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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. Do not write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
6. Read each question carefully and follow the given instructions.
7. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION - A (Reading)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 10
- (1) You are on a diet and have to stay off sugar. You don't want the usual sugar free sweetener either. Go honey. Not only will it cut the calories and make your face just as sweet, it will also keep you going on the energy circuit.
 - (2) Nutritionists across the world have traditionally favoured honey as a source of energy vis-à-vis sugar for the innumerable benefits it offers. Honey has carbohydrate compounds that are singularly acceptable and practical and is considered most effective to generate heat, create and replace energy and, further-more, form certain tissues.
 - (3) The chief rooting factor is that honey is a pure food, no chemicals are used in its production, and so, it is entirely utilized by the digestive tract. Refined sugar (that we eat), on the other hand, is what's left of raw sugar after it is washed, filtered and bleached. Compared to sugar, honey has a healthier Glycemic Index (GI) which measures the negative impact of a given food on the blood glucose level. The lower the GI rating, the slower the absorption and infusion of sugars into the blood stream and hence a more gradual and healthier digestion process.

- (4) Besides that, honey has several antioxidants and has been shown to improve cholesterol and other blood lipid levels. Honey, like spinach, apples or oranges contains antioxidants which combat the free radicals which can damage cells. It has a mild protective effect. Honey's therapeutic properties are also well known. When mixed in carrot juice it helps improve one's eyesight. It also protects against cold, cough, and helps to get rid of a sore throat and a runny nose if added in ginger juice.
- (5) Research is on to establish the relation between antioxidants in honey and its intake and prevention of cancer. The more honey you have during a day, it adds to antioxidants in the body which combat cells causing cancer.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions briefly. (8)

- (a) Why is honey healthier than sugar and sugar-free sweeteners? 1
- (b) Why is honey entirely utilized by the digestive tract? 1
- (c) How does honey help to prevent cancer? 1
- (d) What is Glycemic Index (GI)? 1
- (e) Mention the benefits of taking honey with ginger juice. 1
- (f) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

1.2 (a) What are the benefits of honey according to nutritionists? 2

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

- (a) many (Para 2) _____
- (b) effect (Para 3) _____
- (c) healing (Para 4) _____
- (d) to fight against (Para 5) _____

2. Read the given poem carefully : (5)

I Cannot Remember My Mother

I cannot remember my mother
 Only sometimes in the midst of my play
 a tune seems to hover over my playthings,
 the tune of some song that she used to
 hum while rocking my cradle.

I cannot remember my mother
 but when in the early autumn morning
 the smell of the shiuli flowers float in the air
 the scent of the morning services in the temple
 comes to me as the scent of my mother.

I cannot remember my mother
 Only when from my bedroom window I send
 my eyes into the blue distant sky.

I feel that the stillness of my mother's gaze on my face has spread all over the sky.

Complete the summary of the poem using one word for each blank. Write your answers against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (1×5=5)

The poem is about the poet's (a) _____ of his mother. He cannot remember his mother because she (b) _____ long ago. He gets an imaginary image that reminds him of his mother. It is the (c) _____ of a song that she used to sing. Now it (d) _____ over his playthings. Similarly, the smell of the shiuli flower reminds him of the (e) _____ of his mother. When the poet looks at the blue distant sky, he is reminded of the stillness of his mother's gaze on his face.

3. Read the following passage carefully. (5)

Tracey is starting a new school today. She is very sad. She is very scared. "I don't want to go to school today," Tracey tells Dad. "I understand, sweetheart," Dad says. "Starting a new school can be very scary." Tracey has moved to a new town. She has moved to a new house. She is starting a new school today. She has done all of this in a week! "I feel sick," Tracey says. "My stomach hurts. I can't eat breakfast." "I think that is because you are nervous," Dad says. He brushes Tracey's hair down. He gives her a little hug. "Try drinking just a little juice. Then I will walk you to school." Tracey and her dad walk to school. Tracey thinks about many things.

Will I make friends?

Will I like my teacher?

"We're here," says Dad. Tracey looks up at the big building. Her other school was small. Tracey wishes she could run away. She takes a deep breath. She walks up the steps to school. She walks into her classroom. "That must be Tracey," she hears a boy say. "Hello, Tracey!" "Welcome, Tracey!" "Let me show you around."

