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Class:- VII

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F. M:- 80

## (Section-A: Reading)

A1. Read the passage carefully:

### **Maria Montessori**

Maria Montessori was born in Chiaravalle in Italy on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the year 1870. Despite facing discouragement from all quarters. Maria became the first woman medical graduate from the University of Rome. In those days, women were not enrolled at medical colleges.

After her medical education, she was put in charge of an institute for mentally retarded children. In those days, people believed that the mentally retarded could not learn anything.

So no one taught them anything, not even simple things like attending to their own needs. Maria observed these children seemed to find out for themselves about many things. They would reach out for anything they found, turn it around, see its shape, etc. She concluded that given proper training and attention, these children could be taught to take care of basic needs and also some of them could pass the reading and writing tests like other ordinary children.

Maria taught the children to distinguish between colours, sounds, smells and tastes. She made frames with button holes and buttons to teach the children how to tie shoe laces. Her methods worked well and soon the children were able to do many things on their own.

Maria thought that the usefulness of her methods could be extended to ordinary children too. So Maria opened her first school in the slums of Rome for children between three and six years. She called her school 'Casa Dei Bambini' or Children's House. Here, she applied her medical and psychological knowledge and experience for proper training of normal children. She noted that when a child got really interested in the exercise he had chosen, he would become completely absorbed and could not be distracted. The child, thus learnt actually what he was doing. Dr. Maria found that children became ready for different tasks at different stages and that they needed the right exercise at the right stage. A Montessori teacher's job was not to tell children what to do but to recognise what state the child was in and to guide it accordingly. Also, children should be free to move about. They should not be pinned to their seats. Children became self-reliant and independent with this method. The children were not given any punishment because even if the child behaved badly at first, when he became engrossed in the activity of his choice, he would be quiet and settle down.

Maria believed that all human beings passed through certain set stages of psychological development. Differences emerged mainly because of the opportunities offered by the environment in which they were brought up as a child.

Maria's methods proved so effective that most Montessori schools today design their programs with reference to her model of human development through different stages. The teacher training programs, too, are designed from her published works through different stages and modelled on lessons and materials presented by her.

Answer the following questions briefly.

(1X9=9)

- 1) Where was Maria Montessori born?
- 2) Where did Maria open the first school for normal children?
- 3) What does “Casa Dei Bambini” mean in the passage?
- 4) When is a child completely absorbed in learning things, according to Maria?
- 5) How did her method of teaching prove effective for children?
- 6) Why are the children not given punishment?
- 7) Maria during her works in the institution, concluded that mentally retarded children
  - a) Cannot be taught anything
  - b) Were unmanageable
  - c) Could be taught to take care of their basic needs
- 8) A Montessori teacher’s job is-
  - a) To tell the children what to do
  - b) To recognise the state in which a child is and to guide it accordingly
  - c) To pin the students to their seats and make them learn.
- 9) Maria believed that all human beings passed through\_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) Give antonyms for the following words: (1X2=2)
  - (a) Simple
  - (b) Ordinary
- 11) The synonym of distinguished is\_\_\_\_\_. (1)

A2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Nature is an infinite source of beauty. The sunrise and sunset, mountains and rivers, lakes and glaciers, forests and fields provide joy and bliss to the human mind and heart for hours on end. Everything in nature is splendid and divine. Every day and every season of the year has a peculiar beauty of his own. Only one should have eyes to behold it and a heart to feel it like the English poet Wordsworth who after seeing daffodils said-“And then my heart with pleasure fills and dances with the daffodils.”

Nature is a great teacher. The early man held the beauty of nature and its wonders in awe. The Aryans worshipped nature. One can learn life’s lessons in the vast school of nature.

Unfortunately , the burden of modern life has made people immune to the beauty of nature-modern life is often bogged down by strife and stress, worries and tensions . The life of modern man is so full of care that he has no time to stand and stare. He is unable to see beauty in the flowing rivers, swaying trees, flying birds and the majestic mountains and hills. There is, however, a deep yearning to go back to the village from the concrete urban jungles. Keeping this in mind, the townw planners of today pay special attention to the development of natural scenic spots in town planning. To develop a balanced personality, one needs to have a healthy attitude which, in turn, enables us to appreciate and enjoy the beauty of nature.

