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Class : VIII
ENGLISH (COURSE-'A')
(Summative Assessment - I)

Please check that this question paper contains 16 questions and 8 printed pages.

Time : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

1. This paper consists of 4 sections : A, B, C & D.
2. Attempt all 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 shown in the question paper and should be 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 passage carefully :-

STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING

I kept six honest serving-men.
They taught me all I knew.
Their names were what, and why and when,
And how and where and who.

-- Rudyard Kipling

Dale Carnegie in his book, "How to stop worrying and start living", tells us what to do when worry crowds our thoughts and we feel it is the end of the world.

He tells us to then list these three things.

- (1) Get the facts straight and write down exactly what is worrying you.
- (2) Next, analyse the facts calmly, are you over reacting?
- (3) Arrive at a decision, a course of action, then act on that decision.

Do not keep thinking of the problem, you will only get obsessed with it and that will cloud your judgement to think clearly and rationally sometimes. If you sleep over a problem, it does not seem so big in the morning and the solution presents

itself. Every problem has a solution and if you just cannot find it, let it go, it will solve itself. All problems do. Rarely do you find anyone who is stuck with one single problem for a life time! Prayer is great strength. At the end of the day, God takes over and carries us all through even the darkest night.

I. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. 1×8=8

- (a) According to Rudyard Kipling six honest serving-men were _____.
- (b) Worry crowds our thoughts means _____.
- (c) The honest serving men taught the writer _____.
- (d) If we keep thinking of our problem then _____.
- (e) We should sleep over our problems to _____.
- (f) _____ guides and takes care of our lives in the end.
- (g) According to the writer every problem has a _____.
- (h) Prayer is great strength because _____.

II. Find words in the passage, which mean the same as the following words / phrases. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. ½×4=2

- (a) Separation of a whole into its parts for study and interpretation _____.
- (b) preoccupied _____.
- (c) when there is a reason for an action or decision _____.
- (d) ability considered as an advantage _____.

2. Read the following poem carefully :

I had a dove and the sweet dove died.
And I thought it died of grieving.
O, what could it grieve for? Its feet were tied
With a silken thread of my own hand's weaving,
Sweet little red feet! Why should you die _____
Why should you leave me,
Sweet bird why?
You've lived alone on the forest tree?
Why, pretty thing! Couldn't you not have lived with me?
I cherished you and gave you white peas;
Why not live sweetly, as in the green trees?

2.1. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, choose the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet :

1×5=5

- (1) The cause of the dove's death was :
 - (a) attack by a hawk.
 - (b) its feet were red
 - (c) its feet had been bound by silken thread
 - (d) it had respiratory disorder.
- (2) The silken thread proved to be :
 - (a) a prison to the bird
 - (b) a heaven to the bird
 - (c) a shelter to the bird
 - (d) none of the above
- (3) The narrator is :
 - (a) heartless and mean
 - (b) self-centered
 - (c) very concerned
 - (d) a good smart person
- (4) The dove was better off :
 - (a) in the forest
 - (b) in the narrator's backyard
 - (c) in a crowded street
 - (d) a by itself
- (5) Through this poem we infer that :
 - (a) freedom is the birth right of every species
 - (b) birds should be caged
 - (c) other creatures should be treated with contempt
 - (d) we should be sadists

3. Read the following passage carefully :

I Sir Winston Churchill was a British war leader, Statesman, painter and writer whom some have labelled as the greatest man ever to speak the English language. But many call him the greatest English man of the present century. Born in 1874 in the lap of American Jennie Jarome, Churchill was a descendent of the great Duke of Marlborough. Like many men destined for greatness, Winston hated school, did badly at it and only just managed to scrape into a career; in his case the army. He fought in Cuba, in India, with Kitchener in Egypt.

II. Then he went to South Africa in the Boer war as a war correspondent. While

in India, he taught-himself to write a good prose and he developed a grand masterly style which captured the greatness of his times.

III. In South Africa, he was captured, escaped on a train with a price on his head and returned to England as a hero.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet :

1×5=5

- (1) Winston Churchill was a multi-faceted personality because _____
(a) he was a war leader (b) he was a statesman.
(c) he was a painter and writer (d) all of the above
- (2) He was labelled _____ by some.
(a) a hero
(b) the greatest man ever to speak the English language
(c) the greatest English man
(d) old fashioned
- (3) Regarding his school life, he was _____
(a) a bad performer (b) a good performer
(c) an average performer (d) an all-round performer
- (4) Which talent did he attain in India?
(a) to write in a grand masterly style (b) to write good prose
(c) both (a) and (b) (d) to be a good politician
- (5) From South Africa, he returned to England as a hero as _____
(a) a writer (b) a leader
(c) a terrorist (d) a painter

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Below you can see some notes about Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. A publisher wants to bring out a book on 'Indo-Pak Relations' and needs a brief biography of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri for this purpose. Use the information and write a short biography of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri. (Word limit 50-60 words)

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BIOGRAPHY : SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI

1904	- Born at Mughal Sarai in U.P.; poor parents
1927	- Marriage with Lalita
1928	- become as active Congress worker
1951	- Elected to Rajya Sabha
1955-63	- Minister in the Central Government

1964	- Elected as the Prime Minister of India
1965	- Acted as a strong leader when India defeated Pakistan
11 Jan, 1966	- Led Indian delegation at Tashkant for peace talks with Pakistan, died of Sudden heart attack.

