

**SAMPLE PAPER**

**TIME:- 3 Hrs.**

**SUBJECT- ENGLISH (CLASS- VIII)**

**M.M.:- 80**

**[Section-A : Reading]**

Q.1	<p>Read the following passage carefully.</p> <p>The first fear of the king of England, Charles –I on learning of the death of the duke, was that such terrible news might discourage the Rohiellais; he tried, says Richelieu in his memoirs, to conceal it from them as long as possible, closing all the ports of his kingdom, and carefully keeping watch that no vessel should sail until the army which Buckingham was getting together had gone, taking upon himself, in default of Buckingham, to superintend the departure.</p> <p>He carried the strictness of this order so far as to detain in England, the ambassadors of Denmark, who had taken their leave and the regular ambassador of Holland, who was to take back to the port of flushing the Indian Merchantmen of which Charles-I had made restitution to the United provinces.</p> <p>But as he did not think of giving this order till five hours after the event that is to say, till two o'clock in the afternoon- two vessels had already left the port, the one bearing, as we know, milady who already anticipating the event, was further confirmed in that belief by seeing the black flag flying at the mast head of the admiral's ship.</p> <p>As to the second vessel, we will tell hereafter whom it carried, and how it set sail. During this time nothing new occurred in the camp at La Rochelle; only the king, who was bored, as always but perhaps a little more in camp than at elsewhere, resolved to go incognito and spend to the festival of St. Louis at St. Germain, and asked the cardinal to order him an escort of only twenty musketeers. The cardinal, who sometimes became weary of the king, granted this leave of absence with great pleasure to his royal lieutenant, who promised to return about the fifteenth September.</p> <p>M.de Treville, being informed of this by his Eminence, packed his portmanteau; and as without knowing the cause he knew the great desire and even imperative need which his friends had of returning to Paris, it goes without saying that he fixed upon them to form part of the escort.</p> <p>Read the passage and answer the following questions. (Any-5)</p> <p>(A) Why did King Charles I fear to announce the news about the duke's death?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Rochellais would be disappointed</li><li>ii) Richelieu would be disappointed</li><li>iii) Buchkingham army would commence a war</li><li>iv) Rochellais may become aggressive</li></ul> <p>(B) What steps did the king taken in order to stop spreading the news about the duke's death?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) He did not allow the ships to depart from the ports.</li></ul>	1x5=5
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii) He detained the ambassadors of Holland and Denmark.</li> <li>iii) Both a and B</li> <li>iv) None of these above</li> </ul> <p>(C) How many ships had already left before the king gave orders to close all the ports?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) One</li> <li>ii) Two</li> <li>iii) Twenty</li> <li>iv) Fifty</li> </ul> <p>(D) What did the king at La Rochelle decide to go incognito?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) He travelled to St. Louis</li> <li>ii) He participated in the St. Germain festival</li> <li>iii) He boycotted the festival of St. Louis</li> <li>iv) He travelled to St. Germain</li> </ul> <p>(E) What is the antonym of “detain”?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Restrain</li> <li>ii) Confront</li> <li>iii) Liberate</li> <li>iv) encourage</li> </ul>	
Q.2.	<p>Read the following passage carefully.</p> <p>Plagiarism literally means abducting or kidnapping. Now days this word is commonly used in the context where an individual steals somebody’s thoughts or ideas without acknowledging the author and releases it as his own.</p> <p>Plagiarism does not necessarily mean that the person copies the work of another author word by word. Even if the prime ideas of an author or a literary work or a literary work or even statistics or survey results are used without mentioning the source, the work is said to be plagiarized.</p> <p>With the advent of internet and other modern knowledge resources that are so easily accessible these days, Plagiarism is becoming more and more common in educational institutions and the field of journalism. It is a common observation now that students easily copy the reports or works done by others from the internet and present it as their own! Plagiarism is considered illegal. If an individual uses another person’s work for commercial purpose without acknowledging the author, the original author can legally sue the criminal! The consequences very widely depending on the nature of the mistake and also the seriousness of the crime.</p> <p>If a student’s copies an assignment, then it can result in him getting an academic probation or even an expulsion from the institution in extreme cases. The decision depends on the concerned authorities taking action on the student. Such punishments can adversely affect the academic records of the student and have serious consequences throughout his life in addition to causing mental stress and costing money spent for legal purposes.</p> <p>Students should understand that copying another author’s work can gain him marks but the purpose of the assignment is lost. He/she is not actually equipped with the skills that the assignment is expected to teach. Hence it may reflect falsely on the actual capability as well as the research interest of the individual.</p> <p>In the field of journalism, plagiarism creates a bad impression and also affects the</p>	1x10=10

