

Class: VIII

SAMPLE PAPER

Subject: English

Max. Marks: 60

Duration: 2½ hours

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**General Instructions:**

- a) This question paper comprises 10 questions and all questions are compulsory.
  - b) The question paper contains three sections-  
 Section- A Reading  
 Section- B Writing and Grammar  
 Section- C Literature.
  - c) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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Que No	SECTION: A (READING)	Marks
Que-1	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-</p> <p>Technology has become an important part of our daily lives. From smartphones to computers, it helps us communicate, learn, and work more efficiently. Students today use technology for online classes, research, and completing assignments. Educational apps and digital libraries have made learning more interesting and accessible to everyone.</p> <p>However, technology must be used wisely. Excessive use of gadgets can lead to problems such as eye strain, poor posture, and lack of physical activity. It may also reduce face-to-face communication, which is important for building strong relationships. Therefore, it is necessary for students to maintain a balance between screen time and other activities like reading, playing outdoors, and spending time with family.</p> <p>Technology also plays a major role in shaping the future. New inventions such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and renewable energy systems are changing the way people live and work. To keep up with these changes, students must develop digital skills and the ability to think critically.</p> <p>In conclusion, technology is a powerful tool that can improve lives when used responsibly. By using technology in a balanced and thoughtful manner, students can benefit from its advantages while avoiding its negative effects.</p>	
i)	<p>A student spends most of the day using a tablet for studies and games and rarely plays outside.</p> <p>Which problem mentioned in the passage is the student most likely to face?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Improved communication skills</li> <li>b) Better physical fitness</li> </ol>	1

	c) Eye strain and lack of physical activity d) Increased creativity	
ii)	A school plans to introduce robotics and artificial intelligence classes. Which idea from the passage supports this decision? a) Technology reduces face-to-face communication b) New inventions are shaping the future c) Technology causes health problems d) Digital libraries are expensive	1
iii)	Why does the passage suggest maintaining a balance between screen time and other activities?  a) Technology is harmful in all situations b) Books are no longer useful c) Balanced use helps avoid negative effects of technology d) Students should avoid technology completely	1
iv)	Which of the following actions best shows responsible use of technology as described in the passage? a) Using educational apps and also playing outdoor games b) Playing online games for many hours c) Using a phone late at night every day d) Avoiding technology completely	1
v)	How does technology help students in learning according to the passage? a) By replacing teachers b) By limiting communication c) By reducing the need for books d) By providing online classes and digital resources	1
vi)	Select the option that is correct for both (Assertion) A and (Reason) R. <b>Assertion (A):</b> Students should completely avoid using technology in their daily life. <b>Reason (R):</b> Technology can be a powerful tool when used responsibly. Option:  a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false but R is true.	1
vii)	Why is it important for students to learn about new technologies like artificial intelligence?	1
viii)	How does developing digital skills prepare students for future careers?	1
Que-2	<b>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below-</b>  I. The National Education Policy 2020 proposes the revision of all aspects of education, including the educational structure, regulations and governance, to create a new system which is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century students. According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50 % of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education, for which a clear action plan with targets and timelines are to be developed.  II. The policy aims to overcome the social status associated with skill education and integration of skill education into mainstream education in all educational institutions in a phased manner. Beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and	

	<p>secondary school, quality skill education will be integrated smoothly into school and higher education.</p> <p>III. Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more. This would lead to emphasizing the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship.</p> <p>IV. The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of 'academic' or other capacities. To achieve this objective, secondary schools will have to collaborate with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Local Industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a Hub and Spoke model, which will allow other schools to use the facility. Higher education institutions will offer skill education either on their own or in partnership with industry and other institutions.</p>	
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	a) middle and secondary school c) higher school	b) primary school d) senior secondary school	
vii)	<p>Select the option that is correct for both (Assertion) A and (Reason) R.</p> <p><b>Assertion (A):</b> The National Education Policy 2020 aims to revise and revamp all aspects of education to meet the needs of 21st century learners.</p> <p><b>Reason (R)</b> : The policy focuses only on higher education and does not include school education.</p> <p>Options:</p> <p>a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>c) A is true but R is false.</p> <p>d) A is false but R is true.</p>		1
	<b>SECTION: B (WRITING &amp; GRAMMAR)</b>		
Que-3	<p>You are Deepak / Deepika of Class-8. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him to install a rainwater harvesting system in the school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>You are Raman/Ramita of 24, Defence Colony, Chandigarh. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend the summer vacations at your home.</p>		4
Que-4	<p>Using the clues given below develop a story in about 80-100 words. You can invent your own details:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Clever Rabbit and the Cruel Lion</p> <p>Clues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cruel lion in the jungle</li> <li>• Animals frightened and unhappy</li> <li>• Animals hold a meeting</li> <li>• Plan to send one animal daily</li> <li>• Turn of a clever rabbit</li> <li>• Rabbit reaches late on purpose</li> <li>• Tricks the lion near a well</li> <li>• Lion jumps into the well</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Begin the story with the starting lines given below and complete it in about 80-100 words:</p> <p>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 .....</p>		4
Que-5	<p>Do as directed:</p> <p>i) State whether the underlined words are gerunds or participles in the following sentence. Shekhar avoided <u>talking</u> about his weekend plans.</p> <p>ii) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by choosing the correct word: He has composed a beautiful _____ of music in order to bring _____ to thousands of people. (peace / piece)</p> <p>iii) _____ friends helped him when he was in trouble. ( Much, The few, The little, Every)</p> <p>iv) Every mother _____ her children affectionately. (love)</p>		1×4=4

