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English
CLASS- VIII

Time : 3 hrs.

M.M. : 90

Instruction

- (i) The question paper is divided into 3 sections. You can attempt any section first, but complete all the answers of that section and then go to the other section.
- (ii) Don't copy the questions. Only write the answers beside the corrected question numbers.

Section A
Reading

A.1. Read the passage carefully:

How can you best improve your English depends on where you live, and particularly on, whether or not you live in an English speaking community. If you hear English spoken everyday and mix freely with English speaking people, that is, on the whole an advantage. On the other hand, it is often confusing to have the whole language poured over you at once. Ideally, a step-by-step course should accompany or lead up to this experience. It will also help a great deal if you can easily get the sort of English books in which you are interested.

To read a lot is essential. It is stupid not to venture outside the examination 'set books' or the text books you have chosen for intensive study. Read as many books in English as you can, not as study but for pleasure. Do not choose the most difficult books you find with the idea of listing and learning as many new words as possible. Choose what is likely to interest you and be sure in advance that it is not too hard. You should not have to be constantly looking up new words in the dictionary, for that deadens interest and checks real learning. Look up a word here and there but as a general policy try to push ahead, guessing what words mean from the context. It is extensive and not intensive reading that normally helps you to get interested in extra reading and thereby improve your English. You should enjoy the feeling which extensive reading gives of having some command of the language. As you read, you will become more and more familiar with words and sentence patterns you already know; understanding them better and better as you meet them in more and more contexts, some of which may differ only slightly from others.

Answer the following questions briefly :

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- (a) When can you learn English faster ?
- (b) What does the author recommend in learning English ?
- (c) What does the author recommend for improving English ?
- (d) How can reading help us to learn English ?

- (e) Learning and improving English depend on which factors ?
 (f) What is essential to learn English ?
 (g) What precaution should you take while choosing a book to read ?
 (h) Which type of reading can help you ?
- (i) Find out the synonym of these words from the passage :
 (i) widespread (ii) attempt, risk
 (j) Find out antonym of these words from the passage :
 (i) subsidiary (ii) seldom

A.2. Read the following poem carefully :

THE QUIET LIFE

*Happy the man whose wish and care
 A few paternal acres bound.
 Content to breathe his native air
 In his own ground.
 Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,
 Whose flocks supply him with attire;
 Whose trees in summer yield him shade,
 In winter fire :
 Blest ; who can unconcernedly find
 Hours, days and years, slide soft away
 In health of body, peace of mind.
 Quiet by day :
 Sound sleep by night ; study and ease
 Together mixt, sweet recreation
 And innocence which most does please with meditation.
 Thus let me live, unseen unknown
 Thus unlamented let me die,
 Steal from the world, and not a stone
 Tell where I lie.*

- (a) Given below is a summary of the poem. It is incomplete. Complete it by writing one word only in each blank. 8
- (i) A man with small wishes, staying in his own _____ .
 (ii) land leads a life full of _____ .
 (iii) All his basic requirements like food and _____ are
 (iv) fulfilled in his own village by his fields and _____
 (v) He is also lucky to lead life at his own pace and enjoy good _____
 (vi) health and _____ peace.
 (vii) Such a man is able to have a _____ sleep at
 (viii) night and also find time for _____ .
- (b) What kind of a death does the 'man' wish for ? 1
 (c) Write the synonym of attire. 1/2

(d) Write the poetic device of this line

‘Sound sleep by night ; study and ease.’

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Section B
Writing and Grammar

B.1. You are Sonam. Your mother’s friend Leena called up to say that she would not be able to attend the meeting of the Ladies Club on 5th April as some guests were coming from Malaysia to stay with her. She wanted to talk to your Mom. Since she was not at home you received the call and decided to leave a message for your Mom as you had to go for the tuition class. Write a message in about 50 words. Put the message in a box. 3

B.2. Shobit is the Head Boy of St. John’s School, Agra. His principal asks him to put up a notice asking all House Captains to assemble to discuss ways to improve the discipline in school. Write the notice in 50 words. 4

B.3. You are Sonal, living at 9 A Block, Ashok Nagar, Ranchi. Write a letter in not more than 120 words to the Police Commissioner requesting him to take effective steps to provide security to old people and women folk of your area. 6

B.4. Given below is the beginning of a story. Continue from this point and complete the story in about 150 words. Do write the title and the moral of the story. 7

Two friends were passing through a dense forest. Suddenly they heard some animal screaming

B.5. Read the following conversation carefully. Complete the paragraph in indirect speech. 5

Mother : Dear, have you finished your work ?

Daughter : Yes, Mom.

