

**Session 2020-21**  
**SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**  
**CLASS - VIIIth (Regular)**

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**English**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hours      Maximum Marks : 85**

**Instruction :**

- I. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.**
- II. Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.**
- III. While answering your questions, you must indicate on your Answer-book the same question number as appears in your question paper.**
- IV. All questions are compulsory, internal choice has been given.**
- V. Word limit wherever prescribed must be observed.**

**Section-A (Reading)**

**17 marks**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions :

One of the most polluted rivers in India is the Ganga. This great river, flowing from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal, drains one-fourth of India's land area. It supports millions of people who live in towns and cities and villages along its

2,500 km course. These people rely on the waters of the Ganga for drinking, for industrial uses and for irrigating the land. The Ganga is also used by millions more who come to bathe and drink the water of the most sacred of Indian rivers. Each city and town adds its own waste to the Ganga. Most of this is untreated human sewage. The rest of pollution comes from domestic garbage, industrial sewage, dead remains of animals and humans thrown into the river, and run off from crop lands. Even though Ganga has a high capacity of self cleansing, it cannot keep up with all the wastes dumped into it. In many cities the water is unfit for drinking, cooking or bathing. As the river flows down, it tries to purify itself but then there is another city, town or factory dumping its untreated waste right into the river. One of the most polluted stretches is the seven kilometre curve at Varanasi, where six million devotees come each year to bathe in the holy river.

Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) Which is one of the most polluted rivers in India ?  
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- (b) Mention two ways of how people rely on the water of river Ganga ?  
1
- (c) Which is the most polluted stretch of the Ganga River ?  
1
- (d) Fill in the following blanks :  
2
- I. The river flows from the ..... to the Bay of Bengal.

II. Each city and town adds its own.....to the river Ganga.

(e) Write opposite words for the following : 2

I. Fit

II. Treat

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

We sometimes think it would be very nice to have no work to do. How we envy rich people who have not to work for their living, but can do just what they please all the year around. Yet when we feel like this, we make a mistake. Sometimes rich people are not as happy as we think they are, because they are tired of having nothing to do. Most of us are happy when we have a regular work to do for our living, especially if the work is what we like to do. The first thing work does to us is to give us happiness. Then work gives us self-respect. The idler, however rich he is, lives on the work of others. He is like the beggar in the streets, who takes the money of others who have had to work hard for it. Such people do not live independently, and ought to feel ashamed of themselves. But the honest worker, who earns his living, can hold up his head and respect himself. Lastly, regular work helps to build up character. It teaches us good habits such as punctuality, carefulness and faithfulness in work. It is the man who works not the idler that, as a rule, develops the best character.

Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) Why are rich people not happy as we think they are ? 1
- (b) What gives us happiness ? 1
- (c) What are the two good habits that work teaches us? 1
- (d) When do most of us feel happy ? 1
- (e) How does the idler live and feel ? 1
- (f) Which word in the paragraph means the same : 2
- I. Jealous
- II. Shameful
- (g) Choose the correct answer 3
- I. Our behaviour with others should be
- (a) Bad (b) nice (c) disrespectful
- II. Hard work results in
- (a) Failure (b) mistakes (c) Success
- III. Who is given respect in the society ?
- (a) Honest worker (b) Work shirker (c) An idler

**Section-B (Writing)**

**20 marks**

3. Write a paragraph of 60-80 words on any one of the following : 8
- (a) My School
- (b) Any festival
- (c) Scene at the bus stand
4. You are Namita / Naman studying in class VIII, in Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Chamba, Himachal

Pradesh, Write an application to the Principal to issue your school leaving certificate. 8

Or

You are Meena / Mukesh of Shimla, write a letter to your uncle, thanking him for a birthday present.

Or

You are Sumit / Sumedha, studying in class VIII in Govt. High School, Ani, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. Write an application to the headmaster for full fee concession.

5. Write a short paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following : 4

(a) How I spent my holidays

Or

(b) My Classroom

Or

(c) Complete the story

Once a dog.....very hungry.....in search of food.....reaches a shop.....steals a piece of meat.....crosses a river.....reflection.....another dog.....barks.....piece of meat falls into the river.....Moral Greed is....

