



SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, BENGALURU
ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2022-2023
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

CLASS : VIII
DATE : 24-03-2023
No. of Sides : 10

MAX. MARKS : 80
Reading Time : 8.00– 8.15 am
Writing Time : 8.15 – 11.15 am

General Instructions:

15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.

This Paper has Three Sections.

- Section A (Reading) 20 Marks
- Section B (Grammar and Writing) 20 Marks
- Section C (Text books) 40 Marks

Follow the instructions given against each question and answer carefully.
All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A : READING 20Marks

Read the passage given below.

1. There is no aspect of our life in which science does not play a part. Wonders created by science are seen in every department of life. Inventions made by science have made human life more charming and worth living. Man is no longer a helpless toy in the hands of Nature but the proud master of the three worlds of land, air and water. Man has been able to span the sky, measure the ocean, fly over the Himalayas and ride above and beneath the sea. It has changed our outlook, our mental make-up, our thoughts and ideas, our dreams and hopes.
2. Great and marvelous indeed are the achievements of science. It has broken down the barriers of time and distance. Travelling has become short, safe and comfortable. It has made contact and communication with the world easier and quicker by inventing telephones, telegraphs and the wireless. Agriculture is no longer at the mercy of nature. Yields have been multiplied with the help of mechanized farming and chemical fertilizers. Science has brought a revolution in the sphere of trade, commerce and industry. It has relieved human suffering by discovering the secrets of health and diseases. Incurable diseases are becoming curable. It has given eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, tongue to the dumb and legs to the lame. Science has also not lagged behind in contributing to entertainment and recreation by placing at the disposal of man gramophone, radio, television and cinema.
3. We thus see that science is a blessing, but it is not an unmixed blessing. No

eminent researcher. An informal study was conducted in 1998 in which researchers surveyed successful college students about how they spent their free time. Then compared their activities with those of troubled youngsters. They found that the successful ones were more likely to play spontaneous games, more involved in household chores and more likely to engage in playful activities with their parents.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.
(1 X 10 =10)

i) What did Victoria encourage her seven-year-old son to do?

- A. To take a part in a reading club
- B. To participate in reading clubs
- C. To precipitate in reading clubs
- D. To partner in reading clubs

ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

Philips painstakingly produced seven book reports.
Painstakingly means:

- A. Painfully
- B. Carelessly
- C. Carefully
- D. Mindlessly

iii) Complete the following:

Though Philip moaned and groaned before writing he was ultimately happy that he was _____.

- A. Idle
- B. Lazy
- C. Hardworking
- D. Hardly working

iv) How did Victoria encourage her son Philip to develop his abilities to read and write?

Victoria encouraged her son by : (Paragraph 3)

- A. taking part in summer reading club.
- B. giving him a raffle ticket
- C. moaning and groaning about writing
- D. stimulating him to participate in summer reading club.

doubt, it has turned impossibility into possibility, imagination into reality and fiction into fact. It has made man fly like birds in air and swim like fishes in water. But the question is whether it has taught us how to walk on the mother earth. It has brought forth the evils of industrialization. Machines have become the master of man. Can we forget dirty slums, unequal distribution of wealth and large scale unemployment in the wake of industrialization? There is poverty in the minds of plenty. Wars have become more hideous than ever before. Thanks to the invention of terrible engines of destruction by science.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (1x10=10)

i) Science plays a part

- A. In every aspect of our life
- B. In some aspects of our life
- C. In creating wonders in some department of life
- D. In making adventurous inventions

ii) The achievements of science are indeed

- A. Adventurous
- B. great and marvelous
- C. wonderful
- D. adventurous but harmful

iii) In the fields of agriculture, yields have been multiplied with the help of

- A. Incessant rains
- B. Mechanized farming and chemical fertilizers
- C. mechanized irrigation
- D. organic fertilizers

iv) Science has relieved human suffering by _____

- A. revolutionizing trade
- B. making contact and communication
- C. discovering the secrets of health
- D. commercializing industry

v) Science has also made contribution to entertainment and recreation by way of inventing

- A. New musical techniques
- B. New tones
- C. three D visual effects
- D. gramophone, radio, television and cinema

vi) Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 evils that industrialization has brought

1) _____

2) _____

vii) Complete this statement:

Science has broken down the barriers of time and distance by making travelling
_____ and communication with the world _____.

viii) Science is not only a blessing but also a curse because of

- A. Industrialization, dirty slums and wars
- B. Turning impossibility into possibility
- C. Turning imagination into reality
- D. Machines

ix) Complete the following analogy :

beautiful : beauty :: happy : _____

x) Pick the word that is the antonym of 'poverty' in this passage.

