



## DAV BORL PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA

Class -VIII - Subject-English  
Practice Paper for SA-II (2015-2016)

Time Allowed: 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

### General Instructions:

*This question paper consists of 4 sections*

- (1) Section A—Reading (20 Marks)
- (2) Section B—Writing (20 Marks)
- (3) Section C—Grammar (15 Marks)
- (4) Section D—Literature (25 Marks)

*Note: The weightage of question paper is 80 marks maximum however 10 marks to be tested under ASL at school level which makes it to 90 marks overall.*

### SECTION-A(READING)(20 MARKS)

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#### My Grandmother

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My grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous singsong while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart ; I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it.

Then she would fetch my wooden slate that she would have already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen ink-pot and a red-pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick, stale chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school. She carried several stale chapattis with her for the village dogs.

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures.

When we had both finished, we would walk back together. This time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to our home growling and fighting with each other for the chapattis we threw to them.

*Khushwant Singh(adapted)*

1 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following statements with appropriate words and phrases. 1x6=6

(a)The grandmother said her morning prayer loudly hoping.....

(b)The author's breakfast consisted of.....

(c)The grandmother always accompanied the writer because.....

(d)The wooden slate was kept by grandmother in a manner of.....

(e)The priest used to teach the narrator.....

(f)The village dog were fighting for.....

1.2. Find the word from the above passage that mean the same as the following. 1x4=4

(a)a large group of singers (para-3)

(b)making a low sound in the throat (para-4)

(c)never changing and therefore boring (para-1)

(d)to go and bring (para-2)

2 Read the passage carefully:-

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## FROST AT MIDNIGHT

The Frost performs its secret ministry,  
Unhelped by any wind. The owl's cry  
Came loud--- and hark, again ! loud as before.

The inmates of my cottage, all at rest,  
Have left me to that solitude, which suits  
Abstruser musings : save that at my side  
My cradled infant slumbers peacefully.  
'Tis calm indeed ! so calm, that it disturbs  
And vexes meditation with its strange  
And extreme silentness.....

*S.T.Coleridge*

Below you can see the summary of the opening of the poem. Fill in each blank with appropriate words or phrases.

The frost is performing its function without any(a)\_\_\_\_\_wind. The owl is also (b)\_\_\_\_\_at this time and does not stop. There is no activity at home as all the(c)\_\_\_\_\_ sleep and the poet is in complete(d)\_\_\_\_\_. He is likely to think deeply. By his side his (e)\_\_\_\_\_in a peaceful slumber.

3 Read the following passage carefully:

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Gandhiji was of a ripe age, but he was still full of vitality and his capacity for work was prodigious. The end came suddenly by the hand of an assassin. India was shocked and the world grieved, and to those of us who were more intimately connected with him the shock and sorrow was hard to bear. And yet, perhaps, it was a fitting close to a magnificent career and in his death, as in his life, he served the cause to which he had devoted himself. None of us would have liked to see him gradually fade in body and mind with increasing years. And so he died, as he had lived, a bright star of hope and achievement, the Father

of the Nation which had been shaped and trained by him for half a century.

To those who had the high privilege of being associated with him in some of his innumerable activities, he will ever remain the embodiment of youthful energy. We shall not think of him as an old man, but rather as one who represented with the vitality of Spring the birth of a new India. To a younger generation who did not come in personal contact with him, he is a tradition, and numerous stories are woven round his name and activities. He was great in his life, he is greater since he passed away.

Answer the questions by choosing the option you consider most appropriate.

(1) Gandhiji's capacity for work was great despite his

- (a) his physical weakness
- (b) his old age
- (c) his inability to move properly
- (d) his illness.

(2) For the younger generation he was

- (a) tradition
- (b) history
- (c) painter
- (d) artist

(3) To whom was the shock and sorrow hard to bear?