### Section-C (Grammar)

**15 marks**

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb: 2

I. She.....to collect stamps. (use)

II. Fruits.....us energy. (give)

III. Ram.....my help. (need)

IV. We.....to the market. (go)

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 2  
(of, to, for, from)
- I. I am suffering.....fever.
  - II. He is senior.....me.
  - III. Please wait.....him.
  - IV. He is fond.....music.
8. Do as directed. (Any eleven) 11
- I. I have taken tea. (Change the voice)
  - II. The teacher said, "Air has weight."  
(Change the narration)
  - III. He is going to the market.  
(Change into negative sentence)
  - IV. How brave your cousin is !  
(Change into assertive sentence)
  - V. June is the.....(hot) month of the year.  
(Fill in proper degree of comparison)
  - VI. The girl is eating a chocolate.  
(Change the number)
  - VII. The horse is running. (Change the gender)
  - VIII. the gita is a holy book.  
(Punctuate the sentence)
  - IX. The baby is playing with a ball.  
(Change into Interrogative sentence)
  - X. make the sun while hay shines.  
(Rearrange the jumbled words)
  - XI. The peon is ringing the bell.  
(Change into past continuous)

XII. Open the door. (Change the voice)

XIII. He said to me, "Kindly help me."

(Change the narration)

XIV. You told a lie.

(Change into Present Continuous Tense)

XV. Prevention is better.....

(Complete the sentence)

### **Section-D (Literature)**

**33 marks**

9. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 5

Every Monday, on his way back from work, Bepin Choudhury would drop in at Kalicharan's in New Market to buy books. Crime stories, ghost stories and thrillers. He had to buy at least five at a time to last him through the week. He lived alone, was not a good mixer, had few friends and didn't like spending time in idle chat. Today, at Kalicharan's, Bepin Babu had the feeling that someone was observing him from close quarters. He turned round and found himself looking at a round faced, meek looking man who now broke into a smile.

#### **Questions**

- (a) Where would Bepin Choudhury stop every Monday?
- (b) Where was Kalicharan's shop situated ?
- (c) What did Bepin Choudhury buy at Kalicharan's ?
- (d) What type of a man was Bepin Choudhury ?

- (e) Who broke into a smile to see Bepin Babu ?
10. Read the following passage and answer the following questions ? 5
- Snakes and rodents, flooded out of their holes and burrows, take shelter in roofs, attics and godowns. A shrew, weak of eyesight, blunders about the rooms, much to the amusement of the children. "Don't kill it," admonishes their grandmother. "Chuchundars are lucky - they bring money !" And sure enough, I receive a cheque in the mail. Not a very large one, but welcome all the same.

#### Questions

- (a) Where do the snakes and rodents take shelter ?
- (b) Why do the snakes and rodents leave their holes and burrows ?
- (c) Who blunders about the rooms ?
- (d) What does shrew mean ?
- (e) Who receives a cheque in the mail ?
11. Answer any four questions from the following : 2×4=8
- (a) What had happened to Jody's father ?
- (b) What is the scientist's message for the disabled?
- (c) Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October '58 ?
- (d) Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion ?
- (e) In what way did the British officers exploit Indians ?



- (f) Why is the author not able to see Bijju ?
- (g) What did the author find in the junk shop ?
- (h) Which hill-station does the author describe in this diary entry ?

12. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : 3

‘Please give me a ride on your back !’  
 Said the Duck to the kangaroo.  
 I would sit quite still, and say nothing  
 But “Quack,”  
 The whole of the long day through !  
 And we’d go to the Dee, and the Jelly  
 Bo Lee.

**Questions**

- (a) Name the poem and the poet ?
  - (b) What did the Duck request the kangaroo for?
  - (c) How would she sit on Kangaroo’s back ?
13. Answer any two questions from the following : 2×2=4
- (a) Who sings the poetry of earth in summers ?
  - (b) Why is the Scotland Yard baffled ?
  - (c) Why can the bird not sing ?
14. Answer any four questions from the following : 2×4=8
- (a) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert ?

- (b) What surprises the warrior ?
- (c) What is the difference between a planet and a comet, as given in the story ?
- (d) Why is the Giant called selfish ?
- (e) Why did the bird refuse to be taken out of his cage ?
- (f) What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry ?
- (g) Why is Duttada's wife unhappy about the discovery ?
- (h) What material are the strange huts made of ?
- (i) What pulled the Princess out of her gloom ?