

CLASS NOTES

Class: VIII

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SECTION –A READING

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Most importantly, though, the highway bypass would have disastrous effects on the area's homeowners. As planned, the new road would cut directly through the middle of the Ellwood Acres subdivision. Not only would this send more cars through the neighborhood, but these cars would be traveling at much higher speeds, putting children at risk. What is more, homeowners would have to deal with the increased noise and pollution that would result from such a heavily trafficked road. Finally, the new road would cause residential properties to depreciate. This means that families who chose to move away would have to sell their homes for far less than their current value.

Choose the correct answer from the given options:

1) This passage would most likely be found in

- A. an editorial in a local newspaper
- B. a brochure for prospective homeowners in Ellwood Acres
- C. an encyclopedia article about the history of highways
- D. a personal letter from a son to his father

2) Where in the full article is this paragraph most likely to appear?

- A. near the beginning
- B. near the end
- C. in the middle
- D. it could appear anywhere

3) As used in the passage, which is the best definition for depreciate?

- A. to diminish in popularity
- B. to decrease in value
- C. to accumulate over time
- D. to improve with age

4) Which of the following pieces of information, if included, would provide the best additional support for the author's argument as presented in this passage?

- A. In 2008, the author's youngest child was killed by a drunk driver.
- B. Pollution is harmful to the environment.
- C. According to a recent magazine study, white noise (similar to that produced by traffic) was rated the number one cause of daytime napping.
- D. In 2011, homeowners who live near interstate traffic saw a 20% reduction in the value of their homes

5) Find the synonym of the word "disastrous"

- A. beneficial
- B. catastrophic
- C. curable
- D. enthralling

Read the passage carefully:

Philadelphia is a city known for many things. It is where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, and it was also the first capital of the United States. But one fact about Philadelphia is not so well-known: it is

home to nearly 3,000 murals painted on the sides of homes and buildings around the city. In fact, it is said that Philadelphia has more murals than any other city in the world, with the exception of Rome. How did this come to be? More than 20 years ago, a New Jersey artist named Jane Golden started a program pairing troubled youth with artists to paint murals on a few buildings around the city. From this small project, something magical happened. The young people involved helped to create magnificent pieces of art, but there were other, perhaps more important benefits. The young people learned to collaborate and get along with many different kinds of people during the various steps required to paint and design a mural. They learned to be responsible, because they needed to follow a schedule to make sure the murals were completed. They also learned to take pride in their community. It is hard for any resident to see the spectacular designs and not feel proud to be a part of Philadelphia. Take a walk around some of the poorest neighborhoods in Philadelphia, neighborhoods full of broken windows and littered front steps, and you will find beautiful works of art on the sides and fronts of buildings. Of course the murals are not just in poor neighborhoods, but more affluent ones as well. Special buses take tourists to different parts of the city to see the various murals, which range from huge portraits of historical heroes, to cityscapes, to scenes depicting the diverse ethnic groups that call Philadelphia home. As a result of its success, the mural program created by Jane Golden has now become the nation's largest public art program and a model for other cities throughout the country seeking to help troubled youth.

Answer the following questions:

1) The main focus of the passage is

- A. an art program designed to help troubled youth
- B. the many tourists who come to Philadelphia to see murals
- C. the reasons why Philadelphia is a unique city
- D. how Jane Golden came up with the idea to start a mural program

2) As used in paragraph 1, the phrase "it is said" suggests that the author is

- A. knowingly misleading the reader
- B. using a quote from someone else
- C. referring to something that is widely believed, but may be untrue
- D. referring to something that he or she does not personally believe

3) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best definition of affluent?

- A. popular
- B. clean
- C. well-known
- D. wealthy

4) In order to make this passage more engaging to readers, the author could have included

- I. a brief history of Philadelphia
 - II. pictures of some of the murals
 - III. an interview with a program muralist
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

5) What was the undistinguished fact about Philadelphia?

6) What were the important benefits of mural art?

7) In 1776 _____.

8) The mural program created by Jane Golden _____.

SECTION-B (WRITING)

1. You are the secretary of Health and wellness Club of your school. Design a poster in not less than 50 words to invite all a Blood Donation Camp organised by your school.
2. Write a report to be published in your school magazine on 'Environment Day Celebration.' within 100 words.
3. I was totally shocked to see humanity at stake. I did not expect this to happen.....

Write a story in about 120 words beginning with this line. Add a suitable title to it.

4. Write a letter to your cousin who has cracked the NIIT at his first attempt. Congratulate him and ask him how to prepare for the same.
5. Write a letter to the Curator of The State Museum seeking permission to visit the museum as a part of educational tour of your school.

SECTION-C GRAMMAR

1. Rearrange the jumbled words to make meaningful sentences:

- (a) through the atmosphere/of the sun/the/are scattered as/rays/they/travel
- (b) the sun/overhead/is/when/rays/the/vertically/travel
- (c) yellow colour/scattered/the/is/more so/appears/overhead/yellow/the sun
- (d) sphere/sun/is/composed/helium/of/gas/and/hydrogen/a/the

2. The given passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the question number. Underline the incorrect words too.

