidst the happiness?
 - (b) What is the prime theme of 'Dust of Snow'?
 - (c) What stunned everyone while Nelson Mandela was delivering his speech? What did they see?
 - (d) What kind of a person was Ausable ? Authenticate
 - (e) What was different between Amanda and Rapunzel?
7. Imagine that you are Fowler and after having been through everything - you deliver a speech in your company explaining what really happened. Explain all your emotions and what you went through lucidly. (5)
8. You are the pilot who went home finally. At the breakfast table - you have a hearty conversation with your wife and children. Draft a detailed conversation explaining everything that happened with you and also enunciating their responses. (5)