

**CLASS VIII