

SARALA BIRLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Revision Test (English)

Class - XI



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Section A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Swami and Friends is the simple and charming story set in the 1930s of ten year old Swaminathan and his experience of growing up in Malgudi, a town created by R.K. Narayan. Swami lives in a world of “bossy adults-parents and teachers - as well as his friends in school. Pleasing his demanding peers as well as the adults is a tough job indeed. But Swami tries to manage it to the best of his ability. Swami is impulsive, mischievous and innocent. And he has a very warm heart. Through his eyes we get to see a complete picture of South India during the pre-Independent era. We get to know how simple folk lived in the colonial days and about the uprisings, the rebellions and the strange mixture of resentment and reverence which ordinary people felt for the British.

2. Swami is a student of the Albert Mission School established by the British. So the main focus of the school is on “English education and Christianity. Swami has four friends -Somu, the monitor who carries himself with an easy air; Mani, the good-for nothing;Sankar, the most brilliant boy in the class and Samuel, known as the “Pea'. All four share a common trait - their ability to laugh at everything Swami's relationship with each one is different but they share a genuine common friendship.

3. Swami's happy-go-lucky life changes drastically with the arrival of Rajam, a symbol of colonial power. This is how Narayan describes him: “He (Rajam) was a newcomer; he dressed very well-he was the only boy in class who wore socks and shoes, fur cap and tie, and a wonderful coat and knickers. He spoke very good English, exactly like aEuropean; which meant that few in the school could make out what he said.”

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer each of the questions given below by selecting the most appropriate option.

- a. Malgudi is in the story 'Swami and Friends'.
(i) a character (ii) a town (iii) Swami's friend (iv) a tiger.
- b. The passage suggests that Swami
- i. bossed over his friends .ii. tried to please his friends and other adults. iii. Cared little about his peers,
iv. Wanted to impress everyone.

Answer the following questions briefly.

- a. Name one negative trait that Rajam possesses.
- b. Why did Albert Mission school focuses on Christian?

Section B: Writing Skill and Grammar

2. As the librarian of your school, write a notice informing the students of the penalty for losing or damaging the books issued to them.

OR

You would like to sell your Hyundai car. Giving all its required details, draft an advertisement for a national daily in the classified columns.

3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views on the deteriorating law and order situation in your city.

4. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the error and write the correct word in front of it in your answer sheet.

Incorrect/ Correct

When a diamond is find on the earth (a)

Its outside appear is rather dull, (b)

Then skil ful hands makes it into (c)

a sparkled gem we all know about (d)

Section: C (Literature)

Text Books & Long Reading Texts

5. Read the extract given below answer the questions that follows:

Some twenty-thirty years later

She'd laugh at the snapshot, "See Betty

And Dolly", she'd say, "and look how they Dressed us for the beach.

(a) Who does she refer to in these lines?

(b) Who were Betty and Dolly?

6. Answer any two of the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

1. What made the narrator suddenly get up and leave the room without meeting Mrs.Dorling?

2. Why did the grandmother always accompany the author to school'?

3. What are Mayday calls? Why was the boat getting no replies, to its Mayday calls?

4. Explain the concept of *shanshui*.

7. Answer in 100 words.

Describe the theme of the poem 'Childhood' .

OR

List the advances in technology that have improved forensic analysis in the context of the chapter 'Discovering Tut: The Saga Continues'.