5. You are sweta / swetang, resident of Rana Pratap Bagh. Ludhiana write a letter to the Editor of the National Daily, giving your strong views on the impact of media on teenagers. 8

- too much T.V. viewing causes eye weakness, mental fatigul, loss of memory retention.
- Channels exhibiting violence, vulgarity affect - the psychology of the growing children.
- Down grade the morals of younger generation
- Should provide healthy and informative programmes

6. As a serious student of your school, you are very disturbed to see students flocking to the hawkers to buy foodstuffs that are exposed to the air. Write a speech for your school assembly to make the students aware of the danger of eating food from hawkers and the consequences there of. 8

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(15 Marks)

7. Complete the following dialogues : 1/2×6=3

- Rohit : your camera is excellent. What make (a) _____?
- Mohit : (b) _____ Hot-Shot.
- Rohit : Please tell me from where (c) _____.
- Mohit : My uncle (d) _____.
- Rohit : Do you know how to (e) _____?
- Mohit : No, but I will learn during (f) _____.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one mistake, in each line. Choose the incorrect word and write the correct word in the blank given against it. The first one has been done for you as an example. 1/2×6=3

The <u>passanger</u> were waiting at the Station when five policemen rushing into different compartments of a train. After sometimes one of them comes out with two young men	incorrect passanger (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	correct passangers _____ _____ _____
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and soon the other policemen joined him.

The men which had been arrested

(d) _____

was caught for a theft

(e) _____

They had stealed two cars

(f) _____

and a motor cycle.

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form a meaningful sentence : 1×3=3

(i) was a / about twenty / childhood / delight / years ago

(ii) the leisure hours / of a child / of the T.V. / today / are spent / in front

(iii) of most / now-a-days / the attitude / parents is / different

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

Employer : Why did you leave your previous job?

Applicant : They didn't meet my requirement.

Employer : What salary do you expect here?

Applicant : I am expecting Rs. 5000 per month.

An applicant went for an interview in an office. The employer asked him

(a) _____. The applicant replied that (b) _____. The employer

further enquired (c) _____. The applicant told him that he was expecting

Rs. 5000 per month.

(a) (i) why he has left his previous job

(ii) why he had left his previous job

(iii) why he left his previous job

(iv) why he leave his previous job

(b) (i) they could not meet his requirement

(ii) they didn't meet his requirement

(iii) they had not met his requirements

(iv) they did not want to meet his requirement

(c) (i) what will be his salary there

(ii) what could be his salary there

(iii) what salary he would expect there

(iv) what was his expectation of the salary there.

11. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct option : 1×3=3

He (a) _____ in this office for the last five years. He (b) _____ a sincere

worker. His boss (c) _____ him very much. So he has given him double

promotion.

(a) (i) is working

(ii) was working

(iii) had been working

(iv) has been working

- (b) (i) is (ii) was
 (iii) has been (iv) will be
- (c) (i) likes (ii) liked
 (iii) has liked (iv) had liked

SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the following extract and choose the correct options. Write the answers in your answer sheet :- 1×4=4

'I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed'
 we sighed with relief and tucked her up well.
 poor Granny! For her, it was like a brief season in hell,

- (a) Here 'I' refers to
 (i) the poet (ii) the granny
 (iii) God (iv) the doctor
- (b) Here 'we' refers to
 (i) children (ii) poet's family
 (iii) poet's friends (iv) all of the above
- (c) In line no. 3 which poetic device has been used :-
 (i) metaphor (ii) simile
 (iii) alliteration (iv) personification
- (d) why was it like a 'brief season in hell' for Granny?
 (i) because she hated hell
 (ii) because she did not like bed rest
 (iii) because she wanted to get rid of the confinement
 (iv) none of the above.

13. Read the following extract and choose the correct options. Write the answers in your answer sheet :- 1×4=4

Father in Heaven who lovest all,
 Oh help thy children whom they call;
 That they may build from age to age
 An undefiled heritage

- (a) Who is being invoked by the children?
 (i) mother (ii) father
 (iii) God (iv) none of the above

- (b) Children wish to _____
- (i) help old people (ii) strengthen their nation
 (iii) pray to God (iv) enjoy their life
- (c) 'Father in Heaven who lovest all' means :-
- (i) God loves his beloved followers
 (ii) God loves his creatures
 (iii) God loves only children
 (iv) all of the above
- (d) 'An undefiled heritage' means :
- (i) an uncorrupted inheritance (ii) inheriting small property
 (iii) next-generation (iv) a gift of the forefathers

14. Answer any four of the following questions (Word limited 30-40 word each) :- 2×4=8

- (a) What were the three questions lurking in the King's mind? (Three Questions)
 (b) How did Granny feel during her confinement? (Granny's tree climbing)
 (c) What did Tommy think to be a waste? Why? (The fun they had)
 (d) What was Swami's actual impression about samuel? (Father's Help)
 (e) Why were the elder brothers and sisters envious of the poet? (My Mother)

15. Value based questions (25-30 words)

- (a) It is said that when God felt he could not be present every where he created mother. Mother evokes powerful emotions in everyone. Write your feelings about the same. (My Mother) 2
 (b) Learning by doing gives better outcome. So one should be practical in approach. (Comment) (Three Questions) 2

16. Imagine you are Samuel, write a diary page expressing your surprise at Swami's strange behaviour in the class and your feelings at caning him. (Father's help)

OR

Imagine you are the king. Write a letter to your friend expressing your feelings when your questions were answered. (Three Questions). 5