

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. Don't write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as shown 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 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. Fashion is a term commonly used to describe a style of clothing worn by a large number of people in a country. The kind of art, music, literature and sports that many people prefer can also be fashions. Thus, a fashion is or reflects a form of behavior accepted by most people in a society.
2. A fashion remains popular for a few months or years and then another fashion takes its place. A product or activity is in fashion or is fashionable during the period of time that many people in society accept it, however, the same product or activity becomes old-fashioned when the majority of people no longer accept it.
3. A clothing style may start as a fashion, but its use becomes a custom if it is handed down from generation to generation.
4. A fashion that quickly comes and goes is called a fad. The majority of people do not accept fads. Some people may become involved in faddish behavior because fads get a lot of publicity.
5. Today, people follow fashions for many reasons. For example, they want others to think that they belong to a special class of society. New fashions may be adopted immediately by well-known people, including athletes, film stars and political figures. Then, other people follow these fashions so that they can also look important. Some people think that fashionable clothes and surroundings raise their status in life.
6. People also follow fashions to make themselves attractive. Standards of beauty change through the years, and people decorate themselves according to the changing standards. Ideas of beauty also change from

culture to culture. For example, people in many countries use cosmetics to look attractive. In some countries people decorate themselves with tattoos.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheets. Remember to number the answers correctly.

- (a) What does the term 'fashion' usually mean to the common man? 1
- (b) How long does a product or an activity remain fashionable? 1
- (c) What is the difference between fashion and custom? 1
- (d) What is a fad? 1

1.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements with suitable words and phrases. Write the answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. 1×4=4

- (i) People follow (a) ..... and use (b) .....to look attractive.
- (ii) The reasons for which people follow fashion are: (Mention any two)
  - (a) .....
  - (b) .....

1.3. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following. ½×4=2

- (a) depicts/show (para 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) a practice followed for many years (para 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) maximum member (para 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) position in society (para 5) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the given poem carefully and fill in each blank with a word from the poem. 1×5=5

**AT THE THEATRE**  
**(To the lady behind me)**

Dear Madam, you have seen this play :  
I never saw it till today.  
You know the details of the plot  
But, let me tell you, I do not.  
The author seeks to keep from me  
The murderer's identity,  
And you are not a friend of his  
If you keep shouting who it is.  
The actors in their funny way.  
Have several funny things to say,  
But they do not amuse me more  
If you have said them just before.

The merit of the drama lies  
 I understand, in some surprise;  
 But the surprise now must be small  
 Since you have just foretold all.  
 The lady you have brought with you  
 Is, I infer, a half-wit too.  
 But I can understand the piece  
 Without assistance from your niece.  
 In short, woman, it would suit  
 Me just as well if you were mute;  
 In fact, to make my meaning plain,  
 I trust you will not speak again.  
 And – may I add one human touch?  
 Don't breathe upon my neck so much.

The poet went to the theatre to see a play. A woman and her (a) \_\_\_\_\_ were sitting in the row at the back. The woman went on (b) \_\_\_\_\_ all the time while watching the play. It was clear from her talk that she had seen the play earlier also and knew all the (c) \_\_\_\_\_ of the plot. She kept telling her companion what was going to happen next. It would suit the poet if she was (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and did not breathe upon his (e) \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. **Read the following passage carefully.**

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I live in a house by the water.  
 I sit by the water each day.  
 I take my bag there with me.  
 In it, I pack a book, a blanket, a chair, and a basket of food.  
 I walk down my back steps and sit in the same spot along the grass.  
 When I go out to the water in the morning, I am alone.  
 I hear the water.  
 I see the boats.  
 I feel calm.  
*It is the part of the day I like best.*  
 Later, some children come to play by the water.  
 It is afternoon.  
 I hear them laughing.  
 I see them play ball.  
 "Nestor, Nestor!" the children yell when they see me on the beach.  
 I wave and smile.  
 "Play ball with us, Nestor!" the children shout.  
 "No, thanks," I say. "I am too old to play ball. I walk with a cane and my hands are no longer good at catching."  
 I try to read my book, but it is hard with all the noise.  
 I watch mothers and fathers fish along the shore.  
 I am happy.  
 I hear the water.  
 I see the boats.

I eat my lunch.  
 Later, the *sky gets dark*.  
 I gather all of my things and go back to the house.  
 I get in bed. I hear the water through my open window.  
 The sound puts me to sleep.