Everyone seems kind. Tracey feels a little better. She is still not happy. She is still a little scared. She cannot eat her lunch. Dad picks Tracey up after school. "How was your day?" he asks. "Okay," she says. "It will get better," Dad says. "Big changes are hard." "I know," says Tracey. She reaches for Dad's hand to hold as they walk home.

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

- (1) Why is Tracey sad and scared?
- (a) She is moving to a new house today.
 - (b) She is moving to a new town today.
 - (c) She is starting a new school today.
 - (d) She is walking to school alone today.

- (2) Why does Tracey's dad think she feels sick?
 (a) because she is sleepy (b) because she is nervous
 (c) because she has a cold (d) because she ate too much
- (3) In this story, what does nervous mean?
 (a) to be happy (b) to be hungry
 (c) to be mad (d) to be scared
- (4) When does Tracey seem to be brave?
 (a) when she cannot eat
 (b) when she feels better
 (c) when she holds her dad's hand
 (d) when she walks up the steps to the school
- (5) Why can't Tracey eat breakfast?
 (a) She has no food. (b) Her stomach hurts.
 (c) She is late for school. (d) She does not like the food.

SECTION - B (Writing)

(20 Marks)

4. You are Dhruv/ Divya Middle School Prefect. Under the SPIC-MACAY programme, renowned Warli artists will conduct a five day Warli Painting and Craft workshop at your school -- RPS School, New Delhi from 17 August to 21 August 2015 between 10 a.m and 11.30 a.m. The workshop is open to students of Classes VI to VIII. Seats will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis. Put up a notice on the school notice board giving necessary details. Do not exceed 50 words. Put the notice in a box. 4

OR

You are Udit/ Urmila living in a hostel of Pine Mount School, Nainital. An athletic meet was organized in your school recently in which your younger brother Areyan won two gold medals. You have taken the photographs of the event as well. Write an e-mail to your parents in not more than 50 words sharing your excitement on his achievement. 4

5. You are Radha/Rahul of Class VIII. You firmly believe that good deeds together with compassion for fellow human beings can make life pure and upright. Using ideas from the unit 'Compassionate Souls' of My English Reader along with your own views, write a speech on the topic 'Importance of good deeds in life' in about 150 words. 8

OR

Media is unavoidable. Everywhere we go, we are surrounded by televisions, billboards, computer screens, magazines and newspapers. Media is an inseparable part of the life of most teenagers. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic- 'Media- Impact on Teenagers' in not more than 150 words. Refer to the unit 'Changing Times'. 8

6. You are Himanshu/Himani residing at 511, Sec-28 Ooty. Write a letter to your friend advising him/her not to adopt unfair means in the examination. You may use the given hints along with your own viewpoints. (150 words).

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- Unfairness is an offence
- Degrades the standard of education
- No true education if student cheats
- Should read seriously
- Honesty is the best policy

SECTION - C (Grammar)

(15 Marks)

7. Simran wants to deliver a speech on 'Encyclopaedia' in the morning assembly. She has taken some points for her speech. Using the notes below complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any extra information.

6×½=3

ENCYCLOPAEDIA

- Origin - Greek words meaning a circle of learning.
- Oldest encyclopaedia- written in Greece 2000 years ago
- Oldest existing encyclopaedia - in 1st century by Roman scholar Pliny the Elder 'Natural History' in 37 volumes.
- Largest encyclopaedia - Yung Lo Ta Tien- 2000 writers
- Bound in 11100 volumes.
- Publication of first volume of Encyclopedia Britannica- in 1771

The word encyclopedia comes from two Greek words meaning a circle of learning. The oldest known encyclopaedia (a) _____. Now it is no longer in existence. However the (b) _____ in the 1st century by an eminent scholar Pliny the Elder, known as Natural History. This encyclopedia (c) _____. The largest encyclopedia written so far is the (d) _____. The special thing about this Encyclopedia is that it was written collectively by 2000 writers and (e) _____. The first volume of Encyclopedia Britannica (f) _____.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and correction in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

6×½=3

Chocolate can make peoples happy. (example)	peoples	people
Chocolate are also considered very good in health. One bar off chocolate	(a)
have more protein than one banana.	(b)
You might had heard people saying that chocolates spoiled the teeth.	(c)
	(d)
	(e)
	(f)

9. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences. One has been done as an example for you. 1×3=3

Example : India/are/poverty/plaguing/ and pollution/ worst evils/the two

Poverty and pollution are the two worst evils plaguing India.

