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CLASS : VIII
ENGLISH (COURSE - A)
(Summative Assessment - I)

Please check that this question paper contains 16 questions and 10 printed pages.

Time : 3.00 hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

1. This paper consists of 4 sections : A, B, C & D.
2. Attempt all the questions.
3. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
4. Read each question carefully and follow the given instructions.
5. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
6. Strictly adhere to the word-limit given with each question.
7. Don't write anything on the question paper.

SECTION-A (READING)

(20 MARKS)

1. **Read the following passage carefully :** **(10)**

SLEEP SMART TO RELIEVE STRESS

- (1) In the age of high-speed, high-stress technology, it becomes difficult to relax and get the rest you need. Here are some tips to maximize your capacity to recharge :
- (2) Adults need five to nine hours of sleep each night with eight being average. The body's biological cycle flourish on a consistent sleep pattern. One should get up at the same time every day. Too much sleep makes you feel less alert and reduces the number of hours you are awake so that it's harder to fall asleep the following night. When you have to skip a night's sleep because of work, avoid trying to sleep longer periods ahead of time to make up for it. This may lower performance and increase grogginess.
- (3) Improved sleep quality is linked to physical fitness. Physical inactivity and mental inactivity are two of the primary causes of insomnia. So, one should exercise regularly to get a good sleep.

- (4) A drop in blood sugar during the middle of the night can hinder sleep. A moderate sized dinner followed by a small evening snack high in carbohydrates and low in fat and protein aids a smooth transition into sleep. Avoid tea and coffee at bedtime.
- (5) If you don't release the tension that has built up over the day, you won't have restful sleep and will wake up fatigued or groggy. Listening to music or bringing to mind your spiritual beliefs with a quiet time of reflection can also help.
- (6) Make sure you have fresh, circulating air and a level bed firm enough to support the lower back. Place a woollen pad between the mattress and your bottom sheet. According to medical studies, this helps people sleep more soundly. Wool cushions the body and allows the skin to breathe so that you stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Sleep in a dark room, even dim light can cause unnecessary eye movement that detracts from sound sleep. Sleep in a "semi-fetal position".
- (7) Wake up gently as jolting to turn off an alarm can trigger the body's emergency responses of a racing heartbeat and muscle tension.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements.

8×1=8

- (a) Our body's biological cycle flourishes if we have _____.
- (b) Going to bed hungry can hinder our sleep as _____.
- (c) Dim light detracts us from sound sleep because _____.
- (d) _____ trigger our body's emergency responses.
- (e) Adults require _____ hours of average sleep.
- (f) _____ bed is required to support the lower back.
- (g) Give two primary causes of insomnia :
 - (i) _____
 - (ii) _____
- (h) We must abstain from (i) _____ and (ii) _____ at bedtime as it affects sleep.

1.2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as following : $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

- (a) Constantly adhering to the same principle. (Para 2) _____
- (b) Inability to obtain sufficient sleep. (Para 3) _____
- (c) To change from one position to another (Para 4) _____
- (d) To draw away/to divert (Para 6) _____

2. **Read the following poem carefully.**

(5)

IMAGINATION

I used to play at Pirates,
And sailed the seven seas.
Then I was a cowboy,
These simple things did me please.

I had a vivid imagination,
Adventure was always on my mind.
I discovered the joys of reading,
And escaped the daily grind.

Once I lived with the Eskimos,
In the land of ice and snow,
Went hunting and a fishing,
My fantasy was all aglow.

I read a book of Jules Verne,
And went off to the moon,
It was just to take a look,
Then it was time to return.

I spent time in the forests of Africa,
With Dr. Livingstone as my guide,
Then off again to America,
With Huckleberry Finn I did hide.

In my world of fantasy and imagination,
I performed such wonderful deeds.
A Hero of all the Nations,
I was the one that did succeed.

They I grew up my childish world at an end.
I had become serious it nearly drove me around the bend.
I still do like the mysterious,
This is the message I am trying to send.

– George Bernard Shaw

2.1. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions. Write the correct options in your answer-sheet against the question number.

