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Class : VIII
ENGLISH (COURSE-A)
(Term - II)

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

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.
7. Do not write anything on the question paper.

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 10

- (a) If you want to leave foot prints on the sands of time, you must know how to live, suffer and die for your convictions. In one word, you should be fearless till death for the vindication of truth. All great and good men, whom the mass of humanity worship now, were fearless. They did not hand down fear to succeeding generations.
- (b) Jesus Christ was fearless, having a strong will power. The executors have been forgotten; the executed is still hailed and praised in songs after a thousand years. Gandhiji was fearless. He instilled the need of fearlessness in the minds of young and old.
- (c) Mentally dwarfed, spiritually bankrupt and intellectually empty men have lived and died like ants. Nobody notices them. But people who stand for a cause and are fearless in the midst of bullets and tortures are the salt of the earth. They always conquer. It is only when a man is willing to suffer and die for a cause that he will live eternally in the minds of men. Those who do not know how to live will die unwept, unsung and unhonoured. They come and go away without being noticed by others.

Fearlessness, however is not stoning the houses, burning the trains, looting the banks or killing the common man. The individual who thinks must convert the mob into a disciplined group of dedicated people who must chisel in their minds the words we live and we die as men!

(d) Instill in everybody the seeds of courage, ambition and determination and then, with Tagore they will sing, "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high"

(e) Fear is the root of all evils, Change the mental attitude and life becomes pleasant.

1.1. After reading the above passage answer the following questions :- 6

- (a) What is common between all great men?
- (b) Name two great men who are still remembered for their fearlessness.
- (c) What are intellectually empty men compared to?
- (d) What type of men live in the minds of people for ever?
- (e) What is the root cause of all evils?
- (f) How can our life become pleasant?

1.2. Find words from the passage which have the same meaning as :- 2

- (a) Welcomed / Greeted _____ (Para - b)
- (b) Win / dominate _____ (Para - c)

1.3. Find words from the passage which are opposites of :- 2

- (a) Weak _____ (Para - b)
- (b) Full _____ (Para - c)

2. Read the following poem carefully : 5

WHY ?

I know a curious little boy.
He's always asking Why;
Why this, why that, why then, why now,
Why not, why, why, why, why?
He wants to know why wood should float,
When lead and marbles sink?
When stars should shine and winds should blow,
And why we eat and drink?
He wants to know why fish have gills,
And why we cannot fly?
Why stream comes from the kettle spout,
And rain falls from the sky?
Some of his whys are not too hard
To answer, if you'll try;
But others - no one ever yet
Has found the reason why.

Fill in the blanks with one suitable word :

The poet introduces us to a very (a) _____ little boy who is always

asking (b) _____. He wants to know why this, why that, why then, why now, why not. For (c) _____, he wants to know why wood floats, when lead and marbles sink, why stars shine, and winds blow, why we are (d) _____ and thirsty, why fish have gills, why we cannot fly, etc. The poet says that some of his questions can be (e) _____ if one tries but others are not easy to answer.

3. Read the following passage

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HAVE A GOOD LAUGH!

Experts often refer to exercise, a balanced diet and plenty of rest as the three essential factors for good health in the stressful society in which we live. According to leading doctors, laughter is also extremely important to our general well being. When we laugh, energy is pumped around the body and it perks up the whole system. Our stress levels are reduced, which means laughter has a calming effect on us.

More importantly, perhaps, is the fact that laughter releases chemicals into the body. These chemicals are natural pain suppressants and they affect the immune system, helping to speed up healing processes and activating hormones which kill disease cells. In fact, in 1991, the first free Laughter Clinic was set up in Britain so that patients could have fun, which would help them to get better more quickly.

According to one doctor, laughter is a total body experience in which all the major systems of the body, such as muscles, nerves, heart, brain and digestion, participate fully, so laughter is almost equivalent to a form of exercise. However, it is important to bear in mind that we are talking about laughter as opposed to just a smile, in other words, "a belly laugh" says Howard Kent of the Yoga for Health Association.

So how are we to fill our lives with merriment? Every happy home should have a laughter library of joke books, classic cartoon books, collections of humorous quotations and audio cassettes of our favourite comedians, comedy videos, fun board games, comic plays, novels and amusing biographies.

