



Class : VIII Student's Name: ..... Roll. No. ....  
Subject : English Date: 15/02/2020 Max. Marks: 80 Time: 3 Hrs.

Invigilator's Name:..... Sign:.....

### General Instruction:

- The first 15 minutes have been allotted for reading this question paper. These 15 minutes have to be used by the candidates for thorough silent reading of the question paper. During this period, the students will not write any answer on the answer- book and the question paper. The students should start writing on the next stroke of the bell.
- Do not write any answer on the question paper. Write in neat and clean handwriting. All questions are compulsory.

### **Section-A [Reading]**

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**Q1.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

How can you best improve your English depends on where you live, and particularly on, whether or not, you live in an English-speaking community. If you hear spoken English everyday and mix freely with English speaking people, that is, on the whole is an advantage. On the other hand, it is often confusing to have the whole language poured over you at once. Ideally, a step by step course should accompany or lead up to this experience. It will also help a great deal if you can easily get the sort of English books in which you are interested. To read a lot is essential. It is stupid not to venture outside the examination 'set books' or the text books you have chosen for the intensive study. Read as many books in English as you can, not as a study but for pleasure. Do not choose the more difficult books you find, with the idea of listing and learning as many new words as possible. Choose what is likely to interest you and be sure in advance that is not too hard. You should not have to be constantly looking up for new words in the dictionary, for that deadens the interest and checks real learning. Look up a word here and there but, as a general policy try to push ahead, guessing what words mean from the context. It is extensive and not intensive reading that normally helps you to get interest in extra reading and thereby improve your English. You should enjoy the feeling, which extensive reading gives, some command of the language. As you read, you will become more and more familiar with words and sentence patterns you already know; understanding them better and better as you meet them in more and more contexts, some of which may differ only, slightly from others.

A. Answer the following questions.

(1x8=8)

- (a) When can you learn English faster ?
- (b) What does the author recommend for learning English ?
- (c) What are the author's suggestion for improving your standard of English ?
- (d) How can reading help us to learn English ?
- (e) Learning and improving English depends on what factors ?
- (f) What is essential for learn in English ?
- (g) What precaution should you take while choosing a book to read ?
- (h) Which type of reading can help you?

**Q 2.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows :

The Indian education system in the ancient times was truly world class, which attracted scholars from all over the World to come in search of knowledge. A guru was the most respected intellectual resource who truly earned that respect due to her / his calibre and value system. However, the current scenario of education, at least in terms of quality, value system and employability has been a cause of concern.

Technology, particularly information technology, has been a game changer in the process, which calls for a complete re-engineering of educational process and system both in content and style of delivery. This has made access to knowledge very easy--Google and You Tube for example, can answer any query on any topic; anytime, anywhere; but it has also led to a side-effect due to which a student does not exercise her / his mind to logically analyse, remember and resolve questions and quickly resort to these gadgets to look for a readymade answer.

There are no alternatives to transforming education system. Some strategical interventions are required like, expenditure on education must be seen as an investment in future of the nation rather than pursuing cost-centric approach. Nation's future is created in class rooms. Hence, if we nurture education in all its segments, we are investing in the nation-building process. We should create conditions both economic and social; when the best of the society choose to join teaching and research as their preferred career options. An ideal teacher has to be academically brilliant; has to have inspiring communication skills, has to be perceived as a person having a 'role model' value system, character, values and integrity. A teacher must co-create values in a learner in a collaborative manner. Such teachers will transform students to have not only great minds, but also equally matching mindsets.

Technology, with poor ethics and negative attitude, can spell disaster. It is in the context that we should look at old Indian values, ethics and bring these contents at an early stage as possible. Finally we need to search productively visionary, passionate and committed academic leaders to lead by setting examples.

2.1. Answer the following questions briefly:

(2 x 4 = 8 )

- (a) How was the Indian education system in ancient times ?
- (b) Why is information technology termed as game changer ?
- (c) What are the side-effects of using gadgets ?
- (d) Why is the author looking out for old Indian values and ethics ?

2.2. Answer the following questions :

(1 x 4 = 4)

- (a) What is the importance of investing in education ?
- (b) How should an ideal teacher be ?
- (c) What transformation will the teachers bring about ?
- (d) Choose words from the passage which means :
  - (i) to reach a decision
  - (ii) bound to a particular cause/attitude

### Section-B [Writing and Grammar]

Q3. Write a paragraph on "A Journey By Train."

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or

Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him to arrange special coaching for some games during the summer vacation.

Q4. With the help of the given outline, develop a story.

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A crow finds a piece of flesh .....flies to a tree..... a hungry fox sees the crow..... thinks of a plan..... praises him..... requests him to sing .....crow pleased .....opens its beak.

Q5. Write a diary entry in about 80-100 words describing the experience of your visit to a Flower Exhibition.

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Or

You are the Manager in ABC Company. Draft a notice for your colleagues informing them about the board meeting to be held on the coming Friday.

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Q6.Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb 'be'.

(1x2=2)

- (a)Rice and curry .....my favourite food.
- (b)My father and my uncle..... arriving tonight.

Q7.Change the following sentences into passive voice.

(1x2=2)

- (a) Can they write this in English?
- (b) Robin is taking a photograph.

- Q 8. Combine each of the following pairs of simple sentences into one simple sentence. (1x2=2)
- (a) The cow produces milk. Milk is a valuable food.
- (b) He was selfish. He doesn't have any friend.
- Q9. Combine the following sentences by using adverb clauses as directed. (1x2=2)
- (a) He is tall. I am taller. (adverb clause of time)
- (b) You should not go out. You are very weak. (adverb clause of reason)
- Q10. Change the sentences given below from simple to complex. (1x2=2)
- (a) He was too shocked to understand what had happened.
- (b) I hope to travel around the world when I retire.
- Q11. Fill in the blanks to form complete and accurate conditional sentences. (1x2=2)
- (a) If I worked in the film industry.....
- (b) If you take the next right turn.....
- Q12. Change the following sentences into indirect speech. (1x2=2)
- (a) Divya asked me, "Can I stay with you?"
- (b) He said, "I am learning French these days."

### Section –C [Literature]

Q13. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow.

"The poetry of earth is ceasing never;  
On a lone winter evening when the frost  
Has wrought a silence, from the stone there shrills  
The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever.  
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost;  
The grasshopper's among some grassy hills."

- A. Answer the following questions. (1x4=4)
- (i) Whose song do these lines refer to? (ii) Which season is the stanza referring to?
- (iii) Whose song breaks the silence?
- (iv) What is the synonym of the word 'drowsy'? (a) sleepy (b) dreamy (c) funny (d) adorable
- Q14. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words. (any five) (2x5=10)
- (i) What did the narrator in the story 'Jalebis' do with the fees money?
- (ii) Who was the little boy in the story, 'The Selfish Giant'?
- (iii) What happened at Lyonnesse?
- (iv) What was the story attributed to the Stone Face?
- (v) Why does the poet believe that the poetry of earth is never dead?
- (vi) How did the Prince of Honour come to know that the Princess and the bird had become intimate friends?

Q15. Write the answers for the following question. (8)

What had happened in the Sappleton family as narrated by the niece? What did Mrs. Sappleton say about the open windows?

Or

What important lesson did the boy learn, with respect to money, in the story "Jalebis"?

Q16. Write the answer for the following question. (8)

Give detailed account of the appearance of Stephen Hawking.

Or

Look carefully at the diary entry for 24-25<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Now write down the changes that happened as the rains progress from June to March on the basis of "A Short Monsoon Diary".

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