

# MT EDUCARE LTD.

CBSE - X

QUEST - I (Semi Prelim I)  
(2017-18)

Set - B

Portion - Fiction : 1,2,3, Poetry : 1,2,3 Drama : 1

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**Series RLH**

- This paper consists of three sections :
- Section A – Reading (20 marks)
- Section B – Writing and Grammar (30 marks)
- Section C – Literature (30 marks)

## ENGLISH

**Time allowed :** 3 hours

**Maximum Marks :** 80

### General Instructions :

- i) Attempt all questions.
- ii) Do not write anything on the question paper.
- iii) Answer the questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- iv) All the answers must be correctly numbered as given in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- v) Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

**SECTION - A (Reading)**  
**(20 Marks)**

**Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :** **[8]**

Rotavirus gets its name from the fact that, under a microscope, the virus resembles a wheel. And you could say, like you might say about a wheel, rotavirus goes round and round. This nasty, potentially lethal bug causes severe acute gastroenteritis with diarrhoea and vomiting, primarily in infants and young children.

Prior to the introduction of the rotavirus vaccine, rotavirus infection was responsible for 200000 emergency room visits, 55000 hospitalisations, and 60 to 65 deaths each year in the USA. Worldwide, it is the leading cause of severe diarrhoea among young children, leading to two million hospitalisations and more than 500000 deaths of children ages five and under annually.

Rotavirus disease is highly contagious. The germ is present in the stool of an infected person and can remain viable for a long time on contaminated surfaces, including people's hands. Children catch it by touching something that's contaminated and then putting their hands in their mouth.

Symptoms of rotavirus infection, which may last up to eight days, include fever, nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and frequent watery diarrhoea. If it's severe enough, the diarrhoea can cause dehydration, and it's the dehydration that's responsible for the hospitalisations and deaths associated with this disease.

Rotavirus vaccine is given orally, not as a shot. One brand is to be given in three doses at the ages of two months, four months, and six months. Another brand requires two doses, at two months and four months. This should be given along with other vaccines as part of the routine immunisations given to infants. Studies of the rotavirus vaccine have shown that it can prevent about 74% of rotavirus infections. More importantly, it can prevent approximately 98% of severe infections and 96% of hospitalisations from rotavirus.

Before being approved, the current rotavirus vaccine was tested on more than 70000 children and found to be safe. However, an earlier vaccine was removed from the market after being used for two years because it was found to slightly increase the risk of the small intestine folding back inside another part of the intestine, causing a bowel obstruction.

**1.1 Attempt any EIGHT of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read :** **[1 × 8 = 8]**

- i. List the symptoms of rotavirus infection. **[1]**
- ii. By which method is Rotavirus vaccine administered to children? **[1]**
- iii. Is the current rotavirus vaccine safe? **[1]**
- iv. Was rotavirus infection a serious health problem earlier? **[1]**
- v. Is the current rotavirus vaccine effective? **[1]**

- vi. What was the risk involved in the earlier rotavirus vaccine ? [1]  
 vii. Explain how rotavirus got its name. [1]  
 viii. The synonym of '**fatal**' in the first paragraph is ..... [1]  
 ix. The antonym of '**refused**' in the last paragraph is ..... [1]

**Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [12]**

### **The Triangle of Love**

Love is quite like a triangle. It has three sides - compassion, care and sacrifice. The sum total of these sides constitute what is called 'true love. Purity is the perpendicular of this triangle. Love with purity is a hymn. Without it, it is an abuse - a cesspool of lust.

Compassion is the longest arm of the triangle of love. It springs from the core of the heart. It is the elixir of life and makes life musical. Without compassion, love can never be love. Nor can it be meaningful. Mother Teresa showed compassion towards the poor and the underprivileged. She served the marginalised and lepers. This, according to her, is the greatest service to the Almighty Father. A selfless service to the needy is what makes you compassionate. A compassionate heart always stays young and pure. The second important arm of love is care. This arm is an extension of the arm of compassion. Care for both living and non-living beings is what love stands for. Care is the fulcrum of love. Without the pious element of care, love ceases to be love. Bhagat Puran Singh who pioneered 'pingalwara' (a house for disabled) at the holy city of Amritsar was a true epitome of care. His selfless service and extraordinary care of the disabled gave them a new lease of life.

