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SAMPLE PAPER

ENGLISH

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Class: VIII

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General instructions

(i) The question paper consists of three sections

Section A- Reading **20 marks**

Section B- Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C- Literature 30 marks

(ii) **All questions are compulsory**

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time

(iv) All questions of that section must be attempted in the correct order

Section A : Reading - (20 Marks)

Q1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(8)

1. Thimakka was a casual labourer. She lived with her husband, Chikanna, a herdsman, in Hulikal village near Kadoor in rural Bengaluru. They were sad that they could not have children, but they transformed their grief into a passion for planting and rearing trees. Her village had a large number of trees. Thimakka and her husband grafted saplings from these trees and planted them along highways, changing the barren landscape into cool avenues.

2. The task was not easy. The saplings were planted only during the monsoon. During the warmer seasons, Chikkanna tied two pots of water to either end of a bamboo pole, slung it across his shoulder and walked along the road to water the saplings. Thimakka carried a pail of water on her head and another on her waist and helped her husband. The childless couple found joy in tending the trees. If ever a sapling died, they replaced it with another.

3. After her husband's death, Thimakka carried on with their mission. She used her meagre earnings as a daily-wage labourer to plant more trees and care for them. She has planted 284 trees in all. Her efforts were in the news when some villagers tried to cut down a few trees and the people of Kadoor helped her lodge a complaint against them. The government of Karnataka took note of her exemplary work and showered her with recognition and honour. She has become popular as SAALUMARADA THIMAKKA which means 'Thimakka of rows of trees' in Kannada.

4. Thimakka believes that the trees are her children and, in her old age, she finds solace in walking down the avenue every day.

5. Thimakka is uneducated and poor and yet has done her best as an environmentalist, hasn't she?

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. (1x8)

(a) Thimakka and her husband were sad because _____.

i. they were poor ii. they lived in a small village iii. they had no children

(b) They changed their sadness into _____.

iii. boredom about life

(c) In her old age, Thimakka finds solace in _____.
 i. visiting holy places. ii. helping poor people. iii. walking down the avenues.

(d) They got the saplings _____.
 i. from a nursery ii. from the trees in the village iii. from the forest nearby

(e) Planting saplings and taking care of them was not an easy job because _____.
 i. they had to water them during summer ii. they had to carry the heavy load of saplings
 iii. the saplings die easily and quite often.

(f) Thimakka was in the news because _____.
 i. she had planted many trees ii. she had received an award from the government
 iii. some people tried to destroy the trees she had planted and she complained to the police against them

(g) Thimakka considered trees as _____.
 i. means to make money ii. her own children iii. a burden

(h) The antonym of the word 'fertile' as given in para 1 is _____.
 i. grafted ii. barren iii. casual

Q2 Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

(12)

- Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.
- All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.
- Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfillment. It means all-around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.
- One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.
- One needs to pursue one's goals with all one's sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success.

6. Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (2x4)

- (a) To whom does success come certainly?
- (b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success?
- (c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success?
- (d) What is the one basic requirement of success?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following. (1x4)

- (a) _____ plays a decisive role in achieving success.
- (b) The synonym of 'trustworthy' as given in para 2 is _____.
i. loyal ii. hardworking iii. achievement iv. committed
- (c) Goals have to be pursued with sincerity and _____.
- (d) The synonym of 'hindrance' as given in para 3 is _____.
i. indecision ii. obstacles iii. fulfillment iv. bound .

Section B : Writing and Grammar (30 Marks)

Q3 You are Karthik / Kanjana, the head girl/boy of your school. Describe the Independence Day celebrations held in your school in 100- 150 words. (8)

(Or)

(b) You are Amit/Amala .You visited the historical city of Agra in your vacations, where you saw the famous monument the Taj Mahal. Describe this monument using the clues given below.

- Situated in the city of Agra
- Built by Shah Jahan
- Fine Mughal architecture
- Completed in 16 years
- Jewel of Indian art
- Made of white marble
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Seventh wonder of the world

Q4 Use of mobile phones has increased considerably. Consequently the number of road accidents has increased. Also the performance of the students at academics has worsened. (10)

(a) Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India, expressing your concern on this issue. You are Ram/Rani of B89 Mall Apartments, Delhi. (150-200 words)

(Or)

(b) Physical fitness is extremely important for the development of an intellectual mind. However in today's fast-paced existence, physical well-being is not given much importance. Write an article in about 150 -200 words for your school magazine emphasizing the need of physical fitness and the ways of acquiring it.

Q5 Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the options given below. (1x4)

Light is still one of the greatest mysteries to man. We (a) that light travels in waves, and that light waves are made up of electrical (b) magnetic forces travelling along together. They are a kind of electromagnetic waves. In 1900, a German physicist (c) Max Plank found out that waves do not tell the whole story about light. He was trying to (d) how a hot object gives off radiation.

(a) (i) know	(ii) realize	(iii) understand	(iv) forget
(b) (i) with	(ii) for	(iii) and	(iv) or
(c) (i) called	(ii) named	(iii) was	(iv) known
(d) (i) explain	(ii) know	(iii) discover	(iv) research

Q6 Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1x4)

Camel/the oldest/the/is/of/domestic animals

Ans. The camel is the oldest of domestic animals.

- (a) is / means / as / a / of / transport / in / deserts / it / used
- (b) is / animal / this / to life / adapted / well / lands / in harsh
- (c) can / the camel / take / 100 litres / up to / of water / 10 minutes / in
- (d) can / camels / carry / of / more / even / 200 kilos / loads

Q7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. The first one has been done as an example.

Life was not easy as it seems to be.

It is full of up and downs.

The grass always look greener
at the other side. We have a
habit to grumbling continuously.

Incorrect	Correct	(1x4)
was	is	
a.....	
b.	
c.	
d.	

Section C : Literature (30 Marks)

Q8.1 Read the following extracts and answer the questions briefly.

And your mouth is like a section of road that is being worked on.

(1x4)

And all is cluttered up with stone crushers and concrete mixers and drills and steam rollers.

- (a) What does the speaker compare the mouth to?
- (b) What is the figure of speech being used here?
- (c) What do you think are 'stone crushers' and concrete mixers'?
- (d) Write the meaning of the word 'cluttered'.

Q8.2 This elevation did not make the bungalow the fulcrum here. (1x4)

- (a) What elevation is being referred to here?
- (b) Why did the bungalow not become a fulcrum for Dibaru?
- (c) Which place then was the natural fulcrum of Dibaru?
- (d) Write the meaning of the word 'fulcrum'.

Q9 Answer any seven of the following in 30-40 words

(2x7)

- (a) How does the author describe the community's boredom in the lesson 'Fire Buckets'?
- (b) Who are shibboleths that Nelson Mandela refers to?
- (c) What promise does Nelson Mandela make in response to the call that he hears?
- (d) How much should a modest lunch have cost according to narrator? Did he have enough money for one when he invited the lady for a luncheon?
- (e) Why did the narrator feel complacent when he met the lady many years later?
- (f) Why does the poet-speaker refer to democracy as 'ma femme'?
- (g) Describe the physical reaction the poet-speaker says he has when he sits in the dentist's chair.
- (h) Describe the poet-speaker's dream in the poem 'For You O' Democracy' in your own words.

Q10 Answer any one of the following in 100 -150 words.

(8x1)

- (a) Describe the lives of the residents of Dibaru in your own words.
- (b) Describe in detail the vision that Nelson Mandela had for his country. What is the vision that you have for your country?