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CLASS–VIII

ENGLISH (COURSE 'A')

ANNUAL EXAM (2020-21)

Time Allowed : 3 hrs. **Maximum Marks : 80**

General Instructions :

1. This paper consists of three sections A, B & C.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Do not write anything in the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the sheet provided to you.
5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
6. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
7. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

Section–A (Reading) (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

   1. Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium-an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's friendly collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

2. Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At the early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a cheerful personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became annoyed, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

3. Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory.

4. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heart-breaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research.

5. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress. Curie's feeling of disappointment finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university.

6. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions : 1×6=6

(a) The Curies' _____ collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

(i) friendly (ii) competitive

(iii) courteous (iv) industrious

(b) Marie had a bright mind and a _____ personality.

(i) strong (ii) light-hearted

(iii) humorous (iv) cheerful

(c) When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt _____.

(i) hopeless (ii) annoyed

(iii) depressed (iv) worried

(d) Which element was discovered by Marie Curie which is also supposed to have cancer treating properties ?

(i) uranium (ii) plutonium

(iii) radium (iv) chromiun

(e) Her _____ began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband.

(i) misfortune (ii) anger

(iii) wretchedness (iv) disappointment

(f) She received the _____ in the year 1911 for isolating radium.

(i) Noble Prize in Physics

(ii) Nobel Prize in Chemistry

(iii) Nobel Prize in Chemistry

(iv) Nobel Prize in Physics

1.2 Do as directed : 1×2=2

(a) Fill in the blanks with suitable words :

Marie Curie devoted her life to _____ and _____.

(b) State whether the following statement is True/False :

Marie Curie was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world famous university of Sorbonne.

2. Read the following passage carefully :

THINK OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. The next time you take printouts unnecessarily or you throw a paper into the bin, think for a minute as to how many trees have been felled to manufacture something you use so often everyday. Can you take out some time from your everyday routine and devote it to starting a simple recycling programme at your school or your neighbourhood ? Not only would you save our planet from the torture of felling greenery, but you would also reduce generation and dumping of waste into the environment.

2. Using recycled paper conserves natural resources. As our worldwide population grows, the strain on these resources becomes even greater. You can drastically reduce the number of trees cut down for manufacturing

paper. In addition to saving landfill space, you cut down on your expenses of trash-disposal. There is a reduction in air pollution caused due to burning of waste material. Making paper from discards instead of trees not only saves forests, but it also reduces energy use by up to three quarters and requires less than half as much water. Items that are made of paper and may be recycled are called the loose paper, a few examples are paper bags, envelopes, cardboard, wrapping paper, soft-cover books, magazines, newspapers and cardboard egg-trays.

3. A paper-recycling programme gives a positive image to large corporations or business organisations. Parents can teach their children the importance of recycled paper by bringing about simple changes in the lifestyle. Schools can also train students to make paper products like folders, penholders, material for the display board, lampshades, teaching/learning aids, etc.

4. Students can creatively make their own cards, files, folders, invitation cards and certificates for the school. Working on a paper recycling plant demonstrates the concept of recycling waste into 'wealth'. The real success of such programmes is visible in the seemingly simple acts like students exchanging books in a new academic session, indirectly saving paper and thereby, trees. This is amazing that only a single sheet is saved by each child; 40,000 trees could be saved per year by students only.

5. Learning the facts about recycling paper will help you as you fulfil your part to keep the environment green. If we keep our minds focused on the desire to be friendly to our earth and her resources, recycling will become important. After a while, we will be in the habit of recycling the paper that we use in the course of a given day.

2.1 On the basis of understanding the passage above, answer the following questions : 2×4=8

(a) Why do you need to think before you take print-outs unnecessarily ?

(b) Name the products that can be obtained from recycled paper. (any 4)

(c) How can schools help in creating awareness about paper recycling ?

(d) What act of children can save paper indirectly ?

2.2 On the basis of your reading, choose the appropriate option from the following : 1×4=4

(a) The **antonym** of 'increase' is :

(i) train (ii) induce

(iii) reduce (iv) discard 1

(b) The **synonym** of 'preserve' is :

(i) save (ii) recycle

(iii) conserve (iv) consume 1

(c) _____ should be a part of our daily life, if we want to keep our environment green.

(i) Consumption (ii) Production

(iii) Cycling (iv) Paper Recycling 1

(d) Simple _____ will go a long way to achieve a Green Environment.

(i) use of paper

(ii) changes in lifestyle

(iii) working in paper plant

(iv) use of landfills

Section–B (Writing and Grammar) (30 Marks)

3. Your friend Kriti is the captain of the throw ball team. She and her teammates have gone to Mysore to participate in an Inter-School Competition. You were elated to learn of their success in reaching the Semi Finals, though eventually they could not get the trophy. Write an email congratulating her on her success and boosting her self-confidence to work for further success. Sign yourself as Ankita. (Word limit : 50 words) 4

OR

Rahul and Rohit are discussing their plan for the weekend. Complete the dialogues in a suitable manner :

Rahul : (a) _____ this weekend ?

Rohit : I have not made any special plan.

Rahul : How do you like the idea of (b) _____ a marathon ?

Rohit : It is an excellent idea. But I (c) _____ participated in one before. What kind of training is needed ?

