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

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 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 written in the answer sheet provided to you.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.
7. Don't write anything on the question paper.

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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1. The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases the early riser also finds time to take exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening.
2. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing, and after a sound night's rest, rises early next morning in good health and spirits for the labours of a new day.
3. It is very plain that such a life as this is far more conducive to health than that of the men who shortens his waking hours by rising late. So, he can afford in the course of day little leisure for necessary rest. Anyone who is in bed late, has to go on working to late hours if he wishes to do a full day's work. He shall have to miss the evening exercise. In spite of all his

efforts, he will probably not produce as good results as the early riser because he misses the best working hours of the day.

4. Some people find the perfect quiet of midnight by far the best time for working. This is no doubt true in certain cases. Several great thinkers have found by experience that their intellect is clearest, and they can write best when they burn the midnight oil. But even in such cases the practice of working late at night cannot be commended. Few men can make full use of their intellect at the time when nature prescribes sleep without draining their health thereby.

- 1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the summary of the passage by writing the missing word/phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheets :

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The author says that the early riser saves a lot of his time by (a) _____. It also (b) _____ which (c) _____. Work done well in time (d) _____ and after a restful night (e) _____. On the other hand, the late riser misses (f) _____ as the early riser can. According to many great thinkers the ideal time for creative work is (h) _____.

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

- (a) benefit (Para 1) _____
(b) accurate (Para 4) _____
(c) abundance (Para 2) _____
(d) yield (Para 3) _____

2. **Read the given poem carefully :**

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I am a cloud
quietly I fly through the transparent sky
And in the heavens
I bloom into a lotus.

I am a breeze
Stealthily I glide over the bed of flowers
And gently
I shake down a dream

I am water
Leisurely I flow into the sleeping rainbow
And go in pursuit
of the sound of the temple gong.

I am a fog
Shyly I look forward to the rising of the red sun
Over the towering peak
And return to it
Its gentle beauty.

2.1. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

5×1=5

- (i) The poet imagines a cloud to be blooming into a lotus when it travels _____
(a) Over the sea (b) in the heaven
(c) through the lake (d) Over the bed of flowers
- (ii) The breeze is responsible for _____ when it glides over a bed of flowers.
(a) shaking down a dream
(b) blooming into a lotus
(c) pursuing the sound of a temple gong
(d) creating fog
- (iii) The poet thinks that water flows into a rainbow and chases the _____?
(a) transparent sky (b) flowers in the bed
(c) sound of the temple gong (d) rising sun
- (iv) In the last stanza "And return to it its gentle beauty", 'it' refers to
(a) the red sun (b) the heavens
(c) the rainbow (d) the peak
- (v) A word from the poem which conveys the same sense as 'secretly' is
(a) gently (b) stealthily
(c) quietly (d) leisurely

3. Read the passage carefully :

(5)

CAMPS TO TAP CREATIVITY

1. As the dreaded examinations crawl to a halt, students look forward to the much awaited "creative outlet", the summer camps, to let off steam and spend their holidays. A summer camp is conducted over a short period of four to five weeks involving interesting and fun-filled activities. The colourful spectrum of summer camps provides a wide variety of activities which include artistic skills such as painting, origami, art, music, craft and also spoken English, cookery and computer courses. Not only this, the summer camps keep the child "fit as a fiddle" by imparting lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming.
2. With changing times and trends parents have become productivity oriented. They want their children to learn through productive play unlike in the past when play was just play. Today, the parents want to tap the potential of their children to the fullest. To achieve this aim, the summer camps afford an ideal opening for children to develop their hobbies and talents as art and craft projects can excite even a young child's imagination and promote a sense of great achievement.
3. Summer camps develop a child's confidence and his ideas. They also encourage children to do things on their own. The camps are beneficial for hyper-active and aggressive children as they help channelise their

energies fruitfully by drawing out the best in them. They also promote mutual understanding not only among teachers and children but also bring about interaction between the taught.

Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

5×1=5

- (a) The two activities conducted in a summer camp are :
- (i) sleeping and cooking (ii) cooking and studying
(iii) orgami and music (iv) reading and sleeping
- (b) A summer camp is conducted for
- (i) children (ii) adults
(iii) old people (iv) toddlers
- (c) "They also promote mutual understanding". 'They' refers to
- (i) parents (ii) summer camps
(iii) teachers (iv) students
- (d) Summer camps develop a child's
- (i) Confidence (ii) friendship
(iii) energy (iv) understanding
- (e) Find word from the passage which means the same as 'ability'.
- (i) spectrum (ii) imagination
(iii) afford (iv) potential

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Read the telephone conversation between Ritu and Nitu when Preeti is away. Write Nitu's message for Preeti. (50 words). (4)

Ritu : Is it 2222667?

Nitu : Yes. May I know who is on the line?

Ritu : I am Ritu, Preeti's friend. Could I talk to Preeti?

Nitu : I am sorry, she has left for the college. Is there any message for her?

Ritu : Tell her that my elder brother, Ankit has got admission in M.B.B.S. at Medical College, Pune. He is leaving tomorrow. We are holding a tea party this evening. Ask her to come at 4:30 P.M. at our residence.

Nitu : O.K. I'll do that.

Ritu : Thank you.

5. India is facing an energy crisis. We as honourable citizens must conserve energy. Using ideas of your own and from the tips given below, write a letter to the Editor of the Hindustan Times highlighting the need and ways to conserve energy. You are Amit / Amita of 6 Nehru Vihar, MG Road, Nagpur (Word Limit 120-150 words) (8)

TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY

- Switch off lights and appliances when not needed
- Maximum use of solar energy
- Discourage decorative lighting

6. Sports and Games have a great value in life. They keep us healthy and fit. The overall development of a person requires games and sports to be a part of his / her life. Taking hints from the unit 'sports', express your views in the form of an article on the topic value of Games and Sports in life. (120-150 words) (8)

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(15 Marks)

7. Read the following notes given in the box below and complete the paragraph:

6×½=3

Saina Nehwal --- expectedly --- most expensive player league --- one --- world's best player --- reach --- highest --- ranking no. 2 --- win --- bronze --- London Olympics Pullela Gopichand --- second Indian --- All England --- championship --- made --- impression --- international --- level --- Badminton --- bright.

World no. 3 Saina Nehwal, (a) _____ in the league. Nobody can grudge her this honour, as she has time and again proved that she (b) _____ best Badminton players and (c) _____ the highest world ranking no. 2 in 2010. She (d) _____ at the London Olympics. Nehwal's mentor Pullela Gopichand (e) _____ to win the All England open championship. With stars like Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap who (f) _____ a serious impression at the International level, the future of Indian Badminton appears bright.

8. In the following passage, there is one error in each line. Find out the incorrect word and write it down in the blank provided against each sentence with correction. (6×½=3)

| One day, the Nawab sent for his | incorrect word | correct word |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| minister and asking him to | (a) _____ | _____ |
| measure the length into | (b) _____ | _____ |
| breadth of an entire earth | (c) _____ | _____ |
| from end to end but side to | (d) _____ | _____ |
| side. He also wished that the | | |
| minister should count all the | (e) _____ | _____ |
| star in the sky. The minister | (f) _____ | _____ |
| felt the Nawab was unfair to him. | | |

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

Example : can result / or fire / Electrical faults / in shock
Electrical faults can result in shock or fire.

- (a) can kill / electric / shock / an
(b) in / every year / people / this way / die / many
(c) can kill / Even / of current / a small / amount

10. Read the given set of instructions on how to make cake. Then complete the blanks describing the process. 6×1½=3

- Take 2 cups of flour, 2 tablespoons of sugar, ½ tea spoon of salt, 2½ tea-spoons of baking powder, 4 tablespoons of margarine and a cup of milk.
- stir flour, sugar, salt and baking powder.
- cut in margarine. Add milk.
- Mix well until batter is quite stiff.
- Spread batter in a cake pan. Bake at 325°C until golden in colour.

