

**SAMPLE PAPER**

**TIME:- 3 Hrs.**

**SUBJECT- ENGLISH (CLASS- VII)**

**M.M.:- 80**

**[SECTION-A : READING]**

**Q.1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below – (5 marks)**

i) Travel anywhere in India but the problem of increasing waste is evident. A recent re-visit to the Nathu La Pass after it was opened to tourists was a shock. The earlier spotless snow was littered with food packets in horrible colours, so much so, that it was difficult to realize that it was snow underfoot and not mud and garbage.

ii) According to a conservative estimate, each kilo of garbage that we throw out has in fact generated 40 kilos of waste, through extraction, production or distribution. It is estimated that India produces 5,00,000 tons of waste every day; 90% of it ends up on the street or litters our landscape.

iii) So what can be done? A group of young people from Auroville has developed a uniquely innovative school programme to teach children how to deal with this and reduce the waste generated. The programme is interactive and multi-disciplinary, and is aimed at kids from ages 6 to 12. Besides a teacher's handbook, there are physical activities too, like the trash relay race and critical thinking activities such as 'green washing'. Perhaps this early understanding will lead them to be better citizens of a diminishing world.

**Choose the correct answer – (Any five)**

1. What did the narrator see when he visited the Nathu La Pass?  
a) litters & garbage    b) greenery    c) spotless snow    d) methane
2. How many tons of waste is produced by India every day?  
a) 20,000    b) 40,00,000    c) 5,00,000    d) 8,00,000
3. The passage is about-  
a) Waste disposal    b) Picnic spots    c) Brotherhood    d) Snow
4. Name a physical activity run by young people from Auroville?  
a) 100 m race    b) marathon    c) trash relay race    d) Long jump
5. Which of the following word from the passage is the synonym of 'becoming smaller'? (Para iii)  
a) aimed    b) diminishing    c) critical    d) lead
6. The group of young people belonged to which place?  
a) Nathu La    b) Auroville    c) Sikkim    d) Rohtang

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

**(10 marks)**

There is no aspect of our life in which science does not play a part. Wonders created by science are seen in every department of life. Inventions made by science have made human life more charming and worth living. Man is no longer a helpless toy in the hands of nature, but the proud master of the three worlds of land, air and water. Man has been able to span the sky, measure the ocean, fly over the Himalayas and ride above and beneath the sea. It has changed our outlook, our mental makeup, our thoughts and ideas, our dreams and hopes.

Great and marvellous indeed are the achievements of science. It has broken down the barriers of time and distance. Travelling has become short, safe and comfortable. It has made contact and communication with the world easier and quicker by inventing telephones, telegraphs and the wireless. Agriculture is no longer at the mercy of nature. Yields have been multiplied with the help of mechanized farming and chemical fertilizers. Science has brought a revolution in the sphere of trade, commerce and industry. It has relieved human suffering by discovering the secrets of health and disease.

Incurable diseases are becoming curable. It has given eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, tongue to the dumb and legs to the lame. Science has also not lagged behind in contributing to entertainment and recreation by placing at the disposal of gramophone, radio, television and the cinema.

We, thus, see that science is a blessing, but it is not an unmixed blessing. No doubt, it has turned impossibility into possibility, imagination into reality and fiction into fact. It has made man fly like birds in the air and swim like fishes in water. But the question is whether it has taught us how to walk on the mother Earth. It has brought forth the evils of industrialization. Machines have become the master of man. Can we forget dirty slums, unequal distribution of wealth and large scale unemployment in the wake of industrialization? There is poverty in the minds of plenty. Wars have become more hideous than ever before. Thanks to the invention of terrible engines of destruction by science.

**1. Answer these questions- (Any four)**

- i) Provide a suitable title for the above passage?
- ii) How science has relieved human suffering?
- iii) Man has become the proud master of which three worlds?
- iv) How science has contributed in the field of 'Travel'?
- v) How science has made our communication easier and quicker?

**2. Answer these questions- (Any one)**

- i) Describe few achievements of science in the field of agriculture and entertainment?
- ii) How science has made human life more charming and worth living?

**3. Complete the statement – (Any two)**

- i) Science has turned \_\_\_\_\_ into fact.
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is no longer at the mercy of nature.
- iii) Science has brought forth the \_\_\_\_\_ of industrialization.

**4. Add suffix to the following words- (Any two)**

- i) Imagine
- ii) Invent
- iii) Department
- iv) Recreate

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

**Q.3.** Draft a notice to invite parents/guardians for the opening of the Junior Sports Day of your school. **(50 words)** **(5 marks)**  
**(Clues- date, time & venue of the event, name of the chief guest, sequence of the programmes, list of the races/sports to be held )**

**OR**

Your school has decided to organize a fair in the school premises to collect funds for the Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund. It has been decided to have a stall where people can bring in their unwanted goods & items to be sold for raising money. Prepare a poster to advertise the stall and invite contributions. Your poster must be attractive enough to capture the attention of the viewers.

**(Clues- date, time & venue of the fair, contributions for the stall-clothes, articles of everyday use, books, toys, all items should be in good and usable condition, last date for submission of articles, details of contact persons-phone & email id)**

**Q.4.** Based on the following outlines and using your own ideas, write a story in about **100-120 words.** **(8 marks)**

**Outlines- Kumar hid in a cave – saw a spider spinning a web – was trying to make a connection between one area of the cave’s roof to another – the spider failed – but started all over again – the spider make its attempt seven times – succeeding after the eighth try – inspired Kumar never to give up in life.**

**OR**

Write an E-mail to one of your friend congratulating him/her for his/her excellent result in Annual Examination.

