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**CLASS-VIII**  
**ENGLISH COURSE-A**  
**SA-I**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**General Instructions :**

1. *This paper consists of four 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 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 following passage carefully : (10)

**IMPORTANCE OF POLITENESS IN LIFE**

- (i) Politeness is a great virtue. A man who behaves politely towards others is not only respected by them but loved also. People speak well of him on all occasions. No one can be angry with him.
- (ii) Politeness towards others means that we are civilized and cultured. A rude person can never be called cultured. He will always give offence to others by his bad manners. But a polite person will always please others by his polite behaviour and good manners.
- (iii) Politeness means consideration of the feelings of others. A polite man always puts the feelings of others first. He will not say things that will hurt them; he will not speak in a rude way that will offend them; he will not do such things as, he thinks, they may not like.
- (iv) Politeness is necessary to achieve success in life. Rude and selfish people are always disliked; kind, polite and unselfish people are always popular. Politeness has been called 'the oil of the social machine.' Everyone is required to behave politely in society. If we are not polite to others, why should others be polite to us ?

- (v) Politeness is a duty which we owe to ourselves as well as to our neighbours. A man is polite to others to show that he is a cultured man and knows good manners. A really polite man is he who is equally polite to his superiors, equals and inferiors.
- (vi) And then one does not lose anything by being polite to others, though one may lose much by being rude to people. So why should not the virtue of politeness be cultivated by all ? It is a virtue that will bring us success, pleasure and popularity.

1.1 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. (8)

- (a) A man who behaves politely towards others is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ also.
- (b) Politeness is necessary to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ in life.
- (c) A cultured man is \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
- (d) Politeness is a virtue which brings \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) A really polite man is equally polite to his \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) A rude person always gives \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Politeness is also called \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) Politeness is a duty \_\_\_\_\_.

1.2 Find the words in the passage, that mean the same as the following words. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

- (a) furious \_\_\_\_\_ (Para (i))
- (b) emotions \_\_\_\_\_ (Para (iii))
- (c) fame \_\_\_\_\_ (Para vi)
- (d) delight \_\_\_\_\_ (Para vi) (1/2×4=2)

2. Read the following poem carefully : (5)

### **DAY BY DAY I FLOAT MY PAPER BOATS**

Day by day I float my paper boats.  
 One by one down the running stream.  
 In block letters I write my name.  
 On them and the name of the village where I live.  
 I hope that someone in some strange  
 Land will find them and know who I am.  
 I load my little boats with shiuli  
 Flowers from our garden, and hope  
 That these blooms of the dawn will  
 Be carried safely to land in the night.

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions. Write the correct option in your answer sheet against the correct answer number : (5×1=5)

- (a) The speaker floats his paper boats in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) sea (ii) stream  
(iii) lake (iv) pond
- (b) The rhyme scheme of the first four lines is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) abab (ii) abcb  
(iii) abcd (iv) abbc
- (c) The speaker hopes that someone in strange land would know him through his \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) number of boats (ii) actions  
(iii) thoughts (iv) name and village's name on the boats
- (d) The speaker loads his paper boats with \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) flowers (ii) pebbles  
(iii) leaves (iv) sand
- (e) The poem can be read as a poem that expresses \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) poet's feelings (ii) pleasure derived from floating boats  
(iii) happiness of shiuli flowers  
(iv) plight of paper boats

3. Read the following passage carefully : (5)

- (i) I like being with children and talking to them, and ever more, playing with them. For a moment, I forget that I am terribly old and that it is a very long time ago since I was a child. But when I sit down to write to you, I cannot forget my age and distance that separates you from me. Old people have a habit of delivering sermons and good advice to the young. I remember that I disliked this very much long, long ago when I was a boy. So I suppose you do not like it very much either.
- (ii) Grown ups have also a habit of appearing to be very wise, even though very few of them possess much wisdom. I have not quite made up my mind yet whether I am wise or not. Sometimes listening to others, I feel must be very wise and brilliant & important. Then looking at myself, I begin to doubt this. In any event, people who are wise do not talk about their wisdom and do not behave as if they were very superior persons. – Jawahar Lal Nehru

