

SECTION B

LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR - 12 Marks

Question 1

[1X4]

Direction: *For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.*

i. He is still sleeping,

- A is he not?
- B is it not?
- C isn't he?
- D is he?

ii. My brother and sister _____ playing online games yesterday.

- A is
- B are
- C was
- D were

"I told him to come to my place for dinner."

iii. The underlined word in the above sentence is a _____ pronoun.

- A possessive
- B subjective
- C objective
- D relative

"The dog chased the ball."

iv. Which one of the following sentences is the passive form of the sentence given above?

- A The ball is chased by the dog.
- B The ball was chased by the dog.
- C The ball has been chased by the dog.
- D The ball had been chased by the dog.

Question 2

Direction: Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets.

[1X4]

i. her brother is older then her sister. (*Rewrite the sentence correctly*)

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ii. Sonam said, "I live in Thimphu." (*Change the sentence into indirect speech*)

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ii. They arent ready yet, are they. (*Rewrite the sentence correctly*)

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iv. The teacher adviced the students to mark the activities on the calandar. (*Rewrite the sentence correctly*)

Question 3

Direction: Rearrange the words to form correct sentences and write them neatly in the spaces provided.

[1X4]

i. beautiful – Is – car – this – yours?

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ii. story – Your – is – interesting – more – hers – than

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iii. office – Her – in – mother – is – the – working

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iv. library – will – be – We – to – going – the

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SECTION C
READING AND LITERATURE
SHORT STORY - 11 Marks

Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions based on the story ‘Liam McLafferty’s Choice’ by Alexis O’Neill.

Question 1

Direction: : For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the [1X3] corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.

- i. “Come, now Liam. No choice is a choice, too.”

Who is the speaker of the line given above?

- A fairy queen
- B villager
- C mother
- D father

- ii. Which of the following did Liam choose when he was given a reward by the fairy queen?

- A gold
- B friends
- C a beautiful wife
- D knowledge and wisdom

- iii. Liam’s father did not trust him because he

- A was lazy.
- B was weak.
- C was careless.
- D made bad choices.

Question 2

Direction: Read the questions carefully and write the answers neatly in the spaces provided.

- i. What is the central theme of the story?

[1]

- ii. After reading this story, do you think it would help you in making good decisions? [1]
Give **ONE** reason.

- iii. Which part of the story did you enjoy the most? Give **TWO** reasons to support your answer. [2]

Question 3

Direction: *From the THREE questions given below, choose TWO and write the answers neatly in the spaces provided.*

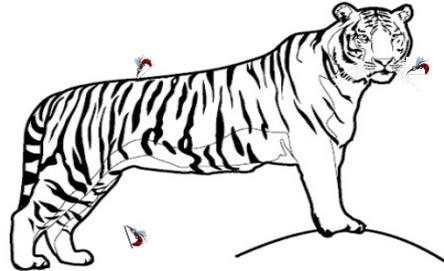
- i. If you were Liam and was given a chance to choose a mobile phone or a book, which one will you choose? Write **TWO** reasons to support your answer. [2]

- ii. When and how did Liam prove that he was a good decision maker? Explain in **ONE** [2]
line.

- iii. When it comes to making decisions, how is Liam McLafferty being considered by [2]
his parents? Explain with an example from the story.

SECTION C
ESSAY - 11 Marks

Direction: *Read the essay given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.*



When we are young, we learn that tigers and sharks are dangerous animals. We might be scared of them because they are big and powerful. As we get older, however, we learn that sometimes the most dangerous animals are also the smallest animals. In fact, the animal that kills the most people every year is one that you have probably killed yourself many times: the mosquito.

While it may seem that all mosquitoes are biters, this is not actually the case. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar. On the other hand, female mosquitoes feed on animal blood. They need this blood to live and produce eggs. When a female mosquito bites a human being, it transmits a small amount of saliva into the blood. *This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease.* The result of the bite can be as minor as an itchy bump or as serious as death.

