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Class : VIII
ENGLISH (COURSE-'A')

(Summative Assessment - I)

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

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

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 as show in the question paper and should be written in the answersheet 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 passage given below and answer the questions that follow, briefly. 10 Marks

1. A human being, a unique animal, is considered to be the most powerful animal of the universe because of complex body constitution, intelligence and memory power. One of the characteristics of this memory power is that it can be utilized to remember only useful and relevant things and unwanted information can be easily forgotten. If human beings do not forget the irrelevant information, they will become mad and it will be difficult for them to lead a life of vigour and enthusiasm.

2. But many people spoil their precious health by evil-thinking and wrongful attitudes. Such people, no matter how nutritious food they eat, cannot enjoy good health because their misguided attitudes and frivolous thinking keep on adding poison to the body and because of this reason, a lot of vital energy is wasted. Hating somebody, disliking, finding faults in other's works, remaining dissatisfied without any reason, doubting other's motive, anger, thinking oneself to be always correct, are some of the ill feelings. These ill feelings and negative attitudes make their nerves tense. These feelings go far beyond the consciousness and in turn affect the person's personality. Whenever they get a chance, they erupt like a volcano.

3. Such people always remain tense, worried and at loggerheads with others. Suppressed ill-feelings put pressure on the heart because the power of the tissues starts deteriorating. After some time, it proves to be highly detrimental to the nervous system. The weakening of the nerves further affects the rest of the organs of the body and their functioning. The blood circulation slows down and heart beat increases. Because of tension and fear, the glands of the digestive system do not secrete the necessary gastric juices resulting in less appetite and indigestion. So, nurturing negative thinking is a bane and positive thinking is a boon.

- 1.1. (a) How is a human being different from animals? 1
 (b) How can forgetting be useful in leading a healthy life. 1
 (c) People with negative thoughts can not enjoy good health as _____. 1
 (d) _____ and _____ make the nerves tense. 1
 (e) _____ and _____ are responsible for the lack of appetite and indigestion. 1
 (f) The passage suggests that _____. 1
 (g) What are ill feelings and how are they harmful? 2
- 1.2. Find the words from the above passage which mean same as the following. $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
 (a) used (para 1) _____
 (b) blessing (para 3) _____
 (c) break out (para 2) _____
 (d) harmful (para 3) _____

2. Read the following poem carefully -

5 Marks

Trees

Trees are the kindest things I know,
 They do no harm, they simply grow
 And spread a shade for sleepy cows,
 And gather birds among their bows.

They give us fruit in leaves above,
 And wood to make our houses of,
 And leaves to burn on Halloween
 And in the spring new buds of green.

They are first when day's begun
 To tough the beams of morning sun,
 They are the last to hold the light
 When evening changes into night.

And when a moon floats on the sky
 They hum a drowsy lullaby

Of sleepy children long ago...
Trees are the kindest things I know.

Harry Behn

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete the summary of the poem using one word for each blank.

1×5=5

The poet calls the trees kind because they don't _____ any one. They simply grow and provide _____ to cows. Their _____ are full of birds. They give us fruit and wood to build our homes.

In the spring, they grow new, green buds. When the day _____, they are the first to face the morning sun. At sunset, they are the last to hold the light till the _____ falls. At night, they sing a lullaby of sleepy children.

3. Read the following passage carefully :

If we were to remove milk from our diet, we would not only be hurting the health of humanity but also the health of our cows. Let's pledge to support animals, and passionately advocate changes necessary to stop violence against them. Let's educate our farmers and teach them how to respect animals and to adopt caring, and human husbandry. We must, therefore, pray for their wellbeing, and imbibe their milk so that their precious memory of service to the earth is preserved. Yoga, meditation, *ayurveda*, *gyotisha*, *vasstu* and countless sacred arts that serve the one Spirit of humanity, also advocated vegetarianism as a way of life - the kind path toward loving all beings and honouring Mother Nature and all of her species, forests, waters, skies and earth. Milk is our first food. The cow, in particular, is seen as the mother of nourishment in Indian culture. What other species can eat grass and churn it into the nectar of milk? In our well-meaning, fervent passion to protect animals, let us not delegate the maternal function and food of this animal to go to waste. Instead, let us honour this magnificent creature's service to humanity and protect her cosmic memory so she may continue to sustain the energy of nourishment upon this earth.

