**DAV CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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**SAMPLE PAPER**

**CLASS – IXTH**

**ENGLISH**

**Max Time:- 3 Hours M.M :- 70**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions based on that. 12**

Our house is filled with photos. They cover the walls of my kitchen, dining room and den. I see our family’s entire history, starting with my wedding, continuing through the births of both sons, buying a home, family gatherings and vacations. When my sons were little, they loved to pose. They waved, danced, climbed trees, batted balls, hung upside down from the jungle gym and did anything for a picture. But when they reached adolescence, picture-taking changed into something they barely tolerated. Their bodies were growing at haphazard speeds. Reluctantly they stood with us or with their grandparents at birthday celebrations and smiled weakly at the camera for as short a time as possible.  
I am the chronicler of our photographs. I select those to be framed and arrange the others in albums. The process is addictive, and as the shelves that hold our albums become fuller and fuller, I wonder what will become of them. Will anyone look at these photographs in future years? If my sons look at them, what will they think of us and of themselves? One bright afternoon, I took some photographs of my father with my husband as they fished in a lake near our vacation house. As my sons and I sat on the shore and watched them row away, I picked the camera up and photographed the beautiful lake surrounded by green trees. The two men I loved gradually grew smaller until all I could see were my father’sred shirt, and the tan and blue caps on their heads.  
l My father died a week later, and suddenly those photos became priceless to me. I wept when I pasted them in our album. I wept again afterwards when I saw my younger son looking at them. It was a few days before he went away to college. He had taken all our albums down from the bookshelves in the den and spread them out on the carpet. It had been a very long time since I had seen him doing this. Once he stopped posing for pictures, he seemed to lose interest in looking at them. But now he was on the verge of leaving home. This was his special time to look ahead and look back. I stood for a moment in the hall by the den, and then tiptoed away. I didn’t take a photo of my son that afternoon, but I will remember how he looked for as long as I live. Some pictures, I learned, don’t have to be taken with a camera.

1. **Fill in the summary using one word only. (1×4= 4 marks)**

The author was (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_about taking photographs and framing them. But she always (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whether her sons would ever look at them. She was full of (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when she pasted the pictures of her father’s last days in the album. She learnt that some pictures always (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in one’s mind without a camera.

**2. (I) Two examples that show that the author’s sons were averse to taking photographs are: (lx2=2 marks)**  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(II) What does Narrator learn at the end? 2

3. **Give words that mean the same as                  (1×4= 4 marks)**

1. not organized or planned                                 (para 1)
2. one who records events in order                     (para 2)
3. very valuable                                                    (para 3)
4. continued engagement with an activity             (para 2)

**2. Read the given passage carefully:** (8 marks)

My next pet was a pigeon, the most revolting bird to look at, with his feathers pushing through the wrinkled scarlet skin, mixed with the horrible yellow down that covers baby pigeons and makes them look as though they have been peroxiding their hair. Because of his repulsive and obese appearance, we called him Quasimodo.

Since he had an unorthodox upbringing, without parents to teach him, Quasimodo became convinced that he was not a bird at all, and refused to fly. He walked everywhere. He was always eager to join us in anything we did. He would even try to come for walks with us. So you had to either carry him on your shoulder, which was risking an accident to your clothes, or else you let him walk behind. If you let him walk, then you had to slow down your own pace to suit his, for should you get too far ahead you would hear the most frantic and imploring coos and turn around to find Quasimodo running desperately after you.

**Q1. Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.**

**1.** **The narrator describes the pigeon as a ‘revolting bird’ because**

a)      he could not fly

b)      he had to be carried everywhere

c)      he had wrinkled skin covered with yellow feathers

d)     he was fat

**2. Quasimodo got his name because**

a)      he was a fat and ugly

b)      he was attractive

c)      he could not fly

d)     he love behaving like human beings

**3. We know that Quasimodo was always eager to go on walks because**

a)      he walked everywhere

b)      he did not know how to fly

c)      he complained loudly if he was not taken along

d)     he always copied whatever humans did

**4. Quasimodo protested when he was**

a)      left at home

b)      lifted on human shoulders

c)      taken for a walk

d)     left behind during walks

2. Answer the following questions:-

(a)  **The phrase ‘risking an accident to your clothes’ means------------------- 2**

(b) It was risky to carry him on shoulder because -------------- 2

WRITING SECTION

Q. write an article on the topic Value of games . 5 M

Q. write a story based on the hints given below . Also give an appropriate title .

Hints

Col Vishwanathan , a brave soldier , bought an old mansion , though many people in the area told him that it was haunted . 10 M

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR )

7. Read the notes given in the box below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write your answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number. 1/2X6= 3M

NEEM

• Neem - important plant for pest control

• No need to purify

• Easy to produce

• Boil leaves in water - make pesticide spray

• Seeds burnt - repel flies and mosquitoes

• Many active ingredients - difficult to develop resistance

• Environmentally non-polluting

Neem is one of (e.g.) the most important plants for pest control and can be used against a wide range of pests, since (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unnecessary; the pesticide can be (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For example, a pesticide spray can be made by (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and flies and mosquitoes can be repelled (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its seeds. Neem contains many active ingredients, which (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ insects to develop resistance to. Unlike synthetic pesticide it (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the environment.

**8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you as an example. 1/2X6=3M**

Incorrect Correction

Crab has solved a problem for researchers, who are e.g. has have

trying to understood how bones heal. (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It seems that crab's dung contains the high (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

level of calcium phosphate who when (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

mix with salt, water or human blood (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

froms a bone like substance that (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

was ideal for broken bones to knit. (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 4M**

**e.g. - men alone / is not / made of / the world**

**The world is not made of men alone.**

(a) share / very big / have / a / animals

(b) without / the world / them / would be / dull

(c) have become / species / many / of animals / extinct

(d)nature/ and /are/human/ to each/related/ other

Section-c (Literature) (25 marks).

# Q8. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. [3]

I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the Crown of Ishtar by the daughter of Dawn To embellish the gardens.

1. **What is being referred to as 'pearls' in the above lines?**
2. **What does Ishtar refer to?**

# 3. The two poetic devices used in the above lines are

# Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each. [8]

1. What did the Professor mean by "intelligent reading"?
2. What was John A. Pescud's opinion about best sellers? Why?
3. Why did the poet go to the dentist? How could she have avoided it?
4. Who was Jerry Fisher? What did he say to try and convince Bill to change his mind?

**Q10. How has Shakespeare compared man’s life to a stage play? (4)**

**OR**

# . Which situations in the convict's life can be termed as the turning points in his life?

# Q11. What strange things did Gulliver notice about the inhabitants of the flying island, Laputa? (10marks)

# OR

# Describe the strange creatures called ‘Yahoo’.