



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHANDIGARH

Summative Assessment-I (2014-2015)
Class : VIII - Subject : English (Sample Paper)

Time: 3 hours

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This paper consists of 4 sections.

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| A. | Reading | 20 marks |
| B. | Writing | 25 marks |
| C. | Grammar | 20 marks |
| D. | Literature | 25 marks |

General Instructions:

1. Attempt all the questions.
2. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
3. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION – A (Reading – 20 Marks)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully.

1. Getting a good night's sleep can help you cope with stress more effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. Insomniacs have higher concentrations of stress hormones than others. Women are prone to sleep disturbances. Their sleep problems frequently interfere with their daily activities.
2. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse. Some experts speculate that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays.
3. Scientists believe that activity in the area of the brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people be emotionally and socially adept when awake.
4. Sleep may also help our brain to store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. The effects of sleep deprivation on other bodily functions are just as alarming. In studies from five medical centres across the country, researchers established that individuals with insomnia were also more likely to have poor health, including chest pain, arthritis and depression. They also have difficulty in accomplishing daily tasks.
5. Another breakthrough study revealed that even temporary loss of sleep can affect the body's ability to breakdown carbohydrates, interfere with the function

of various hormones and worsen the severity of ailments such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

6. So, whatever works to help you sleep well, whether its regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly massages, yoga, meditation or a freshening bath, make time for it today.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences: (1x6=6)

- a) Insomniacs have than others.
- b) Without deep sleep we
- c) Researchers established that individuals with insomnia were also more likely to have
- d) It has been revealed that even temporary loss of sleep can affect:
 - i)
 - ii).....
- e) Any two ways that make one sleep better are and

1.2 Answer the following questions: (1.5x2=3)

- a) List any two ways in which deep sleep is beneficial to us.
- b) What are the various methods you can adopt to make yourself sleep better?

1.3 Find words from the passage that mean the same as the following: (1x3=3)

- a) hinder and obstruct (para 1)
- b) evaluate and interpret (para 2)
- c) made known to all (para 5)

Q.2 Read the given poem carefully.

How kind is the tiger when it kills to feed the young.

It's precise and deft, it has a purpose, it preys.

Never without reason does it hunt.

I have seen no vulture scheme or plot, when it dives.

It recycles nature, without complaining, without any spite.

Never without reason does it circle.

How silent is the cobra when it strikes.

The silence is not malice but kindness lest it cause fear.

Never without reason does it slide.

How many humans have a good reason to kill?

Greed, dark joy, evil plots, many got?

Will any of these reasons be our final saviour, when life is done?

Now who are the animals, they or us?

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete the following sentences. (1x8=8)

- i. The tiger kills because of
 - a) kindness
 - b) a purpose
 - c) his hunger
 - d) no reason
- ii. The vulture is environment's best friend since it
 - a) never schemes or plots
 - b) never complains
 - c) keeps circling in the air
 - d) helps maintain nature's balance
- iii. In the poet's opinion, the cobra strikes silently because it
 - a) wants to scare its victim
 - b) does not want to scare its victim
 - c) is kind to its victim
 - d) all of these
- iv. Humans kill animals to
 - a) satisfy selfish motives
 - b) satisfy hunger
 - c) recycle
 - d) entertain themselves
- v. Through the examples of animals and birds the poet wants to show
 - a) how silent animals are
 - b) how kind animals are
 - c) why animals kill
 - d) how cruel human beings are
- vi. The message delivered by this poem is that
 - a) man should plunder earth's resources without feeling guilty
 - b) animals hunt in different ways
 - c) man needs to ponder over his actions and deal with nature in a responsible way
 - d) animals and birds are equivalent to mankind in all aspects

- vii. The poetic device used in stanza 2 is
- simile
 - metaphor
 - repetition
 - hyperbole
- viii. The word 'saviour' in the stanza 4 means.....
- defender
 - attacker
 - critic
 - rebel

SECTION - B (Writing – 25 Marks)

