

**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**Periodic Assessment -1 (2023-24)**  
**SET-2**

**CLASS VIII**  
**TIME-1.5 HOURS**

**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**  
**FM-40**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-**

- Please check that this question paper contains 7 questions and 4 printed pages.
- This paper consists of three sections: A, B,C  
SECTION A -READING  
SECTION B -WRITING AND GRAMMAR  
SECTION C -LITERATURE
- Attempt all questions.
- Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as shown in the question paper and should be written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

**SECTION –A (READING) (8 MARKS)**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully :**

1. For the last many decades, people have been mystified about the presence of aliens. Efforts have been made to solve this puzzle because this will get us a step closer to discover if Earth is the only planet to support life. It is difficult to know if extra-terrestrials exist, unless they get in touch with us or we find some evidence of their existence. Scientists do not rule out the possibility of life in the form of bacteria or other micro-organisms, rather than intelligent human beings. But the search continues.

2. NASA captured images of Mars and they revealed that the Red Planet is somewhat like Earth—it is likely to have had water at some point in its ancient history. Some stargazers claim to have seen aliens there. However, scientists do not support these claims. It is believed that Mars was frozen once upon a time--a few billion years ago. The surface of the planet melted, and this resulted in the creation of deep valleys and canyons on its surface.

3. Scientists believe that there could be bacteria on Mars that bear resemblance to the simple microbes that exist in the ice-bound lakes of Antarctica. Scientists believe like Earth, Mars too was struck by huge asteroids, sending fragments of both these planets into space. Scientists think that the discovery of life on Mars could help us understand how life first began on Earth.

4. Alfred McEwen, professor of Planetary Geology at the University of Arizona, said: the search for ancient life on Mars may really be the search for the origin of life on Earth'. The samples collected by NASA's Mars Rovers have detected complex organic compounds on Mars.

Professor McEwen feels life probably still survives there in pockets below the surface where it would be warmer and that the microbes were sheltered from cosmic radiation. This raises an interesting question-Did life originate on Earth and get transported to Mars or was it the other way round?

**1i. Answer the following questions briefly.**

**1x8=8**

- Human search for aliens is an example of human curiosity and thirst to know the world around. State TRUE/FALSE
- Scientists have been trying to solve the mystery of the existence of aliens. Give a reason.
- Mention one similarity between Mars and Earth.
- State the reason for the deep valleys on Mars.
- \_\_\_\_\_ claim to have seen aliens.
- The country carrying out research on aliens mentioned in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_
- Asteroids seem to have hit both Earth and Mars resulting in \_\_\_\_\_
- Find a word from the passage that means the same as : proof. (para-1)

**SECTION-B WRITING AND GRAMMAR (16 MARKS)**

2. Write an e mail in about 50 words to a friend advising him/her to use gadgets like mobile phones with discretion.You are Advik/Advika ray. **4 MARKS**

3. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic “Generation Gap- its causes and effects. You may take hints from the Unit Changing Time as and the pictures given. You are Seema/Suresh. **8 MARKS**



**4. Read the conversation and fill in the blanks given below.**

**(1x4)**

RAJAT: Juhi, congratulations on your new job. When will you join your new workplace?

JUHI: "I will join tomorrow morning. Ruchi will drop me in the office.

RAJAT: Take all your files with you tomorrow. You may need it for verification.

JUHI: I feel so excited and energetic! It will be a great experience.

Rajat congratulated his friend Juhi on her new job and asked her a)\_\_\_\_\_. Juhi informed him that she would join the next day and added that b)\_\_\_\_\_. Rajat advised her to c)\_\_\_\_\_ and added that she might need it for verification. Juhi exclaimed d)\_\_\_\_\_ and added that it would be a great experience.

**SECTION -C LITERATURE (16 MARKS)**

**5. Read the extracts and answer the following questions.**

**1X4=4**

‘We sighed with relief and tucked her up well.

Poor Granny! For her, it was like a brief season in hell,

Confined to her bedroom, while every breeze

Whispered of summer and dancing leaves.’

- a. ‘We’ refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Pick out the figure of speech used in the second line of the stanza.
- c. Pick out a word from the stanza that means the opposite of free
- d. The rhyming scheme of the above stanza is \_\_\_\_\_

Or

‘Margie was scornful. ‘School? What’s there to write about school? I hate school.’ Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent it to the County Inspector.’

- (i) Name the writer of the story ‘The Fun They Had’.
- (ii) What was Margie’s opinion about school?
- (iii) What had her mechanical teacher been doing?
- (iv) How were Margie’s responses recorded.

**6. Answer the following questions within 30-40 words.(any three)**

**2x3=6**

- a. List the responses given to the second question of the king.
- b. Give reason why the family tried to stop granny from climbing trees.
- c. Describe Granny's feelings as she spent a week on bed.
- d. Artificial intelligence has now taken over the world. We even have artificial news anchors now.

In this context, do you think a mechanical teacher is better than a robot teacher? Give reason for your answer.

7. Imagine yourself to be the king. Write a Diary entry thanking the hermit for teaching you the importance of the present.(100 -120 WORDS) 6 marks

OR

Imagine yourself to be Margie. Write a Diary Entry of your feelings of isolation and boredom after reading about schools of old days.(100-120 WORDS)