- (a) Indians live/crowded/ in the most/of spaces
- (b) at least/ in slums/35 % of urban/India lives
- (c) of pollution/the growing dangers/no Indian city/is free of

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

Ronit : Where are you going?

Adri : I am going to the market.

Ronit : What will you bring home?

Adri : Nothing, I've to post these letters in the post office.

Ronit asked Adri where he was going. Adri said that (a)..... . Ronit enquired (b) Adri replied that (c)..... He had to post those letters in the post office.

- (a) (i) he was going to the market
- (ii) was he going to the market
- (iii) he is going to the market
- (iv) I am going to the market
- (b) (i) that what will you bring home
- (ii) if what he will bring home
- (iii) what he would bring home
- (iv) what would he bring home
- (c) (i) that I will bring nothing
- (ii) that he will bring nothing
- (iii) he would bring nothing
- (iv) that he would bring nothing

11. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb from the given options : ½×6=3

This poem (a) (paints/painting/paint) a portrait of Abraham Lincoln. He (b) (is/was/are) probably the greatest American who ever (c) (live/was living/lived). He (d) (was working/work/worked) for the freedom of slaves. He (e) (murders/was murdered/was murdering) in the middle of his term as President but not before he (f) (had united/unite/was uniting) the rivals states of North America into a great nation.

SECTION - D (Literature)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the following extract and answer the questions by choosing the correct option.
Write the answers in your answer sheet :

1×4=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) Name the poem and the poet
(i) My mother, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(ii) Granny's Tree Climbing , Ruskin Bond
(iii) The Children's song, Ruskin Bond
(iv) Bangle Sellers, Sarojini Naidu
- (b) Why was Granny confined to her bedroom?
(i) To take rest as she was growing old
(ii) Her family was out of town
(iii) She was down with fever
(iv) She fractured her leg
- (c) How did Granny feel during her confinement?
(i) She was happy as she got a chance to relax
(ii) She felt bored and unhappy
(iii) She enjoyed her stay in bed, with her family around her
(iv) She was worried that she might be hospitalized if the fever did not come down.
- (d) Name the poetic device used in the second line.
(i) Personification (ii) Metaphor
(iii) Simile (iv) Alliteration

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions by choosing the correct option.
Write the answers in your answer sheet :-

1×4=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) Poet's mother: poet
(ii) Poet: poet's mother
(iii) Poet: poet's grandmother
(iv) Poet's mother: poet's brother

- (b) What does 'war days' refer to here?
- I-World War
 - II-World War
 - War between India and Pakistan
 - War between India and China
- (c) Why did the poet have to walk so much, early in the morning?
- to learn Arabic
 - to take lessons from the saintly teacher
 - to bring milk from the market
 - both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Name the poem and the poet.
- 'My Mother' by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
 - 'My Mother' by Ruskin Bond
 - 'My Mother' by Joseph Rudyard Kipling
 - 'My Mother' by Alexander Pope

14. Answer any four of the following questions :- 4×2=8
- Why did the king go to the wise hermit? Why did he go there alone disguised as a commoner? (Three Questions)
 - Why had Margie started hating her school? (The fun they had)
 - Why did Swami feel that he was the worst perjurer on earth? (Father's Help)
 - What sacrifices do the children pledge to their motherland? (The Children's Song)
 - How did the mother's piety affect her children? (My Mother)
15. (Value Based Questions) (Answer in 30-40 words) : 2×2=4
- 'Truth and Honesty are the oldest and most powerful of all human values' Comment. (Father's Help)
 - What are the characteristics of a good citizen? (The Children's Song)
16. Imagine you are Swami. Write a diary entry in 80 to 90 words on how the excuses for not going to school complicated matters for you. (Father's Help) 5

OR

Imagine you are the king. Write a diary entry in 80 to 90 words on the three questions which were troubling you and why you were so eager to get the answers.
(Three Questions)