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PT-IV Assignment (2025-26)

Subject – English I

Class - VIII

Time: 1.5 hours

M.M.: 40

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Instructions

- All questions are compulsory. Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Write your answers neatly and legibly.
- Write the correct question number before each answer.
- Marks are indicated against each question.
- Use only blue or black ink for writing.

Q 1. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions by choosing the correct option: (5 marks)

Lek was in her mid-terms, when she first saw elephants in Thailand being used for pulling logs in a forest. What she saw shocked her profoundly. Many of the working elephants had heavy harnesses around their necks and were scarred when they had been rubbed raw by the hauling chains. She saw them whipped and abused. There was nothing she could do to help the animals, but she would not forget them.

When she joined a college in Chiang Mai city, she found elephant abuse in nearby areas. On some night as many as 30 elephants, often babies were brought into Chiang Mai to entertain tourists and attract their money. She saw one prodded in the anus with a stick and another splashed with boiling water.

MCQs Based on the Extract

1. What work were elephants made to do in the forest?

- a) Carry tourists
- b) Pull heavy logs
- c) Perform tricks
- d) Guard villages

2. What caused scars on the elephants' bodies?

- a) Sharp hooks used by mahouts
- b) Heavy harnesses and hauling chains
- c) Fighting with other animals
- d) Natural forest injuries

3. What did Lek witness when she joined college in Chiang Mai?

- a) Elephants being trained lovingly
- b) Elephants roaming freely
- c) Elephants being abused to entertain tourists

d) Elephants being worshipped

4. How many elephants were sometimes brought into Chiang Mai at night?

a) About 5

b) About 10

c) About 20

d) As many as 30

5. Which cruel act did Lek see being done to the elephants?

a) Elephants being denied food

b) Elephants being chained continuously

c) Elephants being prodded with sticks and splashed with boiling water

d) Elephants being forced to run

Q2. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions by choosing the correct option: (5 marks)

*So we shuddered there in silence,
For the stoutest held his breath,
While the hungry sea was roaring,
And the breakers talked with death.*

*And thus we sat in darkness
Each one busy with his prayers,
'We are lost!' the captain shouted
As he staggered down the stairs.*

*But his little daughter whispered,
As she took his icy hand:
'Isn't god upon the ocean
Just the same as on the land?'*

MCQs Based on the Extract

1. Why did the passengers shudder in silence?

a) They were feeling cold

b) They were tired and sleepy

c) They were terrified by the storm

d) They were angry with the captain

2. What does the phrase “the hungry sea was roaring” suggest?

a) The sea was calm

b) The sea was full of fish

c) The sea was dangerous and violent

d) The sea was peaceful

3. What were the people doing while sitting in darkness?

a) Crying loudly

b) Arguing with each other

c) Busy with their prayers

d) Sleeping

4. Why did the captain shout, “We are lost!”?

- a) He could not find his way
- b) The ship had reached the shore
- c) He felt the situation was hopeless
- d) He wanted to calm the passengers

5. What effect did the little girl’s words have in the poem?

- a) They frightened everyone
- b) They reminded people of God and gave hope
- c) They made the storm stronger
- d) They confused the passengers

Q 3. Read the given statements and write true or false against them. (5 marks)

- (1) Everyone on the ship remained calm and fearless during the storm.
- (2) Golden One was given to Lek’s family as payment for buying land.
- (3) The passengers spent their time joking to reduce their fear.
- (4) Lek protested against the abuse of a baby elephant by holding a signboard.
- (5) Blind and injured elephants like Jokia were given special care at the park.

Q 4. Answer any 5 of the following questions in brief: (2 × 5 = 10 marks)

- (1) How did Lek respond when she came near the elephant? What was the elephant’s reaction?
- (2) Why did the people sit in silence?
- (3) Why did the baby elephant’s owner become angry?
- (4) How did the little girl’s words affect the people on the ship?
- (5) When and where did the elephants find a permanent home in Thailand?
- (6) Who is Mae Perm?

Q 5. Answer the following in detail: (3 × 3 = 9 marks)

- (1) Explain stanza 6 of ‘The Ballad of the Tempest’ in your own words.
- (2) How cruelly were elephants treated during their training? Explain.
- (3) What story did Lek have to say about Jokia?

Q 6. Read the following extract and answer the following questions: (3 + 3 = 6 marks)

A. *On a humid summer day, in a hill-tribe village in northern Thailand, five year old Lek saw an elephant coming towards her when she was playing in the garden. A man was astride the massive animal’s head. He looked down at the astonished child and said, "She is for you. Her name is Golden One."*

Lek walked up to the elephant and boldly put her arms around its trunk. The animal explored her slight figure with the tip of its trunk, sniffing and running it over her skin. It was a moment, so enticing that Lek would remember it all her life.

Lek's grandfather, a doctor had saved the life of a young boy who was sick. In gratitude the boy's father had walked for three days with the elephant to present it to Lek's family.

- (a) What did Lek see when she was playing in the garden?**
- (b) What did the elephant do when Lek put her arms around its trunk?**
- (c) Why did the boy's father present the elephant to Lek's family?**

B. When she joined a college in Chiang Mai city, she found elephant abuse in nearby areas. On some night as many as 30 elephants, often babies were brought into Chiang Mai to entertain tourists and attract their money. She saw one prodded in the anus with a stick and another splashed with boiling water.

One crisp November morning, Lek noticed a man leading a frightened seven month-old baby elephant down a crowded street, asking tourists to pay for a bunch of bananas. It was too much for Lek; she could not bear it. She created a handheld sign in English, German, Swedish and Thai that read, "Please do not support the abuse of this baby elephant." Then she planted herself in clear view near the elephant.

The elephant's owner was outraged. He smashed the sign with his fist and knocked Lek to the ground. She was taken to a hospital, with a fractured jaw. For the next month, Lek could eat nothing but soup.

- (a) What did she find when she joined a college in Chiang Mai city?**
- (b) What did Lek notice one November morning?**
- (c) What did the signboard tell the people to do?**