- (a) To those who had known him
- (b) To those who loved him so much.
- (c) To those who were more intimately connected with him
- (d) To those who had worked for him

(4) We should consider him as one who represented with the vitality of

- (a) improving technology in India

- (b) showing way for literary development
- (c) the cleanliness in India
- (d) the birth of a new India

- (5) He would be remain forever as
- (a) embodiment of youthful energy
  - (b) incarnation of righteousness
  - (c) an image for cleaning all the ill-thinking
  - (d) an apostle of social revolution

**SECTION-B (Writing) (20 Marks)**

- 4 Read the following telephone conversation that took place when Rama answered the phone at Future Knowledge Encyclopaedias and Reference books. Write the message that Rama leaves for Mr. Debu using not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. 5

Mr. Murli : Hello ! This is Mr. Murli from Madras. May I speak to Mr. Debu please?

Rama : Mr. Debu is not in at the moment : May I take a message for him?

Mr. Murli : Please convey my thanks to him. I have just received the encyclopaedia I ordered. The last payment would reach him tomorrow. I would also like some information on the latest reference books in Geography.

Rama : I 'll make sure he gets that message, Mr. Muli.

Mr. Murli : Thank you.

Or

Write a bio sketch in about 60 words using the following information about Albert Einstein.

Born : March 14,1879, Ulm

Died : April 18, 1955, Princeton

Children : Hans Albert Einstein, Eduard Einstein, Lieserl  
Einstein

Education : University of Zurich (1905),ETH Zurich(1901),  
Staatsarchiv Kanton, Aarau (1896), Luitpold Gymnasium

Spouse : Elsa Einstein (m.1919-1936), Mileva Maric (m. 1903-1919)

Works: developed the general theory of relativity, effecting a  
revolution in Physics.

- 5 Western culture has made deep inroads into modern India. Indian teenagers feed on a regular diet of American fashion, music and movies-thanks to satellite television. They are too busy emulating the west to worry about Indian traditions and values. This is reflected in aggressive and rebellious behaviour and loss of respect for the elders. Hamburgers, pizzas, and colas are in. So are jeans, shorts, and Reeboks. Traditional Indian clothes are considered outmoded. Having a motor, bike, and a car is a status symbol, though not necessarily in that order. The pub culture has caught on. 8

As Jaikrishna/Jayshree, write an article for your school magazine on the aping of the west by Indian teenagers in not more than 120 words.

- 6 You are Ayush Avasthi of 7 Club Road Hyderabad-13. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hyderabad Times, P.O. Box 350, Hyderabad-1, about the bad quality and inadequate supply of tap water in your locality. 7

### **SECTION-C(GRAMMAR)15 MARKS**

- 7 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction as shown in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example. 3

Everyone have a mental picture e.g. have.....has  
of a volcano. On appearance it (a)  
looks like a cone shape mountain. (b)  
But the top of the cone was rather (c)  
flat but hollow. This is the (d)  
crater, the mouth in the volcano. (e)  
The volcano are formed by molten rock. (f)

8 Complete the news stories accompanying the following headlines by 4  
filling in the blanks.

(a) 50 killed in bus accident in Himachal

----- early on Friday when their bus returning  
from Kulu fell into a deep gorge while negotiating a curve in the  
mountains.

(b) Telephone calls to become expensive

Telephone call \_\_\_\_\_ from the 1st of April according to  
the MTNL spokesperson Mr Ravinder Verma.

(c) Work on Metro commences on 21st August.

\_\_\_\_\_, said Madan Kapoor chairman of Delhi  
Metro Rail Corporation.

(d) Poor visibility delays flight by almost three hours.

A number of \_\_\_\_\_ fog and poor visibility.

9 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form 3  
meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.  
Write only the correct sentences in your answer sheets.

(a) a / fact / is / it / we / that / dream / all

Ans.-It is a fact that we all dream.