Answer the following questions :

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| (a) What are the three most important factors for good health? | 1 |
| (b) What happens when laughter pumps energy around the body? | 1 |
| (c) Why do laughter clinic patients get better faster? | 1 |
| (d) What is laughter similar to? How? | 1 |
| (e) Find the synonyms of : | 1 |
| (i) a large quantity (Para 1) | |
| (ii) funny / entertaining (Para 4) | |

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Given below is a profile of Mr. Sharma, the school canteen assistant. Write a short bio-sketch of Mr. Sharma. The clues enclosed in the box might help you with the exercise.

- Age - 45 years old
- Bespectacled
- Education - high school dropout
- Brews the best tea - a big hit with visitors
- Stature and build - lean and of medium build
- A pleasant personality
- Profound beliefs - to him work is worship
- Believes in dignity of labour

OR

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Read the following telephonic conversation

- Caller : Is it 25283879?
Akshay : Yes, May I know who is calling?
Caller : May I speak to Rita please?
Akshay : She is not here at the moment. Any message?
Caller : The Kitty party scheduled for today has been postponed due to a mishap in the family. The members will meet on the 18th next month at the same place. Inconvenience is regretted.
Akshay : I will convey the message.
Akshay has to go to Delhi. He leaves the message for his sister Rita. Write the message for Rita in not more than 50 words.

5. Upon being judged the best athlete in this year's Athletic Meet, your sports teacher has asked you to write a speech on "The Importance of Sports in Student's Life". Use the hints given below :

- Sports - a necessary part of a student's life
- Contribute to physical fitness
- Teach healthy competitiveness
- Teach sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, determination
- Overall personality development
- Can be developed into a career

OR

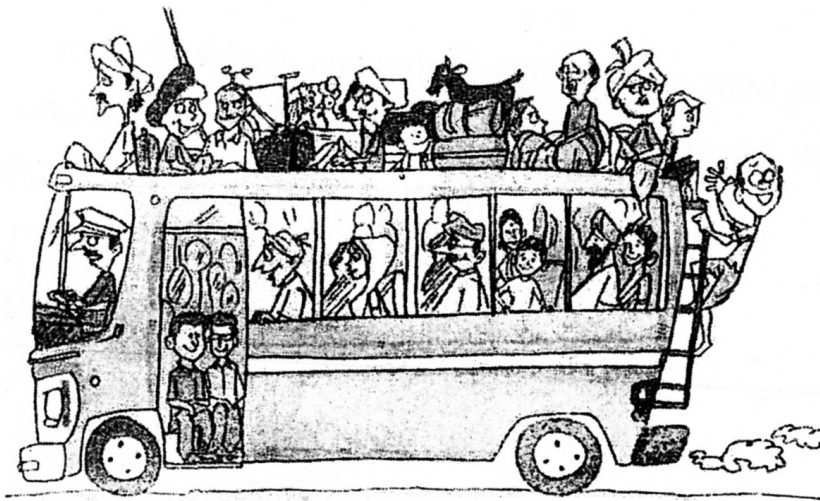
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You are Madhur / Meena. You saw a short film on television about the tremendous increase in the rate at which we are cutting trees to fulfill our needs. The film highlighted that if the deforestation continues, very shortly we will not

be left with trees on earth. Using your own ideas and the ideas from the film, write an article on - 'The Importance of afforestation and maintaining a green cover in the country to prevent pollution and global warming.' (100 words)

6. Buses are often overcrowded. As a concerned citizen of your city, write a letter to the editor of a national daily about your concern for the commuters and your suggestions for streamlining the transportation system in about 120 words.

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You can use the clues given below along with your own ideas -

- Poor bus service, causes lots of problems for the commuters
- Buses can overturn due to excessive load.
- Awareness should be created among people
- Transport authorities and Traffic Police should monitor the situation

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(25 Marks)

7. Read the notes given below and complete the following paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each blank. Do not add any new information.

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SOUTH ZONE JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

Dates : March, 9th to 12th, 2018

Registration : At school auditorium with authenticated previous school records.