Mother : Are you free now ?

Daughter : Yes, Mom. Do you want me to do something ?

Mother : Yes. Can you help me in kitchen for sometime ?

Speaking to her daughter affectionately, mother a) _____. The daughter b) _____. The mother c) _____. The daughter replied affectionately that she was free and d) _____. The mother asked e) _____ in kitchen for sometime.

B.6. The following is the recipe of Divya’sbajra roti. Use the instruction in the recipe to complete the paragraph that follows in passive voice. 4

a) Mix the bajra flour, salt and water to make a dough and knead well.

b) Make small balls.

- c) Sprinkle bajra flour on a flat surface. Place the dough on it. Flatten the dough like a thick roti.
- d) Lift the roti and put it on the hot tawa. Cook both sides.
- e) Place it directly on the hot flame till it is done.
- f) Serve after applying ghee.

The bajra flour, salt and water a) _____ to make a dough by kneading it well. Then small balls b) _____. Then bajra flour c) _____ on a flat surface. The dough d) _____ like a thick roti. The roti e) _____ and put on the hot tawa. Both the sides f) _____. Then the roti g) _____ directly on the flame till it is done. The rotis h) _____ after applying ghee.

B.7. Identify the subordinate clauses and write their types. (Adverb, Adjective or noun)3

- a) He behaves as if he were an Ambani.
- b) These drugs, which are used to treat cancer, have been withdrawn from sales.
- c) My suggestion that we should go on a picnic was acceptable to them.

B.8. There is an error in each of the lines of the following passage. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. 4

	Incorrect	Correct
The king turned round and saw the bearded man (a)	_____	_____
coming towards him. The man held its hands (b)	_____	_____
pressed against his stomach and blood is flowing (c)	_____	_____
from under them. When he come near the king (d)	_____	_____
he fell fainting in the ground, crying with pain. (e)	_____	_____
The king and an hermit unfastened the man's (f)	_____	_____
clothing. There was a larger wound in his (g)	_____	_____
stomach, The king washed it as best as he can. (h)	_____	_____

B.9. Fill in the blanks with correct options - 2

- a) Rashid is popular _____ his classmates. (between / among)
- b) My mother bought me a card and a bag _____ two books. (beside / besides)
- c) Hearing a scream, I rushed _____ to see what the matter was. (out / outside)
- d) It has been ages _____ I last spoke to him. (for / since)

B.10. Fill in the gaps with suitable connectors : 2

- a) How can I start my work _____ I get clear instructions.
- b) Ananya looked _____ she had seen a ghost.
- c) You should control your diet _____ you have a tendency to put on weight.
- d) It suddenly occurred to her _____ wild animals are afraid of fire.

- B.11. Choose the Non-finite verb and write their kinds : 3
- a) Driven out by his family, he took shelter with his friends.
 - b) The students were tired of writing.
 - c) I saw the thief running away.
- B.12. Rearrange the following words and phrases as meaningful sentences : 2
- a) the roads / really / pathetic / condition of / the / our area / in / is
 - b) rainy season / dirty water / during / pools of / become / the / they

Section C
Literature

- C.1. Answer with reference to the context : 3+3

I. "Before Achilles was born, the Fates had told his mother that he would die young." :

- (a) What did Achille's mother do to safeguard him against the prophecy of the Fates ?
- (b) Was she able to protect him completely ?
- (c) How did Achilles meet his death ?

II. "I will not choose what many men desire,
Because I will not jump with common spirits,
And rank me with the barbarous multitude." :

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines and who is he speaking to ?
- (b) What does 'many men desire' refer to ?
- (c) What opinion do you think the speaker has of common people ?

- C.2. Answer these questions (any four) : 2x4=8

- (a) Why is a human being compared to the Guest House ?
- (b) What answer did the hermit give to the king in 'Three questions' ?
- (c) What effect did the 'living word' have on Helen ?
- (d) What is the moral of the story in the poem 'The louse and the Mosquito' ?
- (e) Did the Oracle's prophecy regarding Paris come true ? Elaborate.
- (f) What trait of the Prince of Arragon's character is reflected in his name ?

- C.3. 'Do not trust enemies who bring you presents.' Justify this statement with the reference of the text 'The Trojan War' in 120 words. 4

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- C.4. Answer these questions: 2+2 + 3=7

- (a) What was the king's reaction when Gulliver had offered him the secret knowledge of bombs and guns ?
- (b) Why did Gulliver decide to escape from Brobdingnag ?
- (c) How did Gulliver prove the truth of his story to the captain ?

or

Describe the fright Gulliver received from two of the farmer's children during lunch time.