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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 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

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box. "There are five things you need to know", he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be".

- 5 "One : You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand".

"Two : You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil".

"Three : You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make".

- 10 "Four : The most important part of you will always be what's inside".

"And Five : On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition is, you must continue to write".

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with a purpose in its heart.

- 15 Now replace yourself with the pencil. Always remember those five things, and you will become the best person you can be.

One : You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand and allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

20 Two : You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three : You will be able to correct any mistake you might make.

Four : The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

And Five : On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation is, you must continue doing your duties.

25 Allow this parable to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change. [indianchild.com]

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

(a) How many things did the pencil promise to remember?

(b) How can we do many great things?

(c) How can we become a stronger person?

(d) What is the most important part of a person?

(e) What must we continue to do?

(f) What is the message at the end of the passage? (1×6=6)

1.2 Fill in the blanks with one words only

The pencil maker (a) _____ the pencil that in order to become the (b) _____, it must undergo (c) _____ from time to time and leave a (d) _____ on every surface it is used on. (½×4=2)

1.3 Find the words in the passage that mean the following :

(1+1=2)

(a) a short story with a moral / message (Lines 25-28) - _____

(b) to give support (Lines 25-28) - _____

2. Read the poem given below and fill in the blanks :

Foolish Questions

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?
Or a key for the lock of his hair?
And can his eyes be called a school?
I would think there are pupils there!
What jewels are found in the crown of his head,
And who walks on the bridge of his nose?
Can he use, in building the roof of his mouth,
The nails on the ends of his toes?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail.
If it can, well then, what did it do?
And how does he sharpen his shoulder blades?
I'll be hanged if I know - do you?

(William Cole)

- (a) A man's eyes can be called a school because _____.
- (b) The poet wants to know who can easily walk on the _____.
- (c) The nails of his toes cannot be used to build the _____.
- (d) The Crook of his elbow cannot be sent to jail because _____.
- (e) _____ is the antonym of 'lost'. (Pick out the word from the poem) (1×5=5)

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate option from those given below :

Napoleon once suggested, "Give me good mothers, I will give you a great nation" Women are considered to be future makers. But if we turn the pages of history, we will find that women have never had an equal share in anything and have mostly remained at the receiving end, except for a few civilizations. In spite of all this, the role a women plays in societies can't be ruled out. Women, in general, have a unique quality called 'patience' that enables them to face the problems of life with ease. Especially in the present age, women walk beside men shoulder to shoulder in all arenas of life. Infact, it has been proved that women are, intellectually, more developed than men. They demonstrate the same competence as men while dealing with different situations. Be it home or office, a women juggles successfully between various roles : a mother, a sister, a daughter, a wife or an administrator. But the male chauvinist is not going to change his mentality and even, today women are being treated as inferior to men. They have to try hard to maintain a balance between work and home. They are victims of many social evils like dowry, eve teasing, rape and the most evil among all is female infanticide that snatches from a girl even the right to live. With the revolution in the field of education, the trend is changing and more and more women are coming forward to show that they are no less than men.

- (a) Mark the incorrect option.
 - (i) Women are the future makers.
 - (ii) Women have an equal share in everything.
 - (iii) Women are wiser than men.
 - (iv) Women are victim of many social evils.
- (b) The role a women plays in society can't be ruled out What does the statement mean?
 - (i) Women don't do much work.
 - (ii) Women are considered inferior in the society.
 - (iii) Women are equal to men.
 - (iv) Women have an important role in society.
- (c) What unique quality does a women have?

(i) Beauty	(ii) Brain
(iii) Patience	(iv) None of these

- (d) Female infanticide is a social evil that snatches from a girl even the right to
 (i) study (ii) play
 (iii) work (iv) live
- (e) Find a word from the passage that means the same as wicked.
 (i) competence (ii) heinous
 (iii) chauvinist (iv) inferior (1×5=5)

SECTION - B (Writing)

(20 Marks)

4. With the help of the given clues, write the biosketch of the Freedom Fighter Subhash Chandra Bose. (50 words) (4)

Name - Subhash Chandra Bose, Netaji
 Contribution - Immense, Freedom Fighter
 Born - January 23, 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa
 Career - Civil Services
 Achievements - Joined the freedom struggle, Established 'Indian National Army.'
 Motto - "Give me blood and I will give you freedom".
 Death - Air crash over Taipei, Taiwan (For mosa) on August 18, 1945

OR

You are Chetan / Chetna, residing at Heritage Building. You receive a telephone call from the security guard's office of your building. The call is from the duty officer who wishes to speak to your mother. Since you have to go to your tennis coaching classes, you write the message for your mother. Write it in not more than 50 words. (4)

