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LITERATURE
IN ENGLISH

Theory

Paper 1

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2 hours



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SENIOR ONE

(Theory)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This paper consists of two sections: A and B.

It has TWO examination items.

All items are compulsory.

All responses must be written in the spaces provided.

ITEM 1

Read the following story and answer the questions below in complete sentences.

A magician once passed through a forest where many brown birds flew from tree to tree and filled the air with songs. For a long time, he sat and listened, greatly delighted by their beautiful songs, but in the end he became very jealous, for he himself could not sing.

At last he felt that he must find a way of getting the voices of these singing birds, so he called them all together and said:

“I am sad because the gods have given you such ugly brown features. How happy you would be if you were brilliantly Coloured with red, blue, orange and green!”

And the birds agreed that it was a great pity to be so ugly.

The magician then said that by means of his magic he could give them all beautiful feathers in exchange for their voices-which were, after all, of very little use to them, since nobody came into the forest to hear them.

The birds thought over his words, and desired very much the beauty he promised them. So they foolishly agreed to give him their voices, which the magician placed all together in a large calabash. He then turned the dull brown feathers of the birds into orange and green and red, and they were very pleased.

The magician hurried away, and as soon as he came to a deserted place he opened the calabash and swallowed its contents. From that day he had an extremely sweet voice, and people came from far and near to listen to his songs.

But the birds were satisfied with their bright feathers. And this is why the most beautiful birds are quite unable to sing.

This is adapted from Practical English book 1

QUESTIONS

All answers must be written in complete sentences.

1. Why did the magicians sit to listen?

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2a) Was the magician really sad to see the birds' ugly feathers?

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b) Why did he say so?

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3a) Were the birds wise to give him their voices?

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b) Pick up the word that supports your answer.

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4. Where did he put their voices?

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5. What did he do for them in return?

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6. Why did he swallow the contents of the calabash?

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7a) Were the birds watching him at the time?

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b) Pick out a word that gives you the answer.

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