Source - Times of India

Complete the statements by choosing the appropriate option :

5 Marks

- (a) The passage encourages -
- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (i) Vegetarianism | (ii) education of farmers |
| (iii) care and respect for cows | (iv) Yoga and meditation |
- (b) Well being of animals can be improved by _____
- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (i) educating farmers | (ii) good animal husbandry practices |
| (iii) praying for animals | (iv) both (i) and (ii) |

- (c) The word used to describe 'milk' in the passage is _____
 (i) nourishment (ii) maternal function
 (iii) nectar (iv) food
- (d) According to Indian culture, the cow _____
 (i) is the mother of nourishment (ii) has maternal feelings
 (iii) should be protected (iv) all of the above
- (e) The word 'vegetarianism' means _____
 (i) eating green, leafy vegetables (ii) ayurveda and vastu
 (iii) service to humanity (iv) not eating meat, fish and eggs

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Your school is planning to organize a 'School Cleaning UP' Day' where all the students will be taking up jobs related to tidying up the school premises to generate a sense of belongingness and cleanliness. Write a notice informing the students about it. You are Vandit / Vandana a member of the Social work club of your school. Invent necessary details. (Word limit - 50)

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OR

Complete the conversation / dialogue given below. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

- Traffic Officer : If you don't follow traffic rules, it can cause road-accidents.
 Driver : But officer, I didnot (a) _____
 Traffic Officer : No, I saw you. You will have to (b) _____
 Driver : Please sir, I am a poor man!
 Traffic Inspector : Okay, show me your licence.
 Driver : Sir, I don't (c) _____
 Traffic Inspector : That's also against rules.
 Driver : Please let me ring up my Sahib.
 Traffic Inspector : What will he do?
 Driver : He will speak to your senior officers
 Traffic Inspector : How dare your say that! Now I am not (d) _____
 you!

5. You are Nimita / Nikhil of standard VIII you are very upset to see that now a days, people waste a lot of their time, energy and money to improve their outward appearance. They just believe in show off and are not concerned about their character development. Lives of great men like Gandhiji, Mother Teresa, Vivekananda etc. provide a guiding light and set examples of true virtue and character. Taking hints from the Unit 'Compassionate Souls', along with your ideas, draft a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic - 'Simple living, High Thinking'. Do not use more than 150 words.

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OR

You are Madhu / Madhav, a student of Class VIII you feel really inspired after reading about great talented people like Adam Ezra Cohen, You realize that 'Success comes to those who will and Dare'. Taking hints from the unit 'Enterprise', along with your ideas, draft a speech to be delivered by you on the same topic. Do not exceed 150 words.

6. You are Avantaika / Atul studying at a boarding school away from home. Write a letter to your mother describing your life. Using ideas of your own and from the hints given below, write the letter in about 150 words.

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- daily routine
- load of studies
- Messy room / non-cooperative room mate
- Missing home
- Self-dependent, more confident and responsible

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.

1×3=3

July 24
New Delhi
Safai Karamcharies - on strike - indefinite
piles of garbage
residents - problems - rain - garbage - rotting
situation worsening - fear of epidemic
karamcharies demand - higher wages - uniform - kit
commissioner - promise - improve situation soon -
government looking into demands

New Delhi, July 24

It has been three days since (a) _____ for an indefinite period. As a result the piles of garbage are increasing across Delhi. Residents are facing a lot of problems as (b) _____, which might cause an epidemic to breakout. The Karamcharis (c) _____ and garbage handling kit. The MCD commissioner has promised that the situation will improve soon, as the government in looking into their demands.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line which is marked. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

1/2×6=3

Protein is the main component in all living cells They are find in milk, meat and fish. They are essential to the body to enable it to build in new cells or repair the old ones. For this reason grow children need more Proteins than adults. As adults are lesser active than children, they don't need as much protein as children do.

	Incorrect	Correct
e.g.	is	are
(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____
(e)	_____	_____
(f)	_____	_____

9. Rearrange the following jumbled words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. Write your answers neatly in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example.

