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ENGLISH

Class – VIII

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M.M. : 80

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Name of the student _____ Section _____

General Instructions-

- This paper is divided into four sections: A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
- Section A : Reading (15 marks)
- Section B : Writing (20 marks)
- Section C : Grammar (20 marks)
- Section D : Reader (25 marks)
- All questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION – A (Reading – 15 marks)

A.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below –

There is no denying the fact that since time immemorial, millions of birds all across the globe have been moving from one place to another in search of food and shelter. Thousands of clubs and societies of bird watchers have mushroomed in the west, keeping a watch on bird movements and trying to solve the mysteries surrounding their migration. It is a natural process, whereby different birds fly over distances of hundreds to thousands of miles in order to find the best ecological conditions and habitats for feeding, breeding and raising their young ones. Most birds migrate from northern breeding areas in the summer to southern wintering grounds.

In developed countries, such as Britain, Germany, Japan, the USA and Sweden, one can see a number of people of all age group, pensioners to school going children, moving about meadows, forests and parks, on river banks and sea-shores with cameras and notebooks, jotting down the names, sizes, colours and food habits of different birds. Bird migration is the regular seasonal movement, often north and south along a flyaway, breeding and wintering grounds. Migration carries high costs in predation and mortality, including from hunting by humans, and is driven primarily by availability of food.

The best way to know a bird is to flick through the pages of an authentic book written by some renowned authors such as Salim Ali. Birds are generally shy and do not like human intrusion in their territory. The best way to enjoy bird watching is through binoculars.

Choose the correct answer –

(1x5=5)

1. The movement of bird started _____.
a) recently b) lately c) presently d) ages and ages ago
2. _____ is the aim of bird watchers.
a) Noticing movement of the birds
b) Finding solution to the mystery about bird migration.
c) Both (a) and (b)
d) Searching food for birds
3. The bird watchers love to know _____ of the birds.
a) names b) sizes c) food habits d) all of these
4. The word which means the same as 'to enter somebody's area without permission' is _____.
a) territory b) mushroomed c) intrusion d) jotting
5. We need a _____ to observe birds without causing any disturbance to them.
a) globe b) binoculars c) meadows d) phenomenon

A.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below –

I may mention, however, that I was none the worse for abstaining from exercise. That was because I had read in books about benefits of long walks in the open air, and having liked the advice, I had formed a habit of taking walks, which has still remained with me. These walks gave me a good strength.

The reason for my dislike for gymnastics was my keen desire to serve as nurse to my father. As soon as the school closed, I would hurry home and begin serving him. Exercise came directly in the way of this service. I requested Mr Gimi to exempt me from gymnastics so that I might be free to serve my father. But he would not listen to me. Now it happened that one Saturday, when we had school in the morning, I had to go from home to school for gymnastics at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I had no watch, and the clouds deceived me. Before I reached the school, the boys had all left. The next day Mr Gimi, examining the roll, found me marked absent. Being asked the reason for absence, I told him what had happened. He refused to believe me and ordered me to pay a fine one or two annas (I cannot now recall how much).

I was convicted of lying! That deeply pained me. I was desperate to prove my innocence. But there was no way. I cried in deep anguish. I saw that a man of truth must also be a man of care. This was the first and the last instance of my carelessness in school. I have a faint recollection that I finally succeeded in getting the fine remitted. The exemption from exercise was of course obtained, as my father wrote himself to the headmaster saying that he wanted me at home after school.

I am still paying the penalty of another neglect. I do know when I got the notion that good handwriting was not necessary part of education, but I retained it until I went to England. When later, especially in South Africa, I saw the beautiful handwriting of

lawyers and young men born and educated in South Africa, I was ashamed of myself and repented of my neglect. I saw that bad handwriting should be regarded as a sign of an imperfect education. I tried later to improve mine, but it was too late.