Since a mosquito can bite many people during its life, it can carry diseases from one person to another very easily. Two of the deadliest diseases carried by mosquitoes are malaria and yellow fever. More than 700 million people become sick from these diseases every year. At least 2 million of these people will die from these diseases.

Many scientists are working on safer and better ways to kill mosquitoes, but so far, there is no sure way to protect everyone in the world from their deadly bites. Mosquito nets can be placed over beds to protect people against being bitten. These nets help people stay safe at night, but they do not kill any mosquitoes. Mosquitoes have many natural enemies like bats, birds, dragonflies, and certain kinds of fish. Bringing more of these animals into places where mosquitoes live might help to cut down the number of mosquitoes in that area. This is a natural solution, but it does not always work very well. Mosquitoes can also be killed with poisons or sprays. Even though these sprays kill mosquitoes, they may also harm other plants or animals.

Although mosquitoes may not seem **scary** and powerful, yet they are far more dangerous to human beings. But things are changing. It is likely that one day scientists will find a way to keep everyone safe from mosquitoes and the diseases they carry.

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Question 1

Direction: For each question, there are **FOUR** responses: **A, B, C and D**. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and **CIRCLE** it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter. [1X3]

- i. When the author says, “*This saliva may or may not contain deadly disease*”, he or she means to say that the mosquito bites can
- A make you sick.
 - B always kill you.
 - C sometimes kill you.
 - D help you recover from other sickness.

“*Although mosquitoes may not seem scary and powerful...*”

- ii. What does the word ‘scary’ mean in the above line?
- A disappointing
 - B frightening
 - C frustrating
 - D irritating
- iii. According to the essay, how many people fall sick due to malaria and yellow fever every year?
- A 2 million
 - B 70 million
 - C 700 million
 - D 7000 million

Question 2

Direction: Read the questions carefully and write the answers neatly in the spaces provided.

- i. Which paragraph tells us that the dangerous animals are not always huge and [1] powerful?

- ii. According to the essay, mosquitoes are one of the most dangerous creatures in the world. Why? Give **TWO** reasons. [2]

- iii. What message do you get from this essay? Mention any **ONE**. [1]

Question 3

Direction: *From the THREE questions given below, choose TWO and write the answers in the spaces provided.*

- i. What title would you suggest for this essay? Write **ONE** reason to support your answer. [2]

- ii. If you go for a campaign in your community to create awareness about malaria, what other additional information would you provide? Mention any **TWO**. [2]

- iii. The writer feels that the natural way of minimizing the number of mosquitoes does not always work well. Do you agree? Give **TWO** reasons. [2]

SECTION C
POETRY - 8 Marks

Direction: *Read the poem given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

Message from Nature

By Kshma Lal

The mountains tell me, hold your head high.
Whatever be the problem, look it in the eye.

The rivers tell me, don't look behind.
March on ahead, till your goal you find.

The sea tells me, have depth of character.
The waves call out, don't forget your laughter!

The trees tell me, do good to one and all.
Let go of the past, like I let my leaves fall.

The sun tells me, you must go on shining.
In every dark cloud, be the silver lining.

Have a look at nature, and you will see,
There's so much to learn, just like me!

Question 1

Direction: *For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.* [1X2]

i. How many stanzas are there in the poem?

- A Three
- B Four
- C Five
- D Six

“The mountains tell me, hold your head high.”

ii. The above line is an example of personification because it

- A gives the mountains the ability to speak.
- B imitates the sound of the mountains.
- C compares the mountain to the head.
- D expresses the wish of a person.

Question 2

Direction: *Read the questions carefully and write the answers in the spaces provided.*

- i. What personal connections can you make to the message conveyed through the poem? [2]

*“The trees tell me, do good to one and all.
Let go of the past, like I let my leaves fall.”*

[1]

- ii. What do you understand from the lines given above?

Question 3

Direction: *From the TWO questions given below, choose any ONE and write the answer in the space provided.*

- i. Mention **THREE** reasons why you think the poet concludes the poem by saying, [3]

*“Have a look at nature, and you will see,
There's so much to learn, just like me!”*

OR

- ii. What did you like about the poem? State **THREE** reasons. [3]