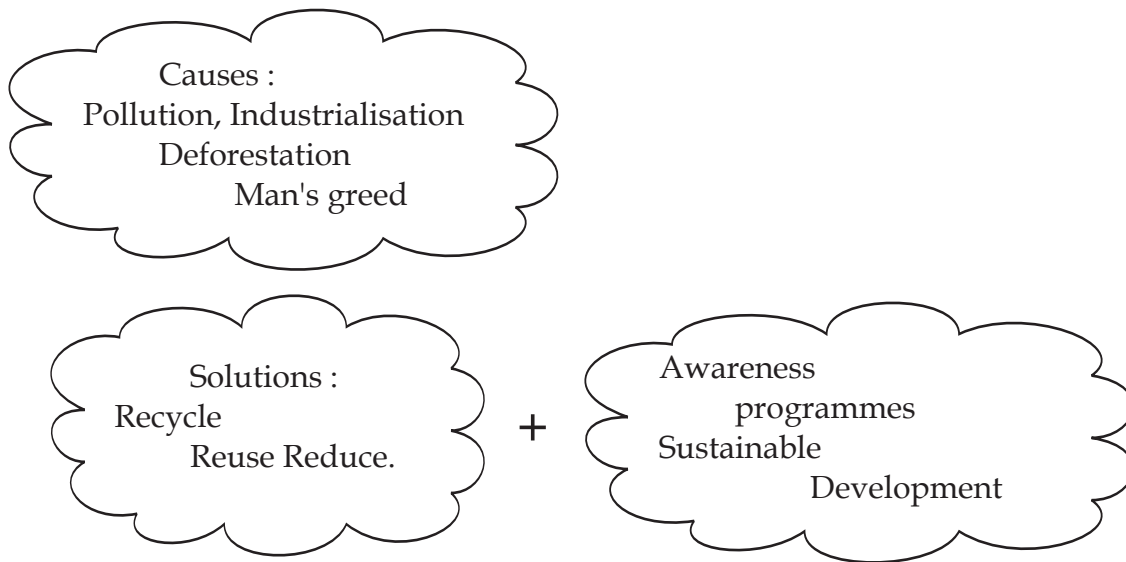
Mr. Vir : Hello is this flat No. 123, Mr. Bisht's residence?
 Chetan/Chenta : Yes, Sir, may I know who is calling?
 Mr. Vir : I'm Vir Singh, Duty officer, calling from the security guard's office. I would like to speak to your mother or father.
 Chetan/Chetna : Yes Sir, but my parents are not at home. They have not yet returned from work.
 Mr. Vir : Well Chetan, inform your mother when she comes that the water tank above your block of flats is being cleaned today. There will be no water supply for twelve hours from 10 p.m. tonight. She must store water for use in the house as there will be no water till mid morning tomorrow.
 Chetan/Chetna : I will be leaving the house right away for tennis coaching classes. I will therefore leave a message for mother. Thank you for informing us Sir.
 Mr. Vir : Thank you Chetan / Chetna. Bye.

5. You are Kunal/Karuna. Write an article for your school magazine on the topic "Need and Importance of sports". Refer to the ideas given in the unit "Sports" of "My English Reader" (150 words). (8)

OR

You are Rakesh / Rekha. Recently your school had planned a visit to an old age home. You were shocked to see the miserable condition of old people. Write an article for the school magazine expressing your views that elderly people need a lot of love and care. You can take ideas from the unit "Tolerance" of your book "My English Reader". (150 words) (8)

6. You are Amit/ Amita. Write a letter to the Editor of the Indian Express 6 M.G. Road Delhi about the growing degradation of the Environment and suggest measures to protect the environment. (8)



SECTION - C (Grammar)

(15 Marks)

7. Read the notes given below and complete the following paragraph with the help of the notes.

KODAI KANAL

Kodai kanal --- one of the most popular hill resorts in India ----- located amidst folds of Pali Hills ----- situated at an altitude of about 2,133m. ----- covers ----- area of 21-45 sq. Km established in 1845 ----- renowned for educational institutions ----- hill fruits and plums known for freshness and taste.

Kodai kanal is one of the most popular hill resorts in India. It (a) _____ amidst the folds of the verdant Pali hills near Madurai in Tamil Nadu. It (b) _____ at an altitude of about 2,133m. and (c) _____ an area of 21.45 sq. km. Kodai kanal (d) _____ in 1845 as a refuge from the high temperatures of the plains.

The Hill town (e) _____ for its educational institutions of international repute.
 The hill-fruits and plums (f) _____ for their freshness and taste. (½×6=3)

8. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word and the words that come before and after it. (½×6=3)

	Before	Missing word	After
Most of the fatal road accidents occur due overspeeding.	<u>due</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>overspeeding</u>
It is a natural tendency of humans excel.	(a) _____	_____	_____
But when we are sharing the road other users we will always to remain careful.	(b) _____	_____	_____
	(c) _____	_____	_____
In crease in speed multiplies the risk accidents	(d) _____	_____	_____
Faster vehicles are more prone accidents than slower ones.	(e) _____	_____	_____
	(f) _____	_____	_____

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Re-arrange them into meaningful sentences as given in the example. (1×3=3)

Example : Known as / is technically / body language Kinesics
 Body language is technically known as Kinesics.

