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**CLASS - VIII**

**ENGLISH**

**Time allowed: 3Hrs.** **Maximum Marks : 80**

**General Instructions :**

1. This paper consists of three sections: A, B and C.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Do not write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer 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.
8. Attempt the exam neatly and in a presentable manner.

## Section - A (20 MARKS)

## (READING)

Q1. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:**

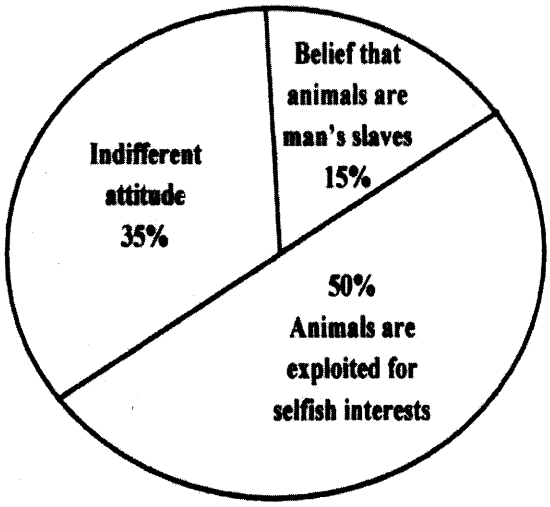
**(1X8 = 8)**

1. Man suffers from a distorted complex. He always considers animals as inferior beings only fit for exploitation. Man has been using domestic and wild animals for his selfish ends. Many animal lovers joined together to form the 'Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals'.

2. The society has been working for the well-being and welfare of animals for many years. Its main aim is to change the attitude and thinking of people towards animals. It is quite sad that animals continue to be ill treated, tortured and killed according to the whims of the people. About 15% of the people entertain the belief that animals are man's slaves. They use, misuse and torture them accordingly. About 50% of the people exploit animals for selfish interests.

3. Horses and oxen are used for transport, carrying loads and in agricultural activities. Dogs, cats and many birds are domesticated for fun, entertainment and convenience. Wild animals like elephants, tigers, lions and deer are victims of poaching and killing. Animals are forced to do acrobatic feats in circus shows. Unfortunately, about 35% of people do not think about the animals at all. They do not care about their pain and suffering. They are totally indifferent towards them.

4. The Government and the animal lovers must work together to bring a change in the attitude of the people. Animals should not be killed and poached for fun, furs or financial gains. They should be treated with kindness, care and sympathy. Cruelty towards animals to be legally punished.




(a) Enlist any two reasons for exploiting animals as mentioned in the passage.

(b) What is the aim of the 'Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals'?

(c) As per the chart, which is the major reason for animal exploitation?

(d) Which animals are the victims of poaching and killing?

(e) What is the message of the given passage?

(f) State True or False:

According to the passage, animals should be used in circus to earn one's livelihood.

(g) 35% of people show.....attitude towards animals.

(h) Find a word in paragraph 3, which means 'tamed'.

Q2. **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**(1x12=12)**

1. Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall, and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour and size.

2. Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one that does not have much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in the North eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the Southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

3. The small variety, known for its extraordinary quality throughout the world, is now traded in India's commodity future exchanges. Cardamom is an expensive spice, second only to saffron. It is often adulterated and there are many inferior substitutes of cardamom-related plants, such as Siam cardamom, Nepal cardamom, Winged Java cardamom etc. However, it is only Elettaria cardamom which is the purest variety of cardamom. Indian cardamom is popular for its two main varieties: Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains level of cineol and limonene and hence, is more aromatic.

4. India was the world's largest producer and exporter of cardamom till the 1980s. By the 1990s, Guatemala in Central America emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom. The main harvest season of cardamom in India is between August and February. Cardamom reaches yielding stage two years after planting.

5. North India is the main market for the cardamom. Normally the domestic demand goes up during major festivals such as Diwali, Dussehra and Eid. Kerala is the main producer of cardamom and constitutes 60% of the total production. Karnataka produces around 25% and Ooty in Tamil Nadu produces around 10-15% of the total production.

6. Guatemala produces around 2200 tons of cardamom every year, while India produces nearly 1000-2000 tons yearly. Cardamom from Guatemala remains available at cheaper rates because of its low quality. Cardamom of Indian origin fetches $3-4 per kilogram higher rates than the ones from Guatemala.

**Attempt ANY 12 out of the 13 questions given below:**

(a) Give any two factors that make Indian cardamom unique in taste and smell.

(b) Identify the figure of speech used in the expression 'as old as the human race'.

(c) What is special about the quality of Mysore cardamom?

(d) Comment on the use of the word 'demand' in paragraph 5.

(e) Mention the reason for the availability of cardamom from Guatemala at cheaper rates.

(f) Find the word from paragraph 2 that means 'importance'.