Q.2 Read the passage given below.

1. Victoria encouraged her seven-year-old son, Philip, to take part in their local library's summer reading club. For every book report a child wrote, he received a raffle ticket. At the end of the summer, sports prizes were raffled off. Philip, who had painstakingly produced seven book reports, won an autographed picture of a hockey star and had his name and one of his reports printed in the local newspaper. Children should at least be encouraged to write letters to editors on current affairs or about school related issues.
2. "Philip moaned and groaned about writing the reports, but in the end, he was happy he put the effort in," notes his mother. "And his ability to express himself really improved."
3. "What really matters is the daily doses of stimulation – intellectual, creative, esteem-building – that parents can give their children. It has the greatest impact," says an

ii) Read the conversation between a patient and the receptionist at a clinic. Complete the sentence by reporting the student's reply correctly.

Patient : Can I have an appointment with the doctor this evening ? I am very sick.

Receptionist : I'm sorry. There's a long waiting list.

A patient went to his doctor's clinic and asked the receptionist _____.

iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank in the given line.

For opening a bank account you should visit the bank authority. Then you _____ to submit the verified documents.

- A. can B. could C. are required D. required

iv) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentences from a news report:

Children are fond to coconut. It is a biggest of all the nuts.

Option no.	ERROR	CORRECTION
A		
B		

v) Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

There is going to be a bus strike. Everyone _____ for auto rickshaws and rickshaws next week. 1

- A. will looked B. should looked C. will be looking D. look

vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:

Yesterday I left for Mysore. On the way I was _____ (surprise) to meet an old friend of mine.

vii) Report the dialogue between a doctor and a patient by completing the sentence:

Doctor: You should take this medicine every day.

Patient: Should I take it before dinner or after dinner?

The doctor advised the patient to take that medicine every day. The patient further asked _____.

v) How did Victoria's effort improve her son?

- A. Philip was winning raffle tickets.
- B. Philip won an autographed picture of a hockey star.
- C. Philip was able to express himself.
- D. Philip moaned and groaned more.

vi) Groaned means _____.

- A. Laughed.
- B. Lamented.
- C. Giggled.
- D. Cheered.

vii) The noun form of POSSIBLE is:

- A. Impossible
- B. Possibility
- C. Probable
- D. Possible

viii) And his ABILITY to express himself really improved.

Select the verb form of ABILITY :

- A. Capable
- B. Suitable
- C. Able
- D. Capability

ix) When the survey conducted in 1998 was researched and then compared with the activities of troubled youngsters, it was found that the successful ones were _____.

- A. those that involved in houses
- B. those that succeeded
- C. those that played spontaneously
- D. those that moaned

x) Select the most appropriate title for this passage:

- A. Victoria and her son Philip
- B. Writing reports
- C. Children
- D. Importance of games and playful activities

SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING) 20 M

Q3. Answer the following questions. (any 10)

(1 x 10 = 10)

i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

Last week the annual function of our school was celebrated. The Mayor of the town _____ to grace the occasion as the chief guest.

- A. is invited
- B. has been invited
- C. was invited
- D. shall be invited

Q5. Write a story in 100 to 120 words with the help of the given outline. Also, give a suitable title for the story: **(5 Marks)**

Nikhil was a scientist. After years of research, he found success. The World Science Forum recognized him for his success.....

Complete the story based on the above outline.

SECTION C (LITERATURE) 40 MARKS

Q6. Reference to Context

Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow. **(1X5=5)**

A. The poetry of earth is never dead:

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead,
That is the grasshopper's – he takes the lead
In summer luxury – he has never done
With his delights, for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

i) Who sings the poetry of earth in the summer season?

- A. grasshopper B. cricket C. skylark D. hedge

ii) Where does the grasshopper take rest?

- A. Behind the stone B. Beneath the weed
C. Cooling tree D. Behind the hedge

iii) Where do birds take shelter?