- Q.4 You are Minal / Mrinal of VIII A of St. Michael High School, New Delhi. Your school is organising a 'Quiz Competition' on the occasion of Republic Day in the school auditorium for classes VII and VIII. As Secretary of the Quiz Club, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board inviting students for the selection round and give all necessary details. Put the notice in a box. (5)
- Q.5 You are Diya / Dhruv, resident of E-5, Vikas Enclave, Amritsar. Your locality is facing severe water crisis in the ongoing monsoon season. Moreover, the water is not suitable for drinking also and many pipes are damaged which is resulting in improper supply. Write a letter in 125 to 150 words to the Municipal Councillor of your area highlighting your problem and requesting him to look into the matter at the earliest. (10)
- Q.6 One of the most important problems facing the country today is the rapid increase in population. It not only results in the unequal distribution of available resources but also leads to many other problems which hampers the overall progress of the nation on the whole. Write an article in about 150 words for your school magazine on '**Population Explosion**' suggesting ways to control it. (10)

SECTION – C (Grammar – 20 Marks)

- Q.8 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify and write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against correct blank number. (1/2x8=4)

	Incorrect	Correct
There was a time where having	a)
a phone connection was likely a	b)
luxury and no many people	c)
can boast of having one in there	d)
house but this days everyone around can	e)
be seen talking in their mobile phones	f)
and to been within easy reach of a call	g)
is no long the privilege of the rich.	h)

Q.9 Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)

- a) tend to/ worry about / most of us / we take / the risks / in life
- b) changes / the world / are / technological / sweeping
- c) everyday living / timely measure / secure and / happy / can make
- d) occur / factors / misfortunes / due to / may / various

Q.10 Complete the dialogue by filling up the blanks with the most appropriate options from those given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against correct blank number. (1x4=4)

Jatin: So, you are going to be a doctor?

Sunil: Yes. It seems to be a very interesting profession. (a)..... ?

Jatin: My ambition is to be a lawyer.

Sunil: Law? Well law has never attracted me. (b) a lawyer?

Jatin: It's a very respectable profession.

Sunil: The medical profession is just (c)

Jatin: I wish you luck in whatever field you take up.

Sunil: (d)

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| a) | i) What about you | ii) How about you |
| | iii) Why don't you | iv) Why can't you |
| b) | i) Why are you wanting to be | ii) Why don't you want to be |
| | iii) Why do you want to be | iv) When do you want to be |
| c) | i) like respecting as law | ii) as respecting as law |
| | iii) as respectable as law | iv) like respective like law |
| d) | i) I wish the same for you | ii) I wish the same as you |
| | iii) I wish a same for you | iv) I wish the same from you |

Q.11 Fill in the blanks to complete the following passage. (1/2x8=4)

Human life (a) be described in terms of the four seasons. The spring season (b) man's youth. The summer is like (c) mature behaviour. The declining years are like autumn (d) the old age is similar to winter. Man takes birth, grows old and dies. He is (e) immortal and so he (f)..... to face changes in his life. He can become eternal (g) his talent for art which will keep him (h) forever.

Q.12 Change the voice. (1x4=4)

- a) The mason is building the wall.
- b) Your sister plays the guitar with ease.
- c) Let Rina carry the bag.
- d) Why have you painted this picture?

Section- D (Literature – 25 Marks)

Q.13 Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

A. 'When people aren't asking questions

They are making suggestions.'

i) Name the poem and the poet. (1)

ii) What kind of 'people' are being described here? (1)

iii) What is the poet mocking at in this poem? (2)

B. "You wouldn't be in a good temper if you were in the fix I'm in."

i) Who is the speaker and whom is he / she speaking to? (1)

ii) Where is the speaker? (1)

iii) What time of the day is it? (1)

iv) What kind of a 'fix' is the speaker in? Explain it. (2)

Q.14 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2X4=8)

i) Describe Rajam's cupboard.

ii) What was Mr. Darcy being fussy about and why?

iii) Why did Helen Stoner feel that her life was in danger?

iv) Elaborate on 'the wealth' that the poet gathered in the poem 'Daffodils'.

Q.15 Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 80 – 100 words. (8)

Imagine you are Ruskin. Your father has expressed his desire of sending you to a boarding school and has spoken to you over this issue. Write a diary entry expressing your wish and inner feelings.

OR

'Sherlock Holmes could see deeply into the wickedness of the human heart'. How far do you think it to be true?