	<p>credibility of the journalist, thus damaging his/her reputation. It also creates a black mark on the records deterring him/her from climbing the professional ladder. In addition, the offender can be penalized by law.</p> <p>Considering that plagiarism can have such serious consequences, it is highly advisable that individuals avoid committing this serious offence even by ignorance.</p> <p>Read this passage carefully and answer the following questions</p> <p>(A) The synonym of plagiarism is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copying</li> <li>Abducting</li> <li>Kidnapping</li> <li>All of the above</li> </ol> <p>(B) Plagiarism is becoming more and more common in the field of .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journalism and academia</li> <li>Medicine</li> <li>Law</li> <li>Science and technology</li> </ol> <p>(C) Plagiarism is becoming quite common due to .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The emergence of the internet</li> <li>Easy access of resources</li> <li>Both a and b</li> <li>None of the above</li> </ol> <p>(D) A work is said to be plagiarized if the individual .....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work by word</li> <li>Statistics</li> <li>Thoughts and ideas</li> <li>All the above</li> </ol> <p>(E) Mention whether True or False.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plagiarism is considered legal</li> <li>In the field of journalism plagiarism creates good impression'</li> </ol> <p>(F) Complete the following statements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plagiarism literally means .....</li> <li>The consequences of plagiarism very widely depending .....</li> </ol> <p>(G) Answer the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which word in the passage means "subject to punishment" is .....</li> <li>Plagiarism is a noun. The verb from the word is <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plagiarize</li> <li>Plagiary</li> <li>Plagiaring</li> <li>none of the above</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
	<b>[Section-B : Writing]</b>	
Q.3.	<p>You are the president of the Kids Club of your local township. You are planning to conduct a summer camp for school going children during the month of April and May. Prepare a notice announcing the details of the camp and invite the members of your club to register for the same as soon as possible. Use the following clues to develop the notice. (50 to 60 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mention eligibility criteria (Age group etc.)</li> <li>• Describe in brief, activities planned during the camp</li> <li>• Highlight the cost involved duration of the camp</li> <li>• How to register for the camp</li> </ul>	1x5=5

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>You woke up after a bad dream. You are still disturbed about it and want to express your emotions in your diary. Use the following clues. (50 to 60 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefly explain your dream</li> <li>• Highlight what disturbed you during the dream</li> <li>• Explain what made you suddenly wake up to reality</li> <li>• Describe how you felt once you woke up</li> <li>• Assure yourself that it was just a bad dream and that you would get over it very soon.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Write an email to your friend expressing your views on the topic “Superstitions hamper our development”. (50 to 60 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superstitions keep us back in life</li> <li>• Follow scientific behavior</li> <li>• Should use logic and understanding</li> <li>• Should not believe on any belief without critical thinking</li> </ul>	
Q.4.	<p>While staying in a hotel your suitcase was lost and manager did not take responsibility to find the same. Write a letter of complaint to consumer forum complaining about the pathetic services of hostel management. (100 to 120 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any identification mark or label on suitcase</li> <li>• What is contained</li> <li>• Colour, size brand etc</li> <li>• Contact details like phone number, email id etc</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>You are Amit. One of your best friend Sumit lives in Shimla and going to have his winter vacation. Write a letter in your answer when inviting him at your place. Also mention the activities you have planned to enjoy together and the places you are going to take your friend for visit. (100 to 120 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature is moderate</li> <li>• Will visit nearby river bank and lakes</li> <li>• Museum and exhibition for students</li> <li>• Will enjoy delicious food made by mother</li> </ul>	1x7=7
Q.5.	<p>Write an article on “The Role water plays in our lives” using the ideas given in the points below along with your own ideas. (120 to 150 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all the life forms, maintains green cover</li> <li>• Greater part of body constituted water</li> <li>• Digestion, regulate body temperature, removes waste</li> <li>• Carries nutrients throughout the body, lubricates the body</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p>	1x8=8