3.1 Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. (5×1=5)

- (a) Jawahar Lal Nehru liked the company of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) friends (ii) neighbourers  
(iii) children (iv) old people
- (b) According to the narrator, the old people have the habit of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) delivering sermons and advising the young people  
(ii) sitting with friends and sharing experiences  
(iii) eating and sleeping (iv) talking and listening
- (c) The wise people do not talk about their \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) knowledge and experience  
(ii) wisdom  
(iii) superiority over others  
(iv) behaviour with others
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ separate the narrator from children.
- (i) friends and relatives (ii) age and distance  
(iii) wisdom and age (iv) distance and wisdom
- (e) Pick out the word from the passage which means 'religious address'.
- (i) superior (ii) advice  
(iii) wisdom (iv) sermon

**Section-B (Writing)**

**(20 Marks)**

4. The cultural club of Dayanand Model School, New Delhi invites names of students who wish to participate in the Annual Cultural programme of the school to be held soon. Write a notice as the Secretary of the Club in not more than 50 words to be put up on the notice board. (4)
5. Your younger brother Amogh spends a lot of his time and money on games that he plays on his playstation, DVD's and the I-pod. Write a letter advising him against this wastage of time and money. (Word limit 120-150 words). (8)

Hints

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| * Latest Technology  | * Time wasted   |
| * Obesity            | * Outdoor games |
| * Social interaction |                 |

6. Today's generation easily gets influenced by Media and its resources. Media has the power to hold the attention of the audiences especially the teenagers who are prone to get affected by the hype created for things by Media. You are Varun / Varunika of class VIII, you feel concerned and decide to write a speech on, 'Media – Impact on Teenagers'. Express your views by taking hints from the unit, 'Changing Times'. (Word limit 120-150 words). (8)

**Section-C (Grammar)****(15 Marks)**

7. Read the notes given in the box below and complete the following paragraph :  
(6×½=3)

Hampi – a historical site – scattered – ruins and excavations – a strange landscape – capital – Kingdom – Vijaynagara – reached – Zenith – rule – Krishnadeva Raya – 1509–1529 – Hampi – beautiful – well-organised city – Vanquished – war – five neighbouring kingdoms – 1565 – city – destroyed completely.

Hampi (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a historical site (b) \_\_\_\_\_ and excavations – a strange landscape suffused by silence and austerity. As the capital of the kingdom of Vijaynagara, which (c) \_\_\_\_\_ under the rule of Krishnadeva Raya between 1509 and 1529, Hampi (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and (e) \_\_\_\_\_ city in its prime. It (f) \_\_\_\_\_ in a war with five neighbouring kingdoms in 1565, when the city was destroyed completely.

8. In the following passage there is one error in each line indicated. Choose the incorrect word and write the correct answer in the blank given against it. The first one has been done as an example for you. (6×½=3)

	e.g.	Incorrect	Correct
What the world <u>called</u> tea is the	Called	(a) _____	Calls
much-loves brew of the tea leaves.		(b) _____	_____
But several beverages that were		(c) _____	_____
also called tea often contained			
no leaves at all. They contain flowers, barks etc.			
Many of those have herbal		(d) _____	_____
properties, so it made sense		(e) _____	_____
to switched to them if		(f) _____	_____
they can help alleviate your problems.			

9. Re-arrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example. (3×1=3)

e.g. are / supposed / be / to / dogs / very / animals / loving

Ans. : Dogs are supposed to be very loving animals.

- (a) loyalty / famous / they / for / are / their / masters / towards/ their  
 (b) neglect / master / a / may / his / dog  
 (c) dog / never / a / will / ignore / master / pain / who / is / his / in

10. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph by choosing the correct option : (3)

Murali : Rahul works eight hours in office and sleeps eight hours.