(Mohandas K. Gandhi – The Story of My Experiments with Truth)

a) Answer these questions- (4)

- i) According to the passage, what were the two things that Gandhiji neglected?
- ii) Why did Gandhiji dislike gymnastics?
- iii) How did Gandhiji feel when he was blamed for lying?
- iv) Was Gandhiji really lying? Justify your answer.

b) Choose the correct option - (4)

- i) What should be regarded as a sign of an imperfect education?
a) bad health b) bad handwriting c) speaking d) listening
- ii) Gandhiji was late for the gymnastics class because -
a) he was busy in college b) he was playing
c) clouds deceived him d) his friends stopped him
- iii) A man of truth must also be a man of _____
a) care b) concern c) sympathy d) kindness
- iv) Gandhiji finally succeeded in _____
a) getting the fine remitted b) getting the possession of property
c) winning the case d) winning the accolade

c) The word 'abstain' means – (1)

- a) to be absent b) to stay away from c) to attend d) to regret

d) The antonym of 'convicted' is – (1)

- a) acquitted b) jailed c) blamed d) appreciated

SECTION - B (Writing – 20 marks)

B.1 You and your friends have decided to donate the unused story books and textbooks to the school for the underprivileged children in your area. Draft a **notice** asking students of other classes to donate their unused books as well. **Put the notice in a box. (within 50-60 words)** (5)

(Clues- name of the area where the books will be distributed, what kind of books can be donated, date and time of distribution, name of the contact person, books should be in a good condition, donation is purely voluntary)

OR

An agency in your city is conducting short-term courses to teach fluency in foreign languages. Prepare a **poster** for the agency giving all necessary details. Your poster should be attractive and informative.

(The poster must mention these details- consent letter from parents, eligibility to

attend the classes, duration and venue, languages taught, qualifications required, fees, limited seats, first-come-first-served, terms and conditions)

- B.2** You have got admitted to a residential school for the first time. Your mother is very worried for your well-being. Write a letter to your mother telling her that your stay at the hostel is comfortable and joyous. (within 100-120 words) **(8)**

(Clues- supportive hostel warden, well mannered friends, learning atmosphere of school, many new things to learn, hygienic food, very happy to be in discipline, changed your behaviour completely)

OR

You are Raj/Reena. You have bought a refrigerator from Rampal Mittal & Sons, Shankar Nagar, Raipur. After few days you find that the refrigerator is not functioning properly. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of the shop, complaining about the defect and asking for immediate replacement or repair. (within 100-120 words)

(Clues- refrigerator is not cooling at all, very noisy at times, the vegetables are getting decayed, completely dissatisfied with the product)

- B.3** Develop a readable story from the given outlines. Remember to give the moral of the story in the end. **(7)**

(An old lady becomes blind.....calls in a doctor....agrees to pay large fees if cured....doctor comes daily....starts stealing one piece of furniture daily...delays the cure....at last cures her....demands his fees....lady refuses to pay, saying she can't see all her expensive furniture....doctor felt ashamed..... left the home without a single penny...moral)

OR

You had a great day as you participated in the Inter School Debate Competition and won the first prize. Write a diary entry about your feelings after winning this competition. (within 100-120 words)

(Clues- everyone appreciated you, worked really hard for this, teachers played a major role, prepared well for the debate, focused on current affairs, extremely happy for the success)

SECTION – C (Grammar - 20 marks)

- C.1** There is one word missing in each of the lines given below. Supply the missing word along with the words before and after in the blanks given against each line - **(½×6=3)**

	Before	Word	After
Every year many people visit famous temple	a) _____	_____	_____
town, Kanchipuram Tamilnadu.	b) _____	_____	_____
pilgrims have going there in	c) _____	_____	_____
large numbers many years	d) _____	_____	_____
because they want see the	e) _____	_____	_____
splendid architectures the temples.	f) _____	_____	_____

C.2 Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences - (3)

- a) in the capital / the biggest / held / was / industrial / last year / fair
- b) my country / the people / of / are / than / those / of / more hardworking / your country
- c) done / he / which / no one / did / could / have / that task

C.3 Do as directed:

i) Rewrite these sentences as negative sentences without changing their meanings – (2)

- a) Kalidas is the greatest dramatist of the world.
- b) Her behavior is polite.

ii) Circle the non-finite verbs and identify their kinds - (½×4=2)