- A. On grassy hills B. In a cooling tree
C. Behind the hedge D. Under some weed

iv) The figure of speech in the third line is _____.

- A. Simile B. Metaphor C. Alliteration D. Personification

viii) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a science journal and supply the correction.

The city of Venice attract travelers as there are many beautiful churches and museums.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

ix) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the following sentence :

Ram placed two wooden chairs in front _____ the table in the lawn.

A. with B. from C. of D. on

x) Identify the error on a notice board of a school about celebration of Annual Day and supply the correction:

The School Annual Day was celebrated on 15th November, 2022. This day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and a special cultural show is organized.

error	correction

xi) Rewrite the following sentence correctly:

kind actions / with gratitude / that / not always received / it is true / are

xii) Complete the following sentence :

The patient was told to take his medicine----- after dinner.

A. Immediate B. immediate C. imideately D. immediately

Q4. You often come across many children of your age working as child labourers in shops and factories. Many of them are rag pickers and beggars. They do not go to school. All this makes you sad. Write a letter to the editor of an English newspaper highlighting the problem and making an appeal to the government to open free schools for such children. Sign yourself as Raghav/ Raghavi, no. 92, first cross, Hebbal, Bangalore. **(5 Marks)**

- Highlight the problem
- Express the need to educate such children
- Give your suggestions

- iii) List the people the poet met in the poem 'The Last Bargain'. What made him happy in the end?
- iv) Who was Bipin Choudhury? Whom did he meet at Kalicharan's? What did that man tell him?

Q.8 Answer any three of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (4 x 3 =12)

- i) Velu did not move when Jaya asked him to pick rags. He had not run away from home and come to this new place just to do that, he thought. What can you say about Velu?
- ii) "You told me you'd come home by Christmas, dearest." Who had Connie Macpherson thought had come? Why was it her best Christmas present?
- iii) Who was Firdaus Kanga? Why did he feel nervous about meeting Stephen Hawking? How did he feel after the meeting ended?
- iv) Analyse the character of Ant and the Cricket in the poem 'The Ant and the Cricket' in detail. Who do you admire the most? What message does the poem convey?

Q9. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (6 Marks)

- i) What was the prophecy that Ernest's mother had told young Ernest? Identify the three personalities who people thought looked like the Stone Face. How was Ernest different from all the three?

OR

What does the small child love to do on a summer morning? Write with reference to the poem 'The School Boy' what the school boy does not like doing. Convey the message carried forward by this poem.

Q.10 Answer ANY ONE the following in about 100-120 words. (6 Marks)

- i. You have read the story 'Jalebis'. Imagine you are the small child who tried as much as he could, not to listen to the coins. Write a diary entry rethinking of how you fell for the arguments of the coins.

OR

- ii) Why did Princess September free her pet bird? Describe the changes that appeared in her after she freed the bird. In what way was the Princess' life better than that of her eight sisters. What message does the author convey?

v) Name the poet who has penned this poem.

- A. T.S Eliot
B. John Keats
C. William Blake
D. Thomas Hardy

B. "Mother," said he, while the Great Face smiled on him, "I wish that it could speak, for it looks so very kindly that its voice must indeed be pleasant. If I ever see a man with such a face, I should love him very much." "If an old prophecy should come to pass," answered his mother, "we may see a man some time, with exactly such a face as that." (1X5=5)

i) Who does I refer to?

- A. Poet
B. Stone Face
C. Ernest
D. Mother

ii) Choose the best option to say what The Great Stone Face was:

- A. The face of the stones
B. A work done by Nature
C. Stones thrown together
D. Stones that resembled the features of a human face

iii) The speaker was sure to love the man with such a face because

- A. The features were pretty
B. Its voice was pleasant.
C. It gazed at them kindly.
D. It had a lovely voice.

iv) What does prophecy mean?

- A. Many prophets
B. A prediction of something to come
C. A statement that tells what happened some time ago.
D. A statement

v) Name the author of this story.

- A. Nathaniel Thorne
B. George
C. Ruskin Bond
D. Nathaniel Hawthorne

Q7. Answer the following in 30 to 40 words: (any 3)

(3 x 2 = 6)

i. How did Jody look after the fawn after he accepted the responsibility for doing this?

ii) Suraj put his arm around the young boy, Ranji and said, "We are friends now, yes?" How did the two turn into good friends in a matter of minutes?