Sacrifice is third side of the triangle of love. Love demands sacrifice and sacrifice sustains love. Just as gold gets extraordinary sheen after it goes through fire, similarly, love gets special meaning when it goes through the ordeal of sacrifice. A mother sacrifices everything for her kids. It makes her love inexplicable and incomparable. Lord Rama's sacrifice for his father not only strengthened the filial bond but gave a new meaning to love. It triggered a chain reaction. It inspired Lord Rama's wife Sita and his brother Lakshmana to emulate Lord Rama.

"Love thy neighbour", says the Bible. Love makes both the mind and soul pure. It is the elixir of life. Let us drink it and make others taste it too.

**2.1 Answer the following questions. Attempt any FOUR : [2 × 4 = 8]**

- (i) What does the passage talk about?  
 (ii) How does the writer describe compassion?  
 (iii) How is care described in the passage?  
 (iv) How is sacrifice described in the passage?  
 (v) What is the greatest service to the Almighty Father ?

**2.2 Fill in any TWO of the following blanks with appropriate words / phrases from the passage.** [1 × 2 = 2]

- (i) Love gets special when it goes through \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ii) You become compassionate when you give \_\_\_\_\_  
 (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ served the marginalised and the lepers

**2.3 Complete any TWO of the following by choosing the correct option:**

[1 × 2 = 2]

- (i) The word in para 2 which means the same as '**most important part**' is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) pious (b) arm (c) fulcrum (d) selfless  
 (ii) The synonym of '**gave rise to**' in para 3 is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) incomparable (b) emulate (c) arbitrary (d) triggered  
 (iii) The synonym of '**song**' in para 1 is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) compassion (b) hymn (c) cesspool (d) lust

### SECTION - B (Writing Skills and Grammar)

(30 Marks)

**Q.3. Attempt any ONE of the following :**

[8]

- (a) Shahin Chatterjee is a resident of Sultan Colony, Mahipalpur. After reading the following newspaper article, she writes a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper giving her strong views on the disadvantages of this project and making an appeal to the government to reconsider its decision. You can take ideas from the unit, 'Environment' in your MCB. Write this letter in about 100-120 words.

#### Threat to Forest

**MAHIPALPUR, 15th January. The government has decided to cut down a large forest area near Sultan Colony to provide housing for 10000 families. The project is likely to be completed by 2020. However, it is facing stiff opposition from farmers whose agricultural land is also being acquired.**

OR

- (b) Write a letter to 'Lightways Sports', Naupada, Thane, placing an order for sports articles (minimum 4 each) to be supplied to your school Modern High School, Civil Lines, Pune. Sign as Ravi / Raveena, Sports Secretary.

**Q.4. Using the beginning given below develop a story in 200-250 words with a suitable title. Attempt any ONE:** [10]

(a) Normally senior students are not allowed on the balcony towards the Pre-Primary wing. I had to stay back on that afternoon and heard someone shouting. As I approached the balcony .....

**OR**

(b) As I saw the train approaching, I could also see a young high school boy in uniform, move towards the tracks. Sensing what might happen next, I ran and .....

**Q.5. Fill in the blanks using the correct forms of verbs given in brackets. Attempt any EIGHT blanks:** [ $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ ]

Through the bedroom window, I spotted my sister (i) ..... (leave) the house. I also saw her (ii) ..... (cry) bitterly. I ran downstairs (iii) ..... (calm) her and stop her from (iv) ..... (go). I made her (v) ..... (remember) the days of our childhood when we used (vi) ..... (play) together and how we enjoyed (vii) ..... (swim) in the nearby pond. I wanted her (viii) ..... (forget) all her worries and be happy. She (ix) ..... (calm) down and hugged me for my loving reassurance.