Rahul : You (d) _____ jogging on a regular basis to build your strength. 1×4=4

4. The Tokyo Olympic Games will now begin on July 23, 2021 and run until August 8. The Pandemic forced us to stay indoors and made us realize the importance of sports in our daily life. Write an article as Prachi / Pranav penning your thoughts on the importance of sports in encouraging robust physiques and mentally strong individuals. You may refer to ideas from Unit 5 'Sports' from your book 'My English Reader'. (Word limit : 100-120 words) 8

OR

You are the Prefect of your school and you have been asked to give a speech in the Morning Assembly on the topic – 'Tolerance and Compassion are not a sign of weakness but of strength'. Taking ideas from the Unit 'Tolerance' and using your own ideas, draft a speech in 100-120 words inspiring the students to be more tolerant towards one another and learn to appreciate individual differences. You are Esheen / Kartik. 8

5. Read the notes given below and fill the blanks. Write the answers in the answer sheet : 1×4=4

Kalashetra – cultural academy – preserves Indian Art – founded in 1936 founders name – Arundale Internationally recognized – Indian Parliament Act

Kalashetra is a cultural academy dedicated to (a) _____ especially-Bharatnatyam. The academy (b) _____ Arundale and under her guidance the institute achieved (c) _____ for its unique style and perfection. In 1993 an (d) _____ recognized the Kalashetra Foundation as an institute of national importance.

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Write your answer in your answer sheet : 1×4=4

		Before	Omitted word	After
The various discoveries and inventions made man	(a)	_____	_____	_____
have been responsible bringing about a drastic	(b)	_____	_____	_____

and remarkable changes in lives. Through the (c) _____ _____ _____

medium of these inventions man been able to make (d) _____ _____ _____

his life comfortable.

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: 1×4=4

Father : What did you do in the party yesterday ?

Atul : I danced a lot with my friends.

Father : What did you give your friend on his birthday ?

Atul : I gave my friend a book.

Father asked Atul (1) _____ Atul replied (2) _____. Then his father asked Atul what had he (3) _____. Atul replied that he (4) _____.

8. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word from the options provided in brackets : 1×4=4

The aim of our life (a) _____ (should, could, would, will) be to put in a lot of hard work and proceed (b) _____ (into, to, in, for) the direction of our goal. We should (c) _____ (never, always, seldom, rarely) be disheartened by setbacks. The hard work done (d) _____ (of, to, for, can) help us be a winner.

9. Rearrange the given word clusters to make meaningful sentences. 1×2=2

Example : May / a / dishonest / man / succeed / temporarily

A dishonest man may succeed temporarily.

(a) in / the / lose / he / will / long / run

(b) surest / in / life / to / success / way / is the / honesty / achieve

Section–D (Literature) (30 Marks)

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×5=5

With my expert assistance, he soon finished the chore

So Granny moved up, and now every day

I climb to her room with glasses and a tray.

She sits there in state and drinks sherry with me,

Upholding her right to reside in a tree.

(a) Who is referred as 'expert' in the given lines ?

(i) The Writer (ii) The Author

(iii) The Dramatist (iv) The Poet

(b) What is the 'chore' mentioned in the first line ?

(i) job of painting (ii) job of making fence

(iii) job of building a tree top house

(iv) job of carrying sherry

(c) How is 'he' related to Granny ?

(i) Her son (ii) Her grandsom

(iii) Her gardener (iv) Her doctor

(d) The rhyme scheme of given stanza is _____.

(e) The narrator carries _____ and _____ to drink to his granny's tree top house daily.

OR

Teach us the Strength that cannot seek

By deed or thought, to hurt the weak:

That, under Thee, we may possess

Man's strength to comfort man's distress

(a) The poet of the given lines is _____.

(i) James Kirkup (ii) J K Rowling

(iii) James Kipling (iv) Joseph Rudyard Kipling

(b) What type of strength do the children want ?

(i) the power never to hurt the poor but to help the deprived people

(ii) the power to spread misery

(iii) the power to keep quiet

(iv) the power to spread widespread destruction

(c) The phrase "By deed or thought, to hurt the weak" signifies the :

(i) the time period where they will cause pain

(ii) the positive actions and mental weakness needed

(iii) with each action and thought, they will cause problems

(iv) with no thought or action will they support oppression

(d) The children in the poem are true heroes who want to serve _____.

(e) The children wish for _____ in small things.

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×5=5

'The young woman was looking deathly pale and very frightened. I felt sorry for her without saying a word, she felt in her pocket and gave me the ring.'

(a) Name the lesson from which the above extract is taken.

(b) Who is the young woman ?

(c) Why is she looking deathly pale ?

(d) Why is the speaker feeling sorry for her ?

(e) Why did the lady hand the ring over ?

12. Answer **any six** of the following questions in 30-40 words each : 2×6=12

(a) Why did the hermit not answer the king's questions immediately ?

(b) What was the complication in the geography sector ?

(c) What different images flash across the poet's mind as he thinks of his mother ?

(d) Why was the writer tense during the Luncheon ?

(e) 'Adversities make a man perfect.' Comment with reference to the play 'A Bad Dream.'

(f) Comment on the difficulties faced by the poet. (My Mother)

(g) In what ways was the narrator's hobby "a little out of the ordinary" ?

13. Imagine you are the narrator of the story 'The Undeserved Reward'. Write a diary entry after Baldev visits you with request of getting his son acquitted. 8

OR

Imagine you are Samuel. You are puzzled by Swami's behaviour. Write a letter to his father sharing your concern about Swami.

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