5×1=5

- (a) The poet played at pirates and cowboys because he _____.
(i) was bored (ii) had a vivid imagination
(iii) had nothing else to do (iv) enjoyed simple things
- (b) The poet's imaginary adventure was _____.
(i) rock climbing (ii) swimming
(iii) singing (iv) playing as cowboys
- (c) The poet's life became interesting because he _____.
(i) learnt to read (ii) had many friends
(iii) went on different trips (iv) made new friends
- (d) Find the word from the poem which means the same as boredom and difficulties of life.
(i) Fantasy (ii) Grind
(iii) Deeds (iv) Vivid
- (e) Jules Verne took the poet to _____.
(i) The Eskimos (ii) America
(iii) Africa (iv) The moon

3. Read the following passage carefully :

(5)

Flamingos came to Kutch from various parts of the world every year to breed. For centuries the region has been a haven for the migratory bird. Today, Flamingo City, an island in the middle of the Rann of Kutch, known the world over as one of the biggest breeding grounds of the Greater Flamingo, is strewn with bodies of hundreds of flamingo chicks. The parents of these chicks have fled the island due to lack of food. Zooplanktons, algae and small fish that these birds survive on are dying due to a sudden increase in the salinity of the Rann water.

Flamingos need salt-encrusted damp mud to build nest. The place where they build nest has to be inaccessible to predatory cats and birds. It should also have sufficient food. The right mix of sweet and brackish water in the Rann is crucial for the increase in the number of planktons and algae that the flamingos feed on.

An expert traces the problem of increased salinity in the Rann waters to the construction of dams on rivers that flow into the region. In fact over the years, the number of flamingos coming to the island has decreased because of the change in the salinity of the Rann water.

3.1. **Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below.**

5×1=5

- (a) Planktons and algae, which form the food of flamingos, require _____.
- (i) right mix of salt and water
 - (ii) right mix of sweet and blackish water
 - (iii) right mix of sweet and brackish water
 - (iv) None of the above
- (b) The increase in salinity in the Rann waters is due to _____.
- (i) presence of flamingos coming to this region
 - (ii) construction of dams on rivers of this region
 - (iii) presence of zooplanktons and algae
 - (iv) rivers that flow into this region
- (c) Kutch was referred to as a haven for flamingos as _____.
- (i) it is strewn with bodies of hundred of chicks
 - (ii) large number of flamingos came from different parts of the world
 - (iii) large amount of zooplanktons and algae is available
 - (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Scarcity of food in Rann of Kutch has caused _____.
- (i) flamingos to flee from the area
 - (ii) flamingos to breed in that area
 - (iii) flamingos to build their nests there
 - (iv) flamingos to visit the area
- (e) _____ is known as the one of the biggest breeding grounds of the Greater Flamingo.
- (i) Rann of Kutch
 - (ii) Inaccessible island
 - (iii) Haven island
 - (iv) Flamingo City

SECTION - B (WRITING)**(20 MARKS)**

4. You are Ajay/Jaya, Cultural Secretary of Golden Public School, Agra. Write a notice for the school notice board informing the students of classes VI to VIII that the Inter Class Dance Contest has been postponed for a month. Give details of the new programme. Put the notice in a box. 1×4=4

(Word Limit - 50 words)

5. You are Anuj/Anuja. You have recently joined a boarding school in Dehradun. Write a letter to your mother telling her about your hostel and new friends that you have made. (Word Limit - 120-150 words) 1×8=8

Use the hints given below :

- Hostel facilities
- Mess
- Sports - indoor and outdoor
- Various clubs

6. You are Anuj / Anju, a student of class VII. You have to prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic, 'Role Models Can Influence Lives', highlighting the importance of having a role model in our life as they can influence and mould our personality.

Take hints from the unit 'Enterprise' of MY ENGLISH READER. 1×8=8

(Word Limit - 120-150 words)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)**(15 MARKS)**

7. **Read the notes given in the box below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write your answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number.** 6×½=3

NEEM

- Neem - important plant for pest control
- No need to purify
- Easy to produce
- Boil leaves in water - make pesticide spray
- Seeds burnt - repel flies and mosquitoes
- Many active ingredients - difficult to develop resistance
- Environmentally non-polluting

Neem is one of (e.g.) the most important plants for pest control and can be used against a wide range of pests, since (a) _____ unnecessary; the pesticide can be (b) _____. For example, a pesticide spray can be made by (c) _____ and flies and mosquitoes can be repelled (d) _____ its seeds. Neem contains many active ingredients, which (e) _____ insects to develop resistance to. Unlike synthetic pesticide it (f) _____ the environment.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you as an example. 6×½=3

	Incorrect	Correction
Crab has solved a problem for researchers, who are trying to understood how bones heal.	e.g. has	have
It seems that crab's dung contains the high level of calcium phosphate who when mix with salt, water or human blood froms a bone like substance that was ideal for broken bones to knit.	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____ (f) _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

9. **Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct option :** 6×½=3

A microwave may have so far been (a) _____ (associate, association, associating, associated) with fast-cooking but an (b) _____ (instrumental, instrument, instrumentation, instruct) working (c) _____ (in, on, for, of) the same principles is now helping (d) _____ (many, most, more, much) patients get a quick diagnosis at the pathology department of Maulana Azad Medical college. The microwave tissue processor (e) _____ (has, had, have, was) benefited cancer patients especially, as it. (f) _____ (gets, get, getting, was getting) diagnosis done the same day.