**Q.6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number. Attempt any EIGHT:** [ $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ ]

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>Correct</i>
A three year old girl has rescued by the	<u>has</u>	<u>was</u>
(i) police last Tuesday. She was kidnap by a	.....	.....
(ii) neighbour due to ransom. The mother	.....	.....
(iii) inform the police about the missing girl.	.....	.....
(iv) A probe had supervised by the DSP himself.	.....	.....
(v) Greater than fifty residents were questioned.	.....	.....
(vi) Ultimately, Rohit, one of the resident of the	.....	.....
(vii) colony admit the crime and disclosed	.....	.....
(viii) where the girl was keeping. This terrible	.....	.....
(ix) news was spread panic in the neighbourhood.	.....	.....

**Q.7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Attempt any FOUR.**

[4]

e.g. is/it/important/protect/to/our/environment

It is important to protect our environment.

- (i) to/very/deforestation/can/to be/prove/damaging/Mother Earth
- (ii) should/individual/his/each/a/on/plant/tree/birthday
- (iii) must/we/live/that/we/understand/trees/cannot/without
- (iv) if/we/to/encourage/we/must/afforestation/the/want/keep/Earth/green
- (v) the / punished / illegal / responsible / trees / of / those/ cutting / for / must be

### SECTION - C (Literature and Long Reading Text)

(30 Marks)

**Q.8. (a) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

[4 × 1 = 4]

Her energetic intervention had saved many a rouble from dissipating itself in tips in some Moscow hotel. Her speculations as to the market depreciation of tiger remnants were cut short by the appearance on the scene of the animal itself.

#### Questions

- (a) Who is spoken of in the above extract ?
- (b) What was her attitude towards money?
- (c) Describe her character in one line that reflect from the extract?
- (d) Give a word from the passage which means 'guesses'.

**OR**

**Q.8. (b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

[4 × 1 = 4]

and her voice was hoarse and quivering.  
Though subdued and sleep deprived,  
In the night her throat revived,  
And the sumac tree was bowed,

#### Questions

- (a) Why was the nightingale's voice quivering?
- (b) 'And the sumac tree was bowed' Explain.
- (c) Pick out the adjectives that describe the nightingale's voice?
- (d) Why was the Nightangale sleep deprived ?

**Q.9. Answer any FOUR of the following in about 30 to 40 words each : [4 × 2 = 8]**

- (i) What change does grandfather propose to make in his new will? What effect does it have on his daughters?
- (ii) How did the war affect the boys' family?
- (iii) What was Ali's philosophy of life in old age ? How was it different from his youth ?
- (iv) The poet says that neither forces of nature nor wars can destroy his poetry. In fact, even godly powers of Mars will not have a devastating effect on his rhyme. What quality of the poet is revealed through these lines?
- (v) What measures did the villagers take in order to catch the tiger ?

**Q.10. Answer the following in 100 - 120 words : [8]**

- (a) It is very essential to have faith in yourself and your abilities. How does the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' emphasize this fact of life?

**OR**

- (b) Bring out the irony in the title of the play 'The Dear Departed'.

**Q.11. ATTEMPT ANY ONE QUESTION from Q.11(A) or Q.11 (B) in about 200 - 250 words. [10]**

**Q.11. (A) The Diary of a Young Girl : Anne Frank**

- (i) Analyse the character of Otto Frank.

**OR**

- (ii) Why did Anne refuse to say the evening prayers with her mother? What was her mother's reaction? Did Anne's father endorse her attitude?

**OR**

**Q.11. (B) The Story of My Life : Helen Keller**

- (i) 'Nature wages an open war against her children, and under its soft touch hides treacherous claws' What lesson did she learn from nature?

**OR**

- (ii) What does Helen mean by the statement 'Any teacher can take a child to the classroom, but not every teacher can make him learn.' ?

*All the Best* 