Que-6	Give one word answer for the following: i) To not allow something : F _ _ R _ _ ID ii) Take hold of something suddenly and forcibly : S _ _ I _ _ E iii) Antonym of sheltered : UN _ _ RO _ _ ECTED	1×3=3
	<b>SECTION: C (LITERATURE)</b>	
Que-7	Read the extract and answer the given question: Lord of the rainbow, lord of the harvest, Great and beneficent lord of the main! Thine is the mercy that cherished our furrows, Thine is the mercy that fostered our grain.	
i)	Name the poem from which these lines have been taken.	1
ii)	What qualities of God are highlighted in the stanza?	1
iii)	In the extract, words like “rainbow,” “harvest,” “furrows,” “grain,” and “valleys” are used. These words are examples of which poetic device? a) Metaphor b) Imagery c) Personification d) Alliteration	1
iv)	The word “beneficent” most nearly means: a) Powerful b) Strict c) Fearful d) Generous and kind	1
v)	Which value is most strongly conveyed through this stanza? a) Pride in wealth b) Competition among farmers c) Gratitude for natural and divine blessings d) Dependence on technology	1
	<b>OR</b>	
	Read the extract and answer the given question: I lie in wait and watch How the deft spider jets The woven web-silk From his spinnerets	
i)	From which poem these lines have been take?	1
ii)	What does the poet emphasize in the above lines?  a) The danger posed by the spider b) The spider’s skill and the poet’s careful observation c) The poet’s fear of spiders d) The web being useless and fragile	1
iii)	What is the main idea conveyed in the above lines?  a) The poet is observing the spider’s skill in weaving its web. b) The poet is afraid of the spider. c) The spider is dangerous and should be avoided. d) The poet wants to catch the spider.	1
iv)	Which poetic device is used in the first line of the above stanza?	1



iii)	Replace the underlined word with a word similar in meaning from the extract: During the festival, people wore colourful <u>outfits</u> that represented their culture.	1
iv)	Complete the analogy by choosing the correct option: Sven : Construction work :: Astronaut : _____ a) Space exploration b) Garden work c) Teaching d) Driving cars	1
v)	Select the option that is correct for both (Assertion) A and (Reason) R. <b>Assertion (A):</b> Sven's skill mainly highlights physical strength. <b>Reason (R):</b> Handling girders in space requires more precision than strength. Options:  a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A c) A is true, but R is false d) A is false, but R is true	1
Que-9	Answer any EIGHT questions in about 30-40 words each-	2×8=16
i)	What does Mrs. Brown's interest in the case tell us about her?	
ii)	What can be inferred about Gopi's character based on her refusal to follow the Zamindar's orders?	
iii)	How are the living root bridges a boon for the local people of Meghalaya?	
iv)	How is life in the Himalayan foothills described in the story "The Cherry Tree"?	
v)	Why does everyone in the poem "Harvest Hymn" offer their 'labours for tribute'?	
vi)	How does the old woman convey Nature's wisdom to Velu?	
vii)	How would Sven reflect on his experience of almost losing Claribel and for saving the lives of the entire crew?	
viii)	What is the speaker's attitude towards nature and the act of observation? (MAGNIFYING GLASS)	
ix)	What field of science did Bibha Chowdhuri specialise in?	
Que-10	Answer any ONE question in about 100 words-	1×4=4
i)	Discuss the theme of human dependence on nature as depicted in "Waiting for the Rain."	
ii)	How did Bibha Chowdhuri's pioneering work in physics challenges societal norms and pave the way for future women scientists in India .?	

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