

MARKING SCHEME

Class: VIII

SAMPLE PAPER

Subject: English

Que-1

1×8=8

- i) c) Eye strain and lack of physical activity
- ii) b) New inventions are shaping the future
- iii) c) Balanced use helps avoid negative effects of technology
- iv) a) Using educational apps and also playing outdoor games
- v) d) By providing online classes and digital resources
- vi) d) A is false but R is true.
- vii) Because these technologies are shaping the future and will influence how people live and work.
- viii) By enabling them to use new technologies effectively, think critically, and adapt to changing work environments.

Que-2

1×7=7

- i) Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more.
- ii) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.
- iii) (b) 21%
- iv) c) Dignity of labour
- v) South Korea
- vi) a) middle and secondary school
- vii) A is true but R is false.

Que-3 . Format

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Content

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Language & Expression

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Que-4

4×1=4

The Clever Rabbit and the Cruel Lion

Once in a jungle there lived a lion. It was very cruel and killed many innocent animals every day. One day all the other animals of the jungle decided to put an end to this cruelty. They held a meeting and came up with a plan.

They decided that one animal would go to the lion each day as his food. In return, the lion would stop hunting the other animals. The lion agreed happily. Every day, one animal went to the lion.

One day it was the turn of a clever rabbit. The rabbit walked very slowly and reached the lion late. The angry lion asked for the reason. The rabbit cleverly replied that another lion had stopped him on the way and claimed to be the king of the jungle.

Hearing this, the lion became furious and asked the rabbit to take him to that lion. The rabbit led him to a deep well and showed him his own reflection in the water. Thinking it was another lion, the lion jumped into the well and died.

Thus, the jungle was freed from the cruel lion.

Moral: Intelligence is stronger than physical power.

OR

It was about 11:30 pm in the night. I was returning home from a marriage party. The night was quite dark. Roads of my small town seemed to be sleeping silently. Suddenly, I saw a faint light flickering near an old banyan tree. My heart started beating fast as I slowed down. As I went closer, I realized it was a lantern held by an old man who had fallen and hurt his leg. I helped him stand up and dropped him home. That night taught me not to fear darkness but to be kind and alert.

Que-5

1×4=4

- i) Gerund
- ii) piece, peace
- iii) The few
- iv) loves

Que-6

1×3=3

- i) FORBID
- ii) SEIZE
- iii) UNPROTECTED

Que-7

1×5=5

- i) These lines have been taken from the poem "Harvest hymn".
- ii) The stanza highlights God's qualities of kindness, mercy, generosity, and benevolence.
- iii) b) Imagery
- iv) d) Generous and kind
- v) c) Gratitude for natural and divine blessings

OR

- i) These lines have been taken from the poem "*Magnifying Glass*".
- ii) b) The spider's skill and the poet's careful observation
- iii) a) The poet is observing the spider's skill in weaving its web
- iv) c) Alliteration
- v) d) The spider produces silk smoothly and efficiently

Que-8

1×5=5

- i) sought shelter
- ii) d) Nest in trees
- iii) c) The tree could withstand harsh weather.
- iv) b) It caused the stories to have unhappy endings
- v) The blocked road cut off the valley from the outside world, delivery of newspaper was stopped and made Grandfather grumpy.

OR

- i) b) Working in a space suit made handling materials challenging
- ii) d) Patience, precision, and technical skill
- iii) garbs
- iv) a) Space exploration
- v) d) A is false, but R is true

Que-9

2×8=16

- i) Mrs. Brown's interest in the case shows that she is curious, intelligent, and engaged with the situation. Even though she's not part of the police work, she listens carefully and tries to help, which suggests she enjoys solving problems.
- ii) Gopi's refusal to follow the Zamindar's orders shows that she is courageous and strong-willed. Even though the Zamindar is powerful, she stands firm in her beliefs and refuses to use the magic brush for selfish reasons. She also boldly threatens the Zamindar's people to protect herself and the villagers.
- iii) The living root bridges are a boon for the local people of Meghalaya because they help people cross rivers and streams, especially during heavy rains. These strong and long-lasting bridges, made from tree roots, have been used for generations and are an excellent example of indigenous engineering.
- iv) Life in the Himalayan foothills is peaceful, close to nature and quite different from city life. The views from the wooden houses and cottages are serene and the air is thin and fresh. Though the soil on the foothills does not support harvesting as it is too stony.
- v) They offer their hard work as a mark of devotion and gratitude to the divine powers (like Surya, Varuna, and Prithvi) who helped them achieve a good harvest.
- vi) The old woman conveys Nature's wisdom by explaining that the earth, like humans, needs rest from continuous cultivation. She portrays Nature as a mother who ensures her children, including the land, receive the necessary rest.
- vii) Sven would feel relieved and proud that his curiosity saved the crew, though he might regret the risk of bringing Claribel, and giving her near-death experience.
- viii) The speaker is curious and amazed by nature. They love looking closely to find hidden beauty in small things, like a spider's web or moss.
- ix) Bibha Chowdhuri specialised in physics, particularly cosmic ray research and particle physics. She was India's first woman physicist.

Que-10

4×1=4

- i) "Waiting for the Rain" powerfully illustrates the profound theme of human dependence on nature, especially for agricultural communities like Velu's village. The entire narrative revolves around the farmers complete vulnerability to the unpredictable patterns of rainfall, highlighting that despite their hard work, their survival and prosperity hinge entirely on natural conditions. The prolonged drought vividly portrays nature's immense power and humanity's limited control over its forces, emphasising that sustenance and well-being are deeply intertwined with the environment.
- ii) Bibha Chowdhuri, India's first woman physicist, overcame male dominance, paving the way for women in STEM. Her persistence led to breakthroughs in high-energy physics. This foundation enabled current women in ISRO to become mission leaders (e.g., Mars Orbiter, Chandrayaan-3), demonstrating her lasting impact on societal acceptance and leadership roles for women in Indian science.