

**107RD****SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2019-20****Class: VII****Marks: 60****Time: 2 hrs****ENGLISH****Section A- Reading****I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Article 48A of the Constitution of India provides that the state shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and safeguard the forest and wild life of the country. But what causes endless anguish is the fact that laws are neither respected nor enforced in India. A recent report of our Parliament's Estimates Committee has highlighted the near catastrophic depletion of India's forest over the last four decades. India, according to reliable data, is losing its forest at the rate of 3.75 million acres a year. Large areas officially designated as forest land, "are already virtually treeless".

The actual loss of forests is estimated to be about 8 times the rate indicated by government statistics. There can be no doubt that the growth of world population is one of the strongest factors distorting the future of human society. It took mankind more than a million year to reach the first billion. That was the world population around the year 1800. By the year 1900 a second billion was added, and the 20<sup>th</sup> century has added another 3.7 billion. The present world population (as of August 2016) is estimated at 7.4 billion. Every 4 days the world population increases by one million.

The rich get richer and the poor beget children which condemns them to remain poor. More children do not mean more workers, merely more people without work. It is not suggested that human beings be treated like cattle and compulsorily sterilized. But there is no alternative to voluntary family planning without introducing an element of coercion. The choice is really between control of population and perpetuation of poverty.

For the first time in human history, we see a transcending concern- the survival not just of the people but of the planet. We have begun to take a holistic view of the very basis of our existence, the environmental problem does not necessarily signal our demise; it is our passport for the future. The emerging new world vision has ushered in era of responsibility. It is a holistic view, an ecological view, seeing the world as an integrated whole rather than a dissociated collection of parts.

**A. Choose the correct option:** (4x1=4)

- a) The word ..... is a synonym of 'highlighted' in paragraph 1?  
i) Accented      ii) Promised      iii) emphasized      iv) Assured
- b) Which of the following words is an antonym of 'distorting' in paragraph 2?  
i) bending      ii) twisting      iii) deforming      iv) straightening
- c) Which of the following words means the same as 'beget' in paragraph 3?  
i) fetch      ii) bring      iii) create      iv) triggers
- d) Which of the following words is a synonym of 'transcending' in paragraph 4?  
i) remaining      ii) minor      iii) surviving      iv) exceeding

**B. Answer the following.** (3x2=6)

- a) How did the population of mankind grow from the year 1800 till today and how is it affecting society?
- b) Why do the poor remain poor? What is the remedy suggested by the author?
- c) What is the author's vision of the emerging new world?

**Section B- Writing & Grammar**

**II. You are Ravi Shankar, the secretary of Science Club in Delhi Public school. Write a letter to the manager of Mawana Sugar Mill seeking permission to visit the Mill.**

**Give the number of students and the date on which you propose to visit. (6)**

**III. Imagine that *Little Women* was set in modern times. The March girls could see and speak to their mother over the Internet. What would they say to each other the first time their mother contacts them after she left and how would each person speak? Write their conversation as a dialogue. (6)**

**IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals. (4)**

- a) The doctor told me that I.....not smoke any more.
- b) The sky is overcast. It.....rain any time.
- c) If you carry the chairs I.....carry the table.
- d) I.....speak four languages.

**V. Combine sentences using relative pronouns. (4)**

1. This is my sister. Her husband is the governor of UK.
2. Have you seen my earrings? I left it on my bed.
3. Here are the shoes. My mother bought them for me.
4. This is my friend Siya. She went to London last month.



**VI. Change the voice.**

**(4)**

- a) Lata sings lovely songs.
- b) She spoke the truth.
- c) I had already seen this movie.
- d) Flowers were being plucked by her.

**VII. Rearrange the words or phrases given below to form meaningful sentences. (4)**

- a) is heard/is dialed/when/the/dial tone/required number/the
- b) go/the/can/on/conversation/three minutes/for
- c) disconnected/ gets/after /soon/the/ line
- d) near and dear/it is/ good/ way/ ones/ with /in /touch /a /your /to get

**Section C - Literature**

**VIII. Read the extract and answer the following questions.**

**(4)**

When a friend calls to me from the road  
And slows his horse to a meaning walk  
I don't stand still and look around

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Where is the poet standing?
- c) What does the poet not look at?
- d) In the poem, the poet says that.....

**IX. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.**

**(6x2=12)**

- a) What is the good news that Meg is talking about?
- b) Why did the people who were lost in the maze feel hopeful when they met Harris?
- c) What was Jane Goodall told when she was in school?
- d) Why was the Princess disguised as Panna?
- e) Why did the goat attack some people?
- f) What do people do if others do not listen to them about working?

**X. Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words.**

**(2x3=6)**

- a) Describe the incident with Laurie that Jo talked about in her letter.
- b) What do you learn about Nilu from the story 'My Sister's Sister I'? Support your answer with examples from the story.