Two cups of flour, two tablespoons of sugar, half teaspoon of salt, two and a half teaspoons of baking powder, four tablespoons of margarine and a cup of milk are taken. After salt, baking powder and sugar (a) _____ together. Margarine (b) _____, The, milk (c) _____ and the ingredients (d) _____ until the batter is quite stiff. Finally, the batter (e) _____ in a cake pan and baked at 325°C until it is golden in colour. Thus a delicious cake (f) _____.

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| (a) 1. is stirred | 2. was stirred |
| 3. are stirred | 4. have been stirred |
| (b) 1. is cut | 2. is cutted |
| 3. was cut | 4. are cut |
| (c) 1. was added | 2. is added |
| 3. were added | 4. are added |
| (d) 1. are mixed | 2. is mixed |
| 3. were mixed | 4. have been mixed |
| (e) 1. is spreaded | 2. was spread |
| 3. is spread | 4. will be spread |
| (f) 1. was baked | 2. had been baked |
| 3. has been baked | 4. is baked |

11. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct option : 6×1½=3

The education at the school was poor, according to our ideas, (a) _____ (still, for, while, after) it included almost no science, (b) _____ (and, so, as, but) the headmistress did teach Elizabeth that women ought to have as good a

chance in life (c) _____ (as, for, than, when) men, (d) _____ (because, if, not only, yet), when she left school, she was expected to help her mother in running the household (e) _____ (unless, as, until, while) she got married. Elizabeth wanted to be a doctor. She made up her mind that she would become one (f) _____ (though, but, however, so) difficult it might be.

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

Bangle sellers are we who bear
Our shining loads to the temple fair.
Who will buy these delicate, bright
Rainbow tirted circles of light?
Lustrous tokens of radiant lives,
For happy daughters and happy wives.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
(i) Bangle sellers; Sarojini Naidu
(ii) Bangle Sellers; Alexander Pope
(iii) Couplets; Sarojini Naidu
(iv) The Lunchcon; W. Somerset Maugham
- (b) Who are 'we' in the given lines?
(i) daughters (ii) wives
(iii) bangle sellers (iv) maidens
- (c) Which poetic device is there in line 2 of the extract?
(i) Simile (ii) metaphor
(iii) personification (iv) repetition
- (d) What does the poet mean by 'Circles of light'?
(i) decorative lights (ii) rainbow
(iii) circles (iv) bangles

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

4×1=4

No, I'll do it. I'm the assistant manager. Well, sir, we think you ought to resign

- (a) Name the chapter and the writer.
(i) The Undeserved Reward; Premchand
(ii) Couplets; Alexander Pope
(iii) A Bad Dream; Donn Byrne
(iv) A Bad Dream; Nicolas Bentley

- (b) Who is the speaker of the given lines?
 (i) Mr. Hill (ii) Briggs
 (iii) Winter (iv) Mr. Hill
- (c) Who is being referred as 'Sir' in the given lines?
 (i) Briggs
 (ii) Winter
 (iii) Assistant Manager of the bank
 (iv) Mr. Hill
- (d) Why does the speaker want 'Sir' to resign?
 (i) Doesn't perform his duties well
 (ii) sleeps all the time
 (iii) takes long hours for lunch
 (iv) rude to the office staff

14. Answer any four of the following questions. 4×2=8

- (a) Why did Mr. Regnier become upset on the disappearance of the flower ring?
 (b) What excuses did the narrator plan to make to avoid the bill?
 (c) What is the outcome of leaning 'on this side or that'?
 (d) Why did the narrator secretly admire the district officer?
 (e) Why did Mr. Hill want Annie to leave the job?

15. (Value based questions) Answer in 30-40 words : 2×2=4

- (a) Presence of mind keeps a person alert about the things around and saves him from difficult situations. Discuss.
 (b) Treading on a balanced path of life helps us achieve success. Discuss.

16. Imagine you are Mr. Regnier. You are impressed by the way in which William Morris has saved the precious flower ring. You decide to write a letter to your friend sharing your happiness on getting the ring back and appreciating William Morris's intelligence in finding it. (The case of the sharp eyed jeweller) 5

OR

Imagine you are the narrator. In spite of your insistence you are unable to refuse the gifts offered by your friend, which you do not deserve. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings of guilt of having accepted the reward and also of shame at not helping your friend in need. (The Undeserved Reward).