(g) The following statements are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option:

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| (A) The small variety of cardamom is traded in the future market. |
| (R) It is known for its extraordinary quality. |

(a) (A) is true, but (R) is false

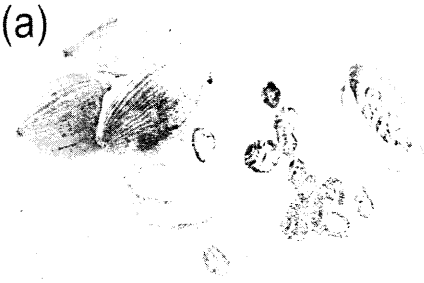
(b) (A) is false, but (R) is true

(c) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation for (A)

(d) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is not the correct explanation for (A)

(h) Identify the picture of the most expensive spice from the pictures given below:

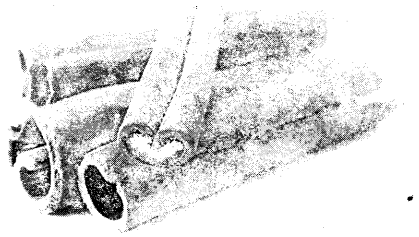
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(i) What does the writer mean by saying 'It is often adulterated'?

(a) to alter the original shape

(b) to add another substance and make inferior

(c) to change the texture

(d) to make it pure by adding something

(j) Which is the main producer of cardamom in India?

(a) Tamil Nadu

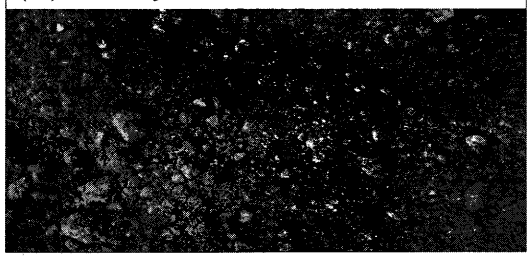
(b) Karnataka

(c) Kerala

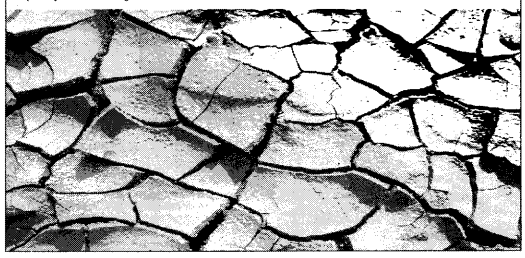
(d) Andhra Pradesh

(k) Choose the picture of soil that is suitable for cardamom cultivation.

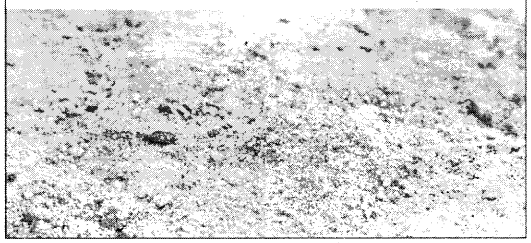
(a) loamy soil



(b) clay



(c) sandy soil



(d) silt



(l) Which characteristics of cardamom does the writer want to convey in the following line 'Cardamom is the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race'?

(1) outdated (2) aromatic (3) out of reach (4) expensive (5) traditional (6) no longer used

(a) 1,2 and 4 (b) 3,4 and 5

(c) 2,4 and 5 (d) 4,5 and 6

(m) Which of the following is the purest variety of cardamom?

(a) Siam cardamom (b) Nepal cardamom

(c) Winged Java cardamom (d) Elettaria cardamom

## Section - B

### (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (30 MARKS)

Q3. You are Vimal/Vimala, the Head Boy/ Head Girl of St. Mary School, Gurgaon. Your school has planned to organize a rally to create awareness amongst public regarding road safety. Draft a notice in about 50 words with all necessary details to

be put up on the notice board motivating the students to be a part of this campaign.

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**OR**

You are Swetha. Your brother has won the first prize in an inter-school debate competition. Write an email in about 50 words congratulating him on his success.

Q.4 Exposure to media messages is a part of modern life and in particular teenagers are attracted to the lifestyles, products or behavior that celebrities promote on social media. The need of the hour is to help teenagers balance the influence of social media with other physical and creative activities. You are Aditi/Aditya, of class VIII. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on 'The Impact of Media on Teenagers' in about 100-120 words.

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**OR**

Your school observed 'Senior Citizen Day' to make people aware about the issues and challenges faced by the elderly. Elders are in miserable condition and being abandoned by their families these days. You feel that elders should be taken care as a sign of gratitude. Write an article in about 100-120 words presenting your views on — 'Caring for the Elderly'.

Q.5 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect words and the correction in your answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example.