- a) The little puppy likes to play with the ball of wool.
- b) I found him fishing.
- c) My father took out a crumpled letter from his pocket.
- d) Mother was reading a letter.

iii) Complete the following by using appropriate form of conditionals – (2)

- a) _____, I would climb the Mt. Everest..
- b) Had the driver been careful, _____.

iv) Change the following sentences into Passive voice - (2)

- a) Who has stolen the pen?
- b) The students were completing the project.

v) Identify the following sentences as Simple, Compound or Complex – (2)

- a) I found the wallet where I had left it.
- b) She worked hard therefore she passed.

vi) Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech – (1×2=2)

- a) He said, "Honesty is the best policy."
- b) Ram said to me, "Can you give me your pen?"

vii) Fill in the blanks with the suitable verbs - (½×2=1)

- a) Twenty divided by five _____ four. (give/gives)
- b) Many items of food _____ served to me. (were/was)

C.4 Fill in the blanks with correct verb forms - (½×2=1)

- a) Where has he _____? (went/gone)
- b) He _____ with us now. (stays/is staying)

SECTION – D (Reader – 25 marks)

D.1 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow - (1×3=3)

And therefore, I am about to raise your salary! A merry Christmas. I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family.

- i) Who is the speaker of above lines?
- ii) The speaker is talking about whose struggling family?
- iii) What is the meaning of the word 'endeavour' here?

OR

All the members of that committee are educated persons, whose speech would pass as correct and refined in any society or any employment in London.

- i) Which committee was Shaw referring to?
- ii) Who was the chairman of the committee?
- iii) Why did Shaw say that the members of the committee speak presentably, not correctly?

D.2 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions by choosing the most appropriate option - (1×3=3)

They came to the finish line holding hands still

And a standing ovation and nine beaming faces

Said more than these words ever will.

- i) What is the meaning of the words 'standing ovation'?
 - a) enthusiastic applause given by people
 - b) a public show
 - c) a sports meet by students
- ii) What are 'these words' referred to here?
 - a) words of appreciation
 - b) words of discouragement
 - c) words of disgrace
- iii) What was the hundred yards dash reduced to?
 - a) to a walk
 - b) to a marathon
 - c) to a high jump

OR

But only a host of phantom listeners

That dwelt in the lone house then,

Stood listening in the quiet of the moonlight

To that voice from the world of men.

- i) What is the meaning of 'from the world of men'?
 - a) From the world of living beings
 - b) From the world of souls
 - c) From the world of angels
- ii) What does the word 'lone' signify?
 - a) the phantom listeners
 - b) the only house in the forest
 - c) the stranger
- iii) Where were the listeners?
 - a) On the backyard b) On the graveyard c) On the dark stairs

D.3 Answer ANY FIVE of these questions within 30-40 words – (2×5=10)

- i) Why had the gentleman come to call upon Scrooge?
- ii) What made the narrator start writing in the blank journal?
- iii) Why was the traveller perplexed when he 'smote upon the door again'?
- iv) Why did Shaw state that there is no such thing as ideally correct English?
- v) What was the first success that Ramgopal Vallath achieved in life?
- vi) Why was the narrator forced to stay at the Dak Bungalow?

D.4 Answer ANY ONE of the following questions within 50-60 words – (3)

How does the poet show that words which are found in profusion should be used judiciously?

OR

Describe how the race had an unexpected end. What are your point of views on this event?

D.5 a) Fill in the blanks with the correct words- (1/2×2=1)

- i) Pollution has an _____ (adverse/averse) effect on us.
- ii) The narrator was _____ (traumatized/bewildered) by the events and experiences that he had.

b) Choose the correct antonyms of these words- (1/2×2=1)

- i) Melancholy - (interested/cheerful/disappointment)
- ii) Destitute – (rich/stranger/extremely poor)

D.6 Answer ANY ONE of the following questions within 100 words – (4)

Do you think that it is important for us to have a good quality of life rather than be hard-hearted and greedy as Scrooge? Express your views.

OR

Words are the most important constituents of language. One has to master the words to express one's thoughts effectively. Yet, words can lead into a quagmire of trouble and misery. Elaborate your point of views.