- (a) to management / it is very / and leadership / relevant
- (b) your feelings and / language reveals / your own body / meanings to others
- (c) language reveals / other people's body / meanings to you / their feelings and

10. Study the given instructions regarding the process of glass painting. Then fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from those given. (1×3=3)

- (1) Choose a pattern.
- (2) Copy it on a piece of paper.
- (3) Place the glass on top of the sheet.
- (4) Trace out the outline.
- (5) Leave the pattern to dry.

A pattern (a) _____. It is then copied on to a piece of paper. The glass (b) _____ on top of the sheet and the outline (c) _____ out. It is left to dry.

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| (1) (a) Choose | (b) is chosen |
| (c) has been chosen | (d) is to be chosen |
| (2) (a) is placed | (b) place |
| (c) is being placed | (d) placed |
| (3) (a) trace | (b) tracing |
| (c) is traced | (d) is to be traced |

11. Fill in the gaps with one suitable word given in the brackets to complete the following passage. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

(a) _____ (Now, Later, Before, After) having dinner at Clyde's (b) _____ (in, at, on, with) Washington's trendy Chinatown, a young boy sluggishly (c) _____ (walked, walks, runs, falters) up to follow his family to the exit. His waitress jokes, "You're stuffed, huh"? The boy lets out (d) _____ (the, an, some, a) grunt, "Yeah, I'm full. I feel like I'm going (e) _____ (for, near, to, at) burst, "as he ambles (f) _____ (on, in, to, a) the door.

SECTION - D (Literature)

(25 Marks)

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

Some are like fields of Sunlit Corn,
Meet for a bride on her bridal morn.
Some, like the flame of her marriage fire,
Or rich with the hue of her heart's desire;

- (1) Name the poem and the poet
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| (a) Bangle Seller | - | A.P.J. Abdul Kalam |
| (b) Children's Song | - | Rudyard Kipling |
| (c) Bangle Sellers | - | Sarojini Naidu |
| (d) My Mother | - | Ruskin Bond |
- (2) Write the figure of speech used in the first line.
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| (a) Metaphor | (b) Personification |
| (c) Simile | (d) Alliteration |
- (3) Whom does 'her' refer to?
- | | |
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| (a) bride | (b) Old women |
| (c) maiden | (d) maid |
- (4) The colours that would describe heart's desire of a bride is-
- | | |
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| (a) blue and black | (b) red and golden |
| (c) green and red | (d) red and brown |

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

"Well the trouble is this. People come to our house. they come for dinner and they get bad food. What do these people think of me!"

- (1) Who is speaking and to whom?
- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Mr. Hill to Mrs. Hill | (b) Mrs. Hill to Mr. Hill |
| (c) Mr. Briggs to Mr. Winter | (d) Mrs. Hill to Annie. |

- (2) What is the speaker's profession?
 (a) He is a cook (b) He is a doctor
 (c) He is a manager (d) None of the above
- (3) Why do 'People get bad food'?
 (a) Mrs. Hill does not know how to cook.
 (b) Annie is not a good cook
 (c) The family is very poor
 (d) He does not like to entertain people.
- (4) What does the speaker expect from his wife?
 (a) to cook food for him.
 (b) to dismiss Annie
 (c) to order food from the restaurant
 (d) not to offer meals to the guests

14. Answer any four of the following questions :- (4×2=8)
 (a) What was the narrator's hobby? Why did he call it out of the ordinary? (The case of the sharp Eyed jeweller)
 (b) What did the writer's friends advise him? (The undeserved Reward)
 (c) What impression did the narrotor gather of the woman when he met her? (The Luncheon)
 (d) What are the various forms of government? (Mention any two) Which is the best form of government? Why? (Couplets)
 (e) How does the poet appreciate the hands of the middle aged woman? (Bangle Sellers)

15. (Value Based Questions) (Answer in 30-40 words) : (2×2=4)
 (a) Trading on a balanced path of life helps us to achieve success. Comment. (Couplets)
 (b) Throughout the lunch, the lady lectured the narrator on his unhealthy eating habits and kept on ordering expensive dishes for herself.
 Don't you think she made a fool of the narrator to catch a lunch at Foyot's? Is it right to play with someone's emotions? (The Luncheon)

16. As Baldev, write an informal letter to the narrotor, again requesting him to take up your son's case to the district officer. (80-90 words) (5)

OR

Suppose you are the American. Write a diary page expressing your feelings about the day's happening and now the vigilant william spoiled your plan. (The case of the sharp-eyed jeweller) (80-90 words)