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

1×5=5

- (a) Where does Nestor live?  
 (a) on a farm (b) on a mountain top  
 (c) in a boat on the water (d) in a house by the water
- (b) What does Nestor do each day?  
 (a) sit by the water (b) play by the water  
 (c) run by the water (d) swim in the water
- (c) How do Nestor's feelings change during the story?  
 (a) from calm to sleepy to happy  
 (b) from sleepy to calm to happy  
 (c) from calm to happy to sleepy  
 (d) from happy to sleepy to calm
- (d) What does Nestor mean when he says that the **sky gets dark**?  
 (a) that it is night (b) that it is foggy  
 (c) that the wind is blowing (d) that the sky is angry
- (e) What is another way to say **It is the part of the day I like best**?  
 (a) I do not like this part of the day.  
 (b) I love the night.  
 (c) It is my favorite part of the day.  
 (d) I like all parts of the day.

**SECTION - B (WRITING)**

**(20 Marks)**

4. On the basis of the value points given below, write a biographical sketch of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam in 50 words.

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<b>Name</b>	A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
<b>Born</b>	15 October 1931, Rameswaram, Kalam was born and raised in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu
<b>Full name</b>	Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam
<b>In office</b>	25 July 2002 – 25 July 2007
<b>Parents</b>	Ashiamma Jainulabiddin, Jainulabiddin Marakayar
<b>Claim to fame</b>	- 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. - A scientist turned politician, studied physics and aerospace engineering.
<b>Some famous books</b>	Wings of Fire, 2020 - A Vision for the New Millenium, Ignited Minds, Mission India and many more
<b>Died</b>	27 July 2015, Shillong (Meghalaya)

**OR**

Read the following conversation between **Sarthak** and **Mrs Sarkar**. After the conversation **Mrs Sarkar** had to leave for the school where she teaches. So **Mrs Sarkar** writes a message for her husband. Write the message in not more than 50 words.

- Sarthak** : Hello, may I speak to **Dr Sarkar**?  
**Mrs Sarkar** : He has gone to the hospital to attend the OPD. May I know who is speaking?  
**Sarthak** : Yes. I am **Sarthak Sood**. My wife has been having a severe headache since yesterday. This morning she has also developed a high temperature. I would be very grateful if the doctor could come over to our place to examine her.  
**Mrs Sarkar** : Of course. Please let me note down your address.  
**Sarthak** : It is B-49, New Colony, Pune  
**Mrs Sarkar** : I will give him your message as soon as he returns.  
**Sarthak** : Thank you.

5. Global warming is one of the biggest problems which the world is facing today. According to reports the Earth is on track for average warming of 2.7 degree Celsius by 2100. Write an article on '**Global Warming and Climate change**' for your school magazine in not more than 150 words. You are Aria / Aryan of Class VIII. You may refer to ideas given in the Unit 'Nature' of 'My English Reader'.

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OR

The elderly are persons above the ages of sixty or sixty-five. The term elderly care refers to the personal as well as medical attention that this group of population receives. You are Myra/ Mayank of Class VIII, Write an article on '**Care for the Elderly**' for your school magazine in not more than 150 words. You may refer to ideas given in the Unit 'Tolerance-Need of the Hour' of 'My English Reader'.

6. It is definitely true that reading is a dying habit, and one of the major reasons is the advent of the electronic medium. Even reading of newspapers has been limited to that of headlines and few introductory paragraphs. It is very sad that we are losing the very flavour of life. You are Niharika/ Naman. Using ideas of your own and from the hints given below, write a letter to the Editor of '**The Indian Express**' Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi, highlighting the importance of reading.

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### Importance Of Reading

- source of knowledge
- it widens the horizon of thinking and develops imagination.
- it plays a key role in academic success
- it's an unending company
- it soothes and relieves tension and loneliness.
- highly valued for social and economic advancement

- lasting impact on the mind can be provided by written words
- it brings the best out of someone

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(15 Marks)

7. Read the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.

Edison \_\_\_\_\_ most prolific inventor \_\_\_\_\_ 1093 patents \_\_\_\_\_ many inventions \_\_\_\_\_ mass communication \_\_\_\_\_ career began \_\_\_\_\_ telegraph operator \_\_\_\_\_ originated electric power generation

Edison is considered as the (a) \_\_\_\_\_ in history, holding many patents. He is credited (b) \_\_\_\_\_ that contributed to mass communication. He began his career as (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Edison originated the concept and implementation of electric-power generation and distribution to homes, businesses, and factories.

8. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word. 6×1/2=3

	Before	Missing word	After
A helpline been opened	helpline	<u>has</u>	been
in United Kingdom for people	(a) _____	_____	_____
who had close encounters with	(b) _____	_____	_____
aliens, making it first of its	(c) _____	_____	_____
kind the country. The phone service	(d) _____	_____	_____
offers counseling those who	(e) _____	_____	_____
believe had been abducted.	(f) _____	_____	_____

9. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences and write the same in the answer sheet. 1×3=3

Example: large quantities/of warm water/drinking/results in sweating  
 Drinking large quantities of warm water results in sweating.