**1x4=4**

| | | **Incorrect** | **Correct** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fondly referred to as a Missile Man of India, scientist and | e.g. | a | the |
| former President APJ Abdul Kalam was not only knew for | (a) | ---- | ---- |
| his scientific acumen, and was also well loved as a teacher. | (b) | ---- | ---- |
| Kalam always remarked that he wanted to been remembered | (c) | ---- | ---- |
| as a teacher and never let go of any opportunity for teach. | (d) | ---- | ---- |

Q.6 The following sentences are not in the correct sequence. Read them carefully and arrange them in a meaningful sequence:

**(1x4=4)**

(a) These are easily available in the market and thus used extensively.

(b) They have become a major cause of land pollution.

(c) Plastic bags are used for various purposes.

(d) However, disposing these bags is a big issue as these are non-biodegradable.

Q.7 Read the following conversation and report what was said by completing the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet:

**(1x4=4)**

Rohan : Where is my car? I remember parking it here.

Policeman : The car has been towed away as you parked it in the 'No Parking Zone'.

Rohan : Please excuse me, sir. I will not repeat this mistake again.

Policeman : Pay five hundred rupees as fine and take your car.

Rohan asked the policeman standing there (a) _____and that he remembered parking it there. The policeman replied that the car (b) _____ as he had parked it in the 'No Parking Zone'. Rohan requested the policeman to excuse him and said that (c)_____. The policeman told him (d) _____.

Q8. Choose the correct word from the options given to complete the following passage:

**(1x3 = 3)**

Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. Messages are (a)_____(conveyed/convey/conveying) swiftly to the people all around the globe without spending hefty sum of money. Smart phones (b)_____(assisted/assists/assist) the students to complete their assignments on time. As mobiles have(c)_____(became/becoming/become) a part of our life so we should use it in a proper way for our better hassle-free life.

Q.9 Do as directed:

**(1x3 = 3)**

(a) Rekha played well but she–not beat Swetha. **(Provide a suitable modal)**

(b) Reading is the best source to gain knowledge. **(Identify whether the underlined word is a Gerund or Participle and write in your answer sheet)**

(c) One of my cousins–in the Spell Bee Competition every year. **(Use the verb `Participate', according to the subject)**

## Section - C (30 MARKS)

## (LITERATURE)

Q.10 Attempt **ANY ONE** extract out of the two given below.

**(1x4 = 4)**

**"Few hours after sunrise, going to school.**

**Evening, business times before study at night.**

**All the pain of a young boy,**

**My Mother you transformed into pious strength"**

(a) Who is the young boy in the poem?

(b) What does 'business times' refer to?

(c) Explain the pain talked about in the extract.

(d) How was this pain transformed into strength?

OR

**"Land of our Birth, our faith, our pride,**

**For whose dear sake our fathers died;**

**Oh, Motherland, we pledge to thee**

**Head, heart and hand through the years to be!"**

(a) What do the children pledge in the above extract?

(b) For whose dear sake our fathers died'- Which 'fathers' is the poet talking about?

(c) Identify the literary device used in the last line.

(d) Pick the line from the above stanza in which the poet feels proud of his motherland.

Q.11 Attempt **ANY ONE** extract out of the two given below. **(1x4 = 4)**

**Speaker 1 : I won't have much money. Perhaps I won't be able to pay you.**

**Speaker 2 : It doesn't matter, Sir. I've saved some money, so I don't need any now. But I want to stay here, Sir. It's my home.**

(a) Who are speaker 1 and speaker 2?

(b) Why would speaker 1 not able to pay speaker 2?

(c) What is the job of speaker 2?

(d) Which line shows that the speaker 2 is attached to that household?

OR

**"It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to on a screen."**

(a) Who found the real book and from where?

(b) Why were the pages of the book yellow and crinkly?

(c) What was awfully funny about the book? Why?

(d) What was the subject matter of the real book that they found?

Q12. Attempt **ANY SIX** short answer type questions out of the seven given below: **(2x6 = 12)**

[30-40 words]

(a) How did the hermit's unique way of answering the questions prove his wisdom?

(b) Explain your views about Mr. Hill during the first scene of the play.

(c) Justify the title of the story 'The Undeserved Reward'.

(d) What is Alexander Pope's idea of successful life?

(e) "My Dad knew his duties." What did the poet's father think his duty was?

(f) Discuss the type of school Margie and Tommy study in.

(g) Why are the bangles called 'lustrous tokens of radiant lives'?

Q13. 'Nature punishes those who try to act very smart and outwit others.' Throw light on the theme of the story 'The Luncheon'. **[70-80 words]**

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OR

'The true purpose of life is to forgive and help others.' How does this saying relate to the character of the king in the lesson 'Three Questions'? **[70-80 words]**

Q14. You are Mr. Regnier, the owner of the jewellery shop. When the missing flower ring was found, your joy knew no bounds and you expressed your gratitude to William Morris. Write a letter to your friend in about 100 words sharing how William Morris unfolded the mystery.

**(6)**

OR

You are Swami. On returning home you feel bad to have misbehaved with your teacher Samuel in school. Write a diary entry in about 100 words expressing your guilt.