Prize Distribution : March 12

Selection of participants : Depends on

- (i) Previous record
- (ii) Present performance

South zone volleyball matches will (a) _____ from 9th to 12th March 2018. Those interested can (b) _____ at school auditorium. The selection will (c) _____ and (d) _____ of the candidates. The prize distribution will be held on 12th March 2018.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.

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	Incorrect	Correct
The purpose in prayer is to awaken	(a) _____	_____
the divinity in the depth of ours heart.	(b) _____	_____
Man's need for prayer is as greater as his	(c) _____	_____
need for bread. As food was necessary	(d) _____	_____
for the body, prayer is necessary for a	(e) _____	_____
soul. True prayers never goes unanswered.	(f) _____	_____
Then the mind is full of prayerful thoughts	(g) _____	_____
Somethings in the world seems good.	(h) _____	_____

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : 1×4=4

- (a) friends / I / my / were / grandmother / and / good
 (b) left me / in the city / my parents / with her / when they / went / to live
 (c) morning / wake / used to / up / the / in / she / me
 (d) she did that / the prayers / in order / me learn / to make

10. Fill in the blanks with correct linkers : 1×4=4

- (a) I must keep working hard _____ (so / since / until) I achieve my goal.
 (b) They suggested me to go back home _____ (as / so / so that) I was not feeling well.
 (c) She was hungry _____ (and / but / because) she could not find any food joint near by.
 (d) _____ (however / since / although) he was a deserving candidate, he did not win the election.

11. Given below are some notes to prepare a cake. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows. Use the underlined verbs in the passive voice. 4

PREPARATION OF A CAKE

- cream the butter and sugar until it gets fluffy
- add the eggs gradually
- add flour, baking powder and milk powder
- add vanilla extract with milk and mix well
- pour into the baking dish greased and lined with baking paper
- bake at 180°C for about 25 minutes

To make a delicious cake first of all, butter and sugar are to be creamed until it gets fluffy. Then (a) _____ gradually. Flour, baking powder and

milk powder are added after that. Vanilla extract (b) _____ with milk and mixed well for particular flavour. Baking dish is greased and added with baking paper and the material (c) _____. The material (d) _____.

12. Do as directed

A. Fill with appropriate modal :

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1. You _____ borrow my pen if you want to.
2. He _____ to serve his old parents.

B. Fill in with correct form of verbs :

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1. The passenger had _____ (Pull) the chain.
2. Water _____ (Boil) at 100 degrees.

C. Punctuate the following :

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1. Where are you going he asked

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(35 Marks)

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity."

(a) Name the poem and the poet.

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(b) What does 'faith' refer to?

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(c) What will the world disagree on?

1

(d) What is the main concern of mankind and why?

2

OR

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :

Land of our Birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died,
Oh, Motherland, we pledge to thee
Head, heart and hand through years to be

(a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract?

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(b) Why does the poet call his motherland 'Land of ... faith ... pride'.....?

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(c) What do the words 'head', 'heart' and 'hand' in the line 4 refer to?

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14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

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"I agree with you now, of course, she is not a good cook but she works hard."

(a) Name the speaker and the person addressed to.

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(b) Who isn't a good cook?

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(c) What is the speaker's state of mind?

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(d) Why has the speaker changed his mind?

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15. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

18+2=20

- (a) How does the narrator introduce himself in the story, 'The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller'?
- (b) What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had lost his job? (A Bad Dream)
- (c) How did Baldev's son get implicated in a false case of dacoity? (The Undeserved Reward)
- (d) The poetess has compared the bangles of the Indian Bride to her laughter as well as her tears. Why? (Bangle Sellers)
- (e) What does the poet mean by 'an undefiled heritage' in the poem 'The Children's Song'?
- (f) Why did Margie hate her school so much? (The Fun They Had)
- (g) In order to lead a successful life, a man has to tread a balanced way. Comment? (Couplets) (Value - Based)

16. Imagine you are Mr. Hill. Your unpleasant conversation with your colleagues awakens your conscience and your attitude towards Annie changes. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after your meeting with the visitors. (Word limit 80-90 words)

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OR

Suppose you are the narrator, (The Undeserved Reward). You are overcome with a feeling of guilt after Baldev and his son leave your house. Write a letter to Baldev expressing your guilt over accepting the honour that you did not deserve. (Word limit 80-90 words)