BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI, LUDHIANA CLASS – VI ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT Section – Reading

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

The Brave Little Sparrow

- (1) It was a hot summer afternoon. The forest was calm and peaceful, and the animals were resting under the shade of tall trees. Suddenly, a strong wind began to blow, and soon thick smoke filled the air. A huge fire had started at the edge of the forest! The flames spread quickly, and the frightened animals began to run for their lives.
- (2) From high above, a little sparrow saw everything. Her heart filled with worry as she noticed the flames moving toward the homes of other animals rabbits, deer, and squirrels. She wanted to help, but she was so small. "What can I do?" she thought. Then she looked at a nearby pond and got an idea.
- (3) The sparrow flew down to the pond, dipped her tiny beak into the water, and dropped a few drops onto the fire. She kept flying back and forth tirelessly, bringing water again and again. When a large elephant saw her, he laughed gently and said, "Little one, what difference can your few drops make?"
- (4) The sparrow replied bravely, "Maybe I can't stop the fire alone, but at least I am doing my part."
- (5) Her determination touched the elephant's heart. He filled his trunk with water and began spraying it on the fire. Seeing this, the other animals joined in monkeys threw wet leaves, deer kicked sand, and birds brought more water. Together, the animals managed to control and finally stop the fire.
- (6) That day, the forest animals learned an important lesson no one is too small to make a difference. It was the tiny sparrow's courage that saved their home.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, choose the correct option for the following:

1. What was the first thing the sparrow did after seeing the fire?

- a) She flew away to another forest.
- b) She dipped her beak in water and dropped it on the fire.
- c) She called the other birds for help.
- d) She hid in a tree.

2. What is the main message of the story?

- a) Working together can solve problems.
- b) Big animals are always more helpful.
- c) Fires in forests are very dangerous.
- d) It is impossible for small creatures to make a difference.

Answer the following questions based on the above passage.

- 3. Why did the sparrow decide to help even though she was small? What does this show about her character?
- 4. How did the other animals respond to the sparrow's actions?
- 5. What lesson can we learn from the story about teamwork and courage?
- 6. Describe a time when you helped someone in need, even in a small way. How did it make you feel?
- 7. Find the synonym of **bravery** from the passage.
- 8. Find the antonym of **small** from the passage.

<u>Section – Literature</u>

Answer the following questions:

- a) What is the aim of the programme "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat"?
- b) How did Surya's attitude differ from Prabhat's?
- c) Is the speaker alone? Why do you say so? Give answer with the reference to the poem 'The Winner'.