**(Clues- was determined & focused, revised the portion systematically, managed the time properly, made everyone proud, really happy for his achievement.)**

**Q.5.** You wish to join the Indian Army. Write a letter to the head of the National Defence Academy, expressing your desire to join the Army and serve the nation. Remember to furnish important information that would help you qualify for selection. **(within 120 words)** **(7 marks)**

**Or**

Write a letter to your cousin inviting him/her to spend the winter vacation at your house. You must mention how much you enjoy his/her company, what activities you have planned for the vacation, what he/she must bring along (suitable clothing) and if there is any event that would be of interest to him/her.

**(within 120 words)**

**SECTION- C (Grammar) 20 marks**

**Q.6.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word followed by the correct answer in the blank provided. **(1/2x6=3)**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Incorrect</b>
a) I would like on draw your attention to this problem	.....	.....
b) Most of the manholes on this colony have no covers.	.....	.....

c) A many days back, a car got stuck into the manhole.	.....	.....
d) It got stuck much badly that anything could have happened	.....	.....
e) The car has only be taken out with great difficulty	.....	.....
f) In these circumstances, I request you to look from before to the matter.	.....	.....

**Q.7. Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences - (3 marks)**

- a) elders/always/we/our/should/obey
- b) fat/become/he/extremely/had
- c) examination/for/give/the/tips/please/me/some/important

**Q.7. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of verb- (1/2x4=2)**

- a) My uncle asked me where I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) yesterday.  
(past continuous)
- b) I told my younger brother \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the exams. (Infinitive)
- c) The match was played \_\_\_\_\_ India and Australia.  
(provide a suitable preposition)
- d) We \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) our guests latest by 21<sup>st</sup> January.  
(Future Continuous)

**Q.8. Do as directed – (2 marks)**

**i) Rewrite these sentences as negative sentences–**

- a) Martha was carrying a pile of books.
- b) This room is very spacious and well ventilated.

**ii) Underline the verbs and state their types as transitive or intransitive- (2 marks)**

- a) Henry bought a bracelet for his sister.
- b) The novelist is speaking to his fans.

**iii) Identify these sentences as dependent or independent clauses – (2 marks)**

- a) **If you do not have a car**, I can pick you up.
- b) **Please complete your work** before you leave the room.

**iv) Change these sentences into passive voice– (2 marks)**

- a) Prateek broke the vase.
- b) Belinda had written an article on Herbal Medicines.

**v) Rewrite the sentences as directed- (2 marks)**

- a) Beena bought an expensive watch for her brother.  
(Rewrite as a complex sentence)
- b) Having finished his work, Anoop went out to meet his friends. (Rewrite as a compound sentence)
- c) Paris is a beautiful city. It is a great place to visit. (Change into a compound sentence.)

**vi) Make if-conditional sentences with these words- (2 marks)**

- a) Carry more luggage/less comfort
- b) Speak politely/more friends

**SECTION – D (Literature) 25 marks**

**Q.9. Read the extract and choose the correct answer from the following - (3 marks)**

***No other public figure endeared himself to all sections of the country as he did.***

- i) Who is the public figure referred to here?
- ii) How did the public figure manage to endear himself to all sections of society?
- iii) What was the title given to him that justified this quality of this?

**OR**

***'I never eat anything for luncheon,' she said.  
'Oh, don't say that!' I answered generously.  
'I never eat more than one thing. I think people eat far too much nowadays.  
A little fish, perhaps. I wonder if they have any salmon.'***

- i) Do you think the narrator would have been pleased to hear that the lady did not eat anything for lunch?
- ii) Why did the narrator answer generously?
- iii) Do you think the narrator was happy to hear what the lady wanted to have first? How did he respond?

**Q.10. Read the extract and choose the correct answer from the following- (3 marks)**

***Hold, that all you say and do,  
He will say and do, in your way  
When he's grown up like you.***

- i) What does the poet mean by saying 'hold'?
- ii) Why will 'he say and do' exactly what 'you say and do'?
- iii) What responsibility rests on the people to whom the poem is addressed?

**OR**

***For us, O Father, from tropic seas,  
Let the clouds be filled that shed  
Rough rains upon Andes' eastward slope,  
Soft snows on Himaleh's head.***

- i) Why do you think the poet mentions the Andes and the Himalayas?
- ii) Which tropic seas are being referred to in these lines?
- iii) What prayer does the poet send up to Father?

**Q.11. a) Complete these clichés- (2 marks)**

- i) Don't pull off till tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) I was earning barely enough money \_\_\_\_\_

**b) Use appropriate prefixes to form the opposites of these words- (1/2x4=2)**

- i) harmony \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) probable \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) replaceable \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) effective \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.12. a) Answer these questions in 40 words – (Any four)**

**(2X4= 8 marks)**

- i) Who had sent flowers to Mrs Pringle? Was she thankful for the gift?
- ii) Why were the relief operations not very effective in the beginning?
- iii) How did the narrator get acquainted with the lady?
- iv) In what way did Mr. Kalam leave his imprint on the world of letters?
- v) How has the river bed changed from what it was earlier?

**b) What, according to you, are the cares that do not let us 'stand and stare'?  
(answer in 60 words)**

**(3 marks)**

**OR**

The author thought that he was not a vindictive man, but said that he finally had his revenge and happy to see the lady at twenty one stone. Why does he say so?  
**(answer in 60 words)**

**Q.13. Describe the character of Mrs Pringle as presented in the play.  
(answer in 60-80 words)**

**(4 marks)**

**Or**

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' is a popular saying. Do you think that having a leisure time is important for the relaxation and revitalization of the body and mind? **(answer in 60-80 words)**

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