- (a) every four hours/the fast/take liquids/during
- (b) the fast/grapes/is recommended/and oranges/during/juice of lemons
- (c) may also/vegetable soup/your doctor/recommend

10. Read the given set of instructions on how to prepare noodles. Then complete the blanks by choosing the correct option from the options provided. 1×3=3

- Take 3 cups of water and boil it.
- Break the noodles and add to the boiling water.
- Add the spices given in noodles' packet.
- Stir it gently and cook for 5 minutes.
- Delicious noodles are ready.

To prepare the noodles, 3 cups of water are taken and boiled in a pan. Now the noodles (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and added to the boiling water. The spices given in the packet are added to the noodles. It (b) \_\_\_\_\_ gently

and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ for 5 minutes. A delicious dish is ready.

- (a) 1. are broken                      2. was broken  
3. is broken                         4. were broken
- (b) 1. was stirred                     2. is stirred  
3. will be stirred                    4. is being stirred
- (c) 1. cooked                            2. is cooked  
3. will be cooked                    4. was cooked

11. Choose the best word from the options given in the brackets to complete the following passage.

6×½=3

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (As/Though/Before/However) Band-aid has celebrated its 80th birthday, the story of its origin is quite interesting as well  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (or/but/as/so) exciting. Dickson of New Jersey was worried  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (therefore/hence/because/unless) his wife Josephine cut herself again  
(d) \_\_\_\_\_ (but/and/or/if) again while working in the kitchen. One day  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ . (because/before/after/while) he was wrapping her wound once again, he was struck by an idea. He put some gauze on a strip of the medical tape  
(f) \_\_\_\_\_ (as/but/and/until) the Band-aid was born.

#### SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

(25 Marks)

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

1×4=4

**Some are fit for a maiden's wrist,  
Silver and blue as the mountain-mist,  
Some are flushed like the buds that dream  
On the tranquil brow of a woodland stream;  
Some are aglow with the bloom that cleaves  
To the limpid glory of new-born leaves.**

- (a) Name the poem and poet  
(i) Couplets ,Alexander Pope  
(ii) Granny's tree Climbing , Ruskin Bond  
(iii) Granny's Tree Climbing, Ruskin Bond  
(iv) Bangle Sellers, Sarojini Naidu
- (b) 'Some' in the above stanza refers to the  
(i) flowers                              (ii) bangles  
(iii) maiden                            (iv) leaves
- (c) Which literary device is used in the second line of the stanza?  
(i) Simile                                (ii) Metaphor  
(iii) Irony                                (iv) Alliteration
- (d) 'tranquil' in the given lines mean :  
(i) restless                                (ii) tinted  
(iii) beautiful                            (iv) peaceful

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheets :

1×4=4

**'That's part of my job. I have to look after important people'**

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines?  
(i) Jane (ii) Winter  
(iii) Mr Hill (iv) Briggs
- (b) Who is the speaker speaking to?  
(i) Annie & Mrs Hill (ii) Mr Hill & Mrs Hill  
(iii) Winter and Briggs (iv) Mr Hill & Briggs
- (c) What is the speaker's job?  
(i) He is an assistant manager of a bank  
(ii) He is a cashier in a bank  
(iii) He is a clerk of a bank  
(iv) He is the manager of a bank
- (d) 'That's part of my job' – 'That' here stands for  
(i) Having lunch with the customers  
(ii) Conversing with the customers  
(iii) Entertaining the customers  
(iv) Inviting customers to his place for dinner parties
14. Answer **any four** of the following questions :-
- (a) How do we know that the narrator was a struggling writer?  
(The luncheon)
- (b) How did the narrator and Baldev become friends in their childhood?  
(The Undeserved Reward)
- (c) 'What is the hobby of jeweller's assistant and why did he consider 'it' a little out of the ordinary? (The Case of Sharp Eyed Jeweller)
- (d) What is the similarity between judgments and watches? (Couplets)
- (e) How does the poetess appreciate the hands of the middle-aged woman?  
(Bangle Sellers)

4×2=8

15. (**Value based questions**) Answer in 30-40 words :

Nobody can deny the fact that the best approach towards life is a balanced approach. Comment. (Couplets)

2×2=4

OR

Presence of mind, in times of crisis, helps one to come out of difficult situations. Justify the statement. (The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller)

16. Imagine you are Baldev. You are exceptionally happy at the help rendered by the narrator in getting your eldest son released from jail. Write an informal letter to him thanking him for his timely help.  
80-90 words (The Undeserved Reward)

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OR

Imagine you are the narrator. Write a diary entry recollecting your experience of the luncheon with the woman at the Foyot's.

80-90 words (The Luncheon)