	Incorrect	correct
Memories often leaves craving for the past.	a. _____	_____
These were beautiful days when 'rainy day'	b. _____	_____
was a 'officially unofficial' holiday for us.	c. _____	_____
Books tucked into safely in our ragged	d. _____	_____
rucksacks, we plunge into an ocean of chitter chatter.	e. _____	_____

2. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs:

- a. Madhuri _____ (work) as an air hostess since January, 2021.
- b. At this time tomorrow, we _____ (drive) to Mumbai.
- c. She wished she _____ (utilize) her time more sensibly.
- d. The President _____ (leave) for Berlin on 10th February.

3. Identify the clauses and phrases. Write NC for noun clause, AC for adjective clause, AdC for adverb clause and NP for noun phrase, AP for adjective phrase, AdP for adverb phrase:

- a) His uncle arrived from America a few months ago.
- b) We no longer believe the stories which she tells us
- c) Birbal was a man of great wit and wisdom.
- d) The population of India has multiplied at an alarming rate.
- e) Prem Chand has written several unforgettable novels.
- f) I want to know why you abstained from the meeting.

4. Identify the sentences whether they are Simple(S), Compound (C) or Complex (Cx)

- a) Wanting to watch the football match, he woke up early.
- b) As soon as he reached his office, he called his secretary.
- c) Stephen Hawking is seriously handicapped, yet he is one of the most eminent modern scientists.
- d) He had all the credentials for the job except experience.
- e) He is so arrogant that he cannot make friends.

5. Read the sentences carefully and identify the types of conditional sentences:

- a) If my father permits me, I will join the trip to Goa.
- b) If you had been more cooperative, you would have been happier.
- c) If I were to go to a hill station, I would go to Ooty.
- d) If this information leaked, it would create problems for the company.

6. Change the sentences into indirect speech:

- a) Sumit said, "The salesman verified all the bills while the goods were being packed."
- b) He said, "we shall organize the party here."
- c) "What I swrong with you?" asked the doctor.
- d) "Do you have any relatives in the city?" Mr. Sharma asked Amit
- e) Shibani said, "I do all my work with my left hand".

7. Complete the following sentences with appropriate conditionals:

- a) If you jumped from that height, _____.
- b) if the government had lowered the tax rates, _____.
- c) if you need my help, _____.
- d) If a little tomato sauce adds to it, _____.

SECTION -D(LITERATURE)

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

a. 'Peace reigns in households that walk together
Despite all differences when members gather'

1. Where does peace reign?

- A Household where food is provided
- B In a household that holds its member together
- C In a rich man's house
- D All of the above

2. The poet describes peace _____.

- A metaphorically as a dove
- B as smiles and disputes
- C as a powerful tool
- D Both A and C

3. What among the following are the accomplishments of peace?

I Welcomes happiness

II Destroys harmony

III Announces success

- A Only I
- B I & II
- C I & III
- D Only II

4. In the poem, peace has been _____

- A saved
- B personified
- C criticized
- D laughed at

b. 'In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not vined nor cried aloud.'

1. Who is the composer of the above line?

A Prema Balasubramanian

B William Ernest Hemingway

C William Ernest Henley

D None of the above

2. What does the poet mean by 'fell clutch of circumstance'?

A The good time spent with family.

B The evil or deadly grasp of misfortune.

C The ordinary incidents of life.

D The trivial matters that do not have importance.

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

1. How did Hamid's father die?

A In an accident

B From a stroke

C Of cholera

D None of these

2. Hamid's choice justifies that a child's imagination can turn a mustard seed into _____

A a mountain

B a demon

C oil

D gas

3. The story of Festival of Eid is written by Munshi Premchand but translated by _____.

A Ruskin Bond

B Kulwinder Kaur

C Khushwant Singh

D Chetan Bhagat

b. 'While Biocon Foundation looks after the philanthropic activities of the company, I am also involved.....'

1. Where did Kiran Mazumdar graduate from?

A Oxford University

B Princeton

- C Ballarat University
- D University of Merut

2. What does Biocon do today?

- A Biocon provides food products.
- B Biocon conducts surveys.
- C Biocon makes medicines for diseases.
- D Biocon invests in the chemical industry.

3. Which company did Kiran's father work in?

- A Reliance Industries United Breweries
- B Oil And Natural Gas Corporation
- C Indian Oil Corporation
- D United Breweries

4. Who served as a role model for Kiran?

- A Her Father
- B Her sibling
- C Her Mom
- D Her teacher

Fill in the blanks with the prefix 'bio-' form.

- a. _____ is the creation of human tissue using 3-D printing.
- b. _____ is someone who studies the chemical processes that occur in living things.

Give the meaning of the following foreign word:

- a. verbatim
- b. bourgeois
- c. angst

Answer in 20-40 words:

1. Where does "The Red-Headed League" take place?
2. In "The Red-Headed League", which of the character turns out to be John Clay?
3. Why was the League ended?
4. What does the speaker mean by the 'gate' in the poem?
5. How many pice did Mahmood and Mohsin have?
6. Who is Kubera?
7. What did Noorey buy from the fair?
8. What can happen to the tambourine according to Hamid?

Answer in 60-80 words:

- a) How does the speaker bring out the truth of the proverb 'as you sow, so shall you reap'? Give examples to support your answer.
- b) Think of at least five preventive measures that we ought to take in our daily lives to help the environment.

c) Write the character sketch of Hamid.

d) What measures would you like to suggest government to ensure that every child attends school?