There is no better balm to soothe our tired soul and listless mind than the profundity of nature of all around us. We should enjoy it full and thus lead a balanced and harmonious life, full of peace and tranquility.

Answer the following questions-

(1x4=4)

- 1) Why don’t people enjoy the beauty of nature?
- 2) What should we do to enjoy a tranquil life?
- 3) What are the town planners doing today?
- 4) Why did Aryans worship nature?

- 5) Complete the following statements; (1x2=2)
- According to the passage , every season of the year is different from\_\_\_\_\_
  - According to the author, nature is abundantly glorious and is an\_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Which of the following words has the same meaning as the word ‘care’ as used in the passage? (1)
- Grief
  - Want
  - Needs
  - Pleasure
- 7) Which of the following statements is not made in the passage about nature? (1)
- Nature is an infinite source of beauty.
  - Everything in nature is splendid and divine
  - Nature is a great teacher
  - The early man was scared of nature

### Section B( Writing and Grammar Section)

- B1. Your school is organising a five day trip to Shimla for the students of Class 7. As the monitor of your class, write a notice to be put up on the class bulletin board inviting interested students to register their names. Mention the last date of registering their names. ( Word limit:50words) (4)
- B2. While going to school you have observed some dirty looking children, with bags on their shoulders ,searching for something in the garbage . Make a diary entry thanking God to have made you privileged enough to be enjoying a good life and expressing what you think you could do to better the lot of the underprivileged. (word limit 80 -100 words) (5)
- B3. On 15<sup>th</sup> August, this year your school celebrated the ‘Independence Day’ with great pomp and show. Write a report about the grand national event for your school magazine. (120-150 words) (6)
- B4. Change the following sentences into Past Perfect Tense. (1x3=3)
- They came to me five times.
  - The birds flew .
  - The sparrow ate the grains.
- B5. Add question tag to the following statement. (1x1=1)
- The birds have built a nest in my house.
- B6. Change the voice from Active to Passive . (1x2=2)
- They saved the house from burning./
  - The nation will be served by them.
- B7. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns. (1x2=2)
- \_\_\_\_shall we do now?
  - Sometimes we deceive\_\_\_\_\_.
- B8. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions; (1x2=2)
- I prefer riding \_\_\_\_\_walking.
  - We rejoiced \_\_\_\_\_his success.

- B9. Fill in the blank with a suitable article. (1)**  
 1. He is \_\_\_European, but his wife is an Indian.
- B10. The synonym of amusing is \_\_\_\_\_. (1)**
- B11. Give the antonym of - Compulsory (1)**
- B12. Make a sentence with the phrasal verb, 'Bring up' (1)**
- B13. Write the homophone of - 'Alter' (1)**

### Section C (Literature Section)

- C1. Annotation (1x4=4)**
- ‘May there always be tigers,  
 In the jungles and tall grass  
 May the tigers roar to be heard,  
 May his thunder  
 Be known in the land.’
- Answer the following questions.**
1. Name the poet.
  2. How do jungle and tall grass help the tiger?
  3. What wish does the poet express in the poem?
  4. Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.
- C2. Write the meaning of the following words: (1x2=2)**
1. Nipped
  2. Agog
- C3. Answer the following questions. (30-40 words) (2x7=14)**
1. What had the senator done that made the people say that ‘another good man had gone wrong’?
  2. Why was it an awkward time for the Pigeoncote’s to have Wilfrid in their house?
  3. What do Hamid’s friends buy with their money?
  4. Why did Mowgli find it difficult to sleep in Messua’s hut? What did Mowgli do that created a horrible scandal in the village?
  5. What reasons had Shylock for hating Antonio?
  6. What did Juliet tell her father in order to delay her marriage?
  7. What do you know about Friar Lawrence?
- C4. Explain the lines: ‘Hamid, the little boy, had become Hamid the adult. Now Amena, the old woman, has become Amena the child.’ (30 – 40 words) (3)**
- C5. With reference to the poem ‘Tigers forever’ the poet has shown deep concern over the decreasing number of tigers in our country and millions of people have pledged to help save the tiger as part of the tiger conservation programme. Do you agree with the poet? Give reasons for your answer. (50-60 words) (4)**
- C6. Write the character sketch of Shylock. (40 words) (3)**