1×3=3

e.g. yawn / do you / ever?

Do you ever yawn?

- (a) has yawned / have you / just after / found yourself / yawning / someone else?
 (b) a behaviour pattern / in human adults / found especially / it is
 (c) the same behaviour / chimpanzees show / is that / and / the interesting fact

10. Fill in the gaps by choosing the correct options from the ones given in the brackets.

½×6=3

Peace and communal harmony (a) _____ (is / will be / are) absolutely essential for the progress and development of a country. Their absence (b) _____ (disturbed / disturb / disturbs) the growth of the country and (c) _____ (let / lets / will let) loose a reign of terror. The tragedy is that communal riots (d) _____ (became / become / have become) very common now a days. A few days ago, a few people belonging to two different communities (e) _____ (picked / had picked / picks) up a quarrel over a petty issue. Many people (f) _____ (got / get / had got) injured. When will the people realize that they can not progress until they remain united?

11. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph by using the correct options in the given blanks.

1×3=3

Principal : What is your name?
 Aditi : My name is Aditi, Ma'am.
 Principal : Have you come for admission?
 Aditi : Yes, Ma'am.

The principal asked the student (a) _____. The student replied that

(b) _____. The principal asked her (c) _____. The student replied in the affirmative.

- (a) (i) What her name was (ii) What was her name
(iii) What her name is (iv) What is her name
- (b) (i) her name is Aditi (ii) my name is Aditi
(iii) my name was Aditi (iv) her name was Aditi
- (c) (i) if you have come for admission (ii) if she has come for admission
(iii) if she had come for admission (iv) if she came for admission

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the following extract and choose the correct option for an answer.

Write the answers in your answer sheet :

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Ever since childhood, she'd had this gift
for being happier in a tree than in a lift
and though, as years went by, she would be told
That climbing trees should stop when one grew old.

- (a) The expression 'this gift' means -
(i) a present (ii) a talent
(iii) a weakness (iv) a habit
- (b) What was Granny told as she grew old?
(i) to stop worshipping (ii) to stop working
(iii) to stop gossiping (iv) to stop climbing trees
- (c) Granny learnt to climb trees since -
(i) childhood (ii) teenage
(iii) middle age (iv) old age
- (d) The rhyme scheme followed in the stanza is -
(i) abab (ii) abcb
(iii) aabb (iv) no rhyme scheme

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions by choosing the right option. Write your answers in your answersheet against the correct question number.

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I remember the war days when life was challenge and toil.

- (a) Identify the speaker -
(i) Ruskin Bond (ii) Dr. Abdul Kalam
(iii) R.K. Narayan (iv) Leo Tolstoy

- (b) The world war referred to here broke out in -
(i) 1937 (ii) 1938
(iii) 1939 (iv) 1940

- (c) The poet's house was -
(i) on a hill in Rameswaram
(ii) on the Mosque street in Rameswaram
(iii) near a sea in Rameswaram
(iv) On railway station road

- (d) The poet's life in his childhood was -
(i) full of comforts (ii) full of sorrows
(iii) full of happiness (iv) full of hardships

14. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 2×4=8
- (a) What did the king proclaim in his kingdom? (Three Questions)
 - (b) Mention the reasons for which the poet had to wake up hours before the sunrise. (My Mother)
 - (c) What did swamy plan to avoid going to school? Did his plan work? Explain. (Father's help)
 - (d) The title of the story is "The Fun They Had". Identify 'They'. How did they have fun?
 - (e) Describe the impression the narrator formed of the woman in 'The Luncheon' when he met her.
15. Value based Questions (Answer in 30-40 words) 2×2=4
- (a) The school is a place where children really have a lot of fun, besides getting educated. Mention two or three ways in which you enjoy at school. (The Fun They Had)
 - (b) Describe two or three qualities of your grand mother / grandfather which make them very special to you or for which you will always remember them. (Granny's Tree Climbing)
16. Suppose you are margie from the story 'The Fun They Had'. Write a diary page describing the book Tommy has found and the old school that existed centuries ago. (word limit 80-90) 5

OR

Imagine you are Swami. Write a letter to your friend describing the Monday episode and your father's letter. (word limit 80-90)