(b) only / dreams / some / hours / for / some / for / last / to last / while / seconds / seem

(b) dreams / fantastic / have / us / of / some / others / while / dreams / amusing / have

(c) stages / made up / cycles / dreams / within / 90-minute / each / is / and / of / occur / six

- 10 (1) Complete the newspaper report below by choosing one suitable word given in the bracket. 5

Shimla- Fourteen persons died on the spot and 22 were injured when a Himachal Road Transport(HRTC) bus skidded off the road and (a)\_\_\_\_\_ (fall into/ falling into/ fell into) a 450 feet deep khud near (b)\_\_\_\_\_ (a / the / an) tourist resort of Kufri on Tuesday morning. (c)\_\_\_\_\_ (Although /But/Even)all the 22 passengers sustained serious injuries, the condition of 4(d)\_\_\_\_\_ (is/ was/ were) critical. All of them were rushed to Indira Gandhi Medical College Hospital for treatment.

The ill- fated bus(e)\_\_\_\_\_ (where/ which/ when)was on its way to Nandpur from Shimla(f)\_\_\_\_\_ (meeting/ met/ meet)with the accident at around 11.15 a.m., 18 kms from here. It is believed (g)\_\_\_\_\_ (that/ then/there) the accident occurred(h) \_\_\_\_\_ (which/ therefore/ because)of technical problems with engine. The Deputy Commissioner,(i) \_\_\_\_\_ (who/ what/ that) rushed to the spot along with the Superintendent of Police, ordered (j)\_\_\_\_\_ (was/ an/ because)inquiry into the accident. The inquiry team will submit its report within a week.

**SECTION-D (LITERATURE) 25 MARKS**

- 11 (2)Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow, 4  
by choosing the correct option in your answer sheet.

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;

(a)Name the poem and the poet/poetess-

- (i)My Mother by A.P.J.Abdul Kalam
- (ii)The Children's Song by Joseph Rudyard Kipling
- (iii)Bangle Sellers by Sarojini Naidu
- (iv)Couplet by Alexander Pope

(b) The word 'flushed' means

- (i)fresh (ii)peaceful (iii)colour (iv)clear

(c) The word some is referred to-

- (i) bracelets (ii)bangles (iii) anklets (iv)necklace

(d) The buds are found

- (i) near the woodland stream
- (ii)on the edge of woodland stream
- (iii)outside of woodland stream
- (iv) in the middle of woodland stream

- 12 Read the following extract and answer the questions by choosing the 4  
most appropriate option. Write your answer in your answer sheet  
against the correct question number:

He knows to live, who keeps the middle state  
And neither leans on this side nor on that.

(a)The poet says that a person who leans to one side is a

- (i) right person
- (ii)regardless person
- (iii)unjustful person

(iv) ignoble person

(b) The poet has opined for

(i) partiality (ii) right judgement (iii) intimacy (iv) better friendship

(c) The phrase 'middle state' refers to an idea of

(i) imbalanced life (ii) balanced life (iii) choosing the right side

(iv) attracted towards the relatives

(d) The name of the poem from which the stanza has been extracted is

(i) Couplet (ii) Bangle Seller (iii) My Mother (iv) Granny's Tree Climbing

13 (4) Answer any four of the following questions : 4x2=8

(a) Why was Mr Hill upset with Annie?

(b) What are the various forms of government? Which one is the best? Why?

(c) Do you think the young lady had accidentally dropped the paper in which her brooch was wrapped? If not, why did she do so?

(d) What impression did the narrator gather of the woman when he met her?

(e) How did the narrator and Baldev become friends in their childhood?

14 Value based question (Answer in 30-40 words) 2x2=4

(a) William Morris is really an intelligent detective. Comment.

(b) Bangles are the parts of our beautiful Indian culture. Comment.

15 Imagine you are Mr Hill. Your unpleasant conversation with Mr Briggs and Mr Winter awakens your conscience and changes your attitude towards Annie. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after your meeting with the visitors. 5

Or

The woman calls the narrator 'a humorist'. Who do you think actually contributes to the humour in the story 'The Luncheon'? How?