10. **Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph by choosing the correct option :** 3×1=3

Mother : Have you finished your paragraph writing?
 Son : Yes, mother.
 Mother : How many lines have you written?
 Son : I have written ten lines.

The mother asked her son if (a) _____. The son replied in affirmative.
The mother asked (b) _____. The son replied that (c) _____.

- (a) (i) he has finished his homework.
(ii) he had finished his homework.
(iii) he has been finished his homework.
(iv) he have finished his homework.
- (b) (i) how many lines he had written.
(ii) that how many lines he had written.
(iii) how many lines had he written.
(iv) how many lines he have written.
- (c) (i) that had he written ten lines.
(ii) that has he written ten lines.
(iii) that he has written ten lines.
(iv) that he had written ten lines.

11. **Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.**

3×1=3

e.g. - men alone / is not / made of / the world

The world is not made of men alone.

- (a) share / very big / have / a / animals
(b) without / the world / them / would be / dull
(c) have become / species / many / of animals / extinct

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

(25 MARKS)

12. **Read the following extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct question number :**

4×1=4

My Mother!

You come to me like heaven's caring arms.

I remember the war days when life was challenge and toil -

Miles to walk, hours before sunrise,

- (a) Who are 'you' and 'me' in the above lines?
(i) Motherland - poet (ii) Poet's mother - poet
(iii) Mother - daughter (iv) Grandmother - poet

- (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the second line.
- (i) Personification (ii) Alliteration
(iii) Simile (iv) Metaphor
- (c) Which 'war days' is the poet talking about?
- (i) World War I (ii) World War II
(iii) India - Pakistan War (iv) India - China War
- (d) Why did the poet have to walk so early in the morning?
- (i) To take Arabic lessons.
(ii) To go for swimming.
(iii) To buy newspaper from the market.
(iv) To go for a morning walk.

13. **Read the following extract and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct question number :**

4×1=4

Teach us to rule ourselves always,
Controlled and cleanly night and day;
That we may bring, if need arise,
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.

- (a) Names of the poem and the poet _____.
- (i) The Children's Song – Joseph Rudyard Kipling
(ii) My Mother – Ruskin Bond
(iii) The Children's Song - Ruskin Bond
(iv) My Mother - A P J Abdul Kalam
- (b) The poet does not want to make sacrifice which is _____.
- (i) meaningful (ii) important
(iii) trivial (iv) worthy
- (c) The poetic device used in the second line is _____.
- (i) personification (ii) alliteration
(iii) simile (iv) metaphor
- (d) The poet is invoking _____.
- (i) his father to teach him (ii) his teacher to teach him
(iii) God to teach him (iv) his mother to teach him

14. **Answer any four of the following questions : (Word Limit 30-40 word each)** 4×2=8
- (a) What was Swami's state of mind on his way to school?
(Father's Help)
 - (b) What was Granny advised by the doctor? How did she feel about it?
(Granny's Tree Climbing)
 - (c) How did Margie find Tommy's book different from her telebooks?
(The Fun They Had)
 - (d) Why did the King go to the wise hermit? Why did he go there alone disguised as a commoner?
(Three Questions)
 - (e) What sort of a school did Margie study in? (The Fun They Had)
15. Answer the following value based questions. (Word Limit 25-30 words) 2×2=4
- (a) Write one important quality of your mother which has helped you in your development.
(My Mother)
 - (b) 'For what purpose alone was man sent into this life'. What is this purpose? Suggest some means of fulfilling this purpose?
16. Suppose you are the hermit in the story, (Three Questions). You were quite impressed by the King's simplicity and inquisitiveness. Write a diary entry describing your feelings. (Word Limit 80-90 words) 1×5=5

OR

Imagine that you are Samuel (the teacher) in the story 'Father's Help'. You are quite surprised at Swami's Strange behaviour in the class. Write a letter to his father narrating the whole experience and your feelings at his caning.
(Word Limit - 80-90 words)