	<p>Complete the story about (120 to 150 words) with the help of hints provided below-</p> <p>A slave - true and hardworking - master cried - treated him badly - one day the slave runs away - comes to a forest - finds a lion in trouble - holds up his paw - removes the thorn - after a few days the slave is caught - thrown before the same lion - the lion doesn't eat - people are surprised - the slave is set free.</p> <p>(Moral-- )</p>	
	<b>[Section-C : Grammar]</b>	
Q.6.	<p>The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction.</p> <p>After graduating with honours, I become (a) .....  a junior assistant clerk in a magnificence (b) .....  law firm. I was sent, not to prepared (c) .....  legal briefs, but to serve summon, like (d) .....  a cheap private detective. I have to (e) .....  going to dirty and shadowy corners (f) .....  of the city to seek out my victims</p>	(1/2x6=3)
Q.7.	<p>Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences</p> <p>a) Constituted / the body/ elements/ of / is  b) Six kinds of / it/ modifications / undergoes  c) Unborn/soul/ eternal/ is/ and/ constant/ ancient/ the</p>	1x3=3
Q.8.	<p>Do as directed-</p> <p>(A) Rewrite in indirect speech  i) Dorothy said, 'I am planning to attend a seminar on the harmful effects of noise pollution.'  ii) The librarian said, 'There are plenty of books on travel and tourism in the library.'</p>	1x2=2
	<p>(B) Underline the defining clause and circle the non defining clauses in the sentences.  i) My uncle often visits Dublin, which is an important city in Ireland.  ii) Do you know the girl who is wearing a pink dress?</p>	1x2=2
	<p>(C) Rewrite these sentences as directed-  i) The little girl started crying when she could not find her parents. (Compound sentence)  ii) The children stopped writing after the bell rang. (Compound sentence)</p>	1x2=2
	<p>(D) Rewrite these sentences in passive voice –  i) Vikram received an expensive watch on his birthday.  ii) The meteorologist predicts that there will be heavy rain during the weekend.</p>	1x2=2
	<p>(E) Write conditional sentences which express unfulfilled conditions in the past for these situations.  i) Police more vigilant ..... robbers caught.  ii) Weeds removed regularly ..... not spread so much.</p>	1x2=2
	<p>(F) Fill in the blanks with correct words from brackets-  i) Milk and cornflakes ..... a popular breakfast. (are/is)  ii) One of my cousins ..... going abroad to take up a job. (are/is)</p>	1/2x2=1
	<p>(G) Underline the finite and circle non finite verbs.</p>	1/2x2=1

	<p>i) The doctor is attending to the injured woman.</p> <p>ii) The dog is wagging its tail to show its happiness.</p>	
Q.9.	<p>Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs.</p> <p>i) Henry ..... to the airport last week ..... his uncle. (go / receive)</p> <p>ii) Diana ..... down the stairs ..... the door bell. (run/ answer)</p>	
<b>[Section-D : Literature]</b>		
Q.10.	<p>Read the extract and answer the following questions. (Any one)</p> <p>“If you push yourself outside your comfort zone, you will grow in stature. Also unless you push yourself outside your comfort zone, you will never grow.”</p> <p>(a) How did Ramgopal Vallath reach this realization?</p> <p>(b) Was he able to follow the lessons that he had learned? Give reasons for your answer.</p> <p>(c) What is meant by “Comfort Zone”?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>“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?”</p> <p>(a) Which committee was he referring to?</p> <p>(b) Who was the chairman of the committee? What were the qualifications that made him competent enough to hold his position?</p> <p>(c) Why did Shaw say that the members of the committee speak presentably, not correctly?</p>	1x3=3
Q.11.	<p>Read the following extract and answer the following. (Any one)</p> <p>“They came to the finish line holding hands still and an standing ovation and nine beaming faces said more than these words ever will.”</p> <p>i) What is the meaning of the words “Standing Ovation”?</p> <p>ii) What are “these words” referred to here?</p> <p>iii) What was the hundred yard dash reduced to? Why?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>“But I tell myself, words Are a nuisance, beware of them”</p> <p>i) Why does the poet tell herself that words are a nuisance?</p> <p>ii) Why should the poet beware of words?</p> <p>iii) How can words be a nuisance?</p>	1x3=3
Q.12.	<p>Answer the following questions in (30-40 words) (Any -5)</p> <p>i) What was the first important lesson that Ramgopal Vallath learn? How did he come by this lesson?</p> <p>ii) Where do the words seem to come from?</p> <p>iii) What conclusion did Shaw draw about his audience at the beginning of his speech?</p> <p>iv) Why was the narrator forced to stay at the Dak Bungalow?</p> <p>v) Who had left just before the gentleman entered? What kind of a person was he?</p>	2x5=10

	vi) Why was the travellers perplexed when he “Smote upon the door again”? What do you understand by “perplexed”?	
Q.13.	Scrooge represents all the values that are opposed to the idea of Christmas- greed, selfishness and a lack of goodwill towards one’s fellow beings. Write a character sketch on scrooge as portrayed in the play? (50-60 words)  <b>OR</b>  Describe how the race had an unexpected end what are your views on this event? (50-60 words)	3
Q.14.	Give one word for the following- (i) Fear of cats (ii) Fear of closed spaces  Write one synonym and one antonym (iii) Destitute (iv) Melancholy	1/2x2=1  1/2x2=1
Q.15.	The narrator of the lesson a strange experience has been portrayed as a sensitive young man who is the helpless. How often have we felt for the gain and agony of people around the globe? What are the initiatives that you can do to ameliorate the pain and suffering of the poor people you see around you? (80-100 words)  <b>OR</b>  Your friend dares you to enter a lovely house which is said to be haunted. The house is at the end of a secluded street and the time is 11 o’clock in the night. Write a paragraph describing the house and the eerie feeling it creates. (80-100 words)	1x4=4

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