Vijay : Why was he dismissed then ?

Murali : He slept during his working hours !

Murali said that (a) \_\_\_\_\_.

Vijay questioned (b) \_\_\_\_\_ then.

Murali replied that (c) \_\_\_\_\_ during his working hours.

- (a) (i) Rahul works eight hours in office and sleeps eight hours.  
(ii) Rahul had worked eight hours in office and slept eight hours.  
(iii) Rahul will work eight hours in office and sleep eight hours.  
(iv) Rahul worked eight hours in office and slept eight hours.
- (b) (i) Why he had been dismissed  
(ii) Why had he been dismissed  
(iii) Why he was dismissed (iv) Why he had had been dismissed.
- (c) (i) he slept (ii) he had slept  
(iii) he had been sleeping (iv) he will sleep

11. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct option given in brackets. (6×½=3)

The computing prodigy, Shakuntala Devi (a) \_\_\_\_\_ born (is / was / were / am) on November 4, 1939, in Bangalore. Her father, refusing to (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (became, will become, become, has become) a priest, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (choosing, will choose, chose, has chosen) to be a circus performer. It was his father who (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (introduces, introduced, has introduced, will introduce) her to the world of Mathematics through card tricks. When she was only three, Devi (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (begins, has begun, began, begun) showing great affinity with numbers. By the time she was five, she became an expert in (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (solve, solved, solving, will solve) complex mental arithmetic.

**Section-D (Literature)**

**(25 Marks)**

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheet. (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) Name of the poet is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) Sarojini Naidu (ii) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam  
 (iii) Joseph Rudyard Kipling (iv) Ruskin Bond
- (b) The figure of speech used in line 2 \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) simile (ii) personification  
 (iii) alliteration (iv) metaphor
- (c) 'You' and 'me' in the extract refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) The friend and the poet (ii) The friend and friend's mother  
 (iii) The mother and the poet (iv) The poet and his friend
- (d) 'War days' refer to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) World War II (ii) World War I  
 (iii) Kargil War (iv) Partition days

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheet. (4)

Confined to her bedroom, while every breeze  
 Whispered of summer and dancing leaves  
 But she held her peace till she felt stronger,  
 Then sat up and said, 'I'll lie here no longer!'

- (a) 'She' in the above lines refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) Granny (ii) Mother  
 (iii) Sister (iv) Friend
- (b) The poetic device in the second line of the extract is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) simile (ii) personification  
 (iii) metaphor (iv) alliteration
- (c) 'She' was confined to her bedroom because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) injury (ii) high fever  
 (iii) restlessness (iv) ill-health
- (d) It was a \_\_\_\_\_ season outside during her confinement.
- (i) summer (ii) winter  
 (iii) rainy (iv) autumn

14. Answer any four of the following questions. (Word limit 30-40 words) (2×4=8)
- (a) Why did the king forgive the bearded man ?
- (b) What kind of school did Margie study in ?

- (c) What was the actual image of Samuel in Swami's eyes ?
- (d) When does the poet hope to meet his mother again ?
- (e) What sort of sacrifice do the children wish to offer to their motherland ?
15. (Value based questions) (30–40 words) (2×2=4)
- (a) 'One must put one's heart and soul into whatever is being done.' Comment.  
(Three Questions)
- (b) Mother plays an influential role in a child's life. Discuss. (My Mother)
16. Imagine you are Swami's father. Looking at your child's behaviour, you feel disturbed and want him to change. Express your feelings in a diary entry.  
(80 to 90 words) (5)

**OR**

You are the poet of the poem –Granny's Tree Climbing. It pains you to see your grandmother – a nature lover, confined to her bedroom. You really want her to be strong again. Write a letter to your friend expressing your feelings & series of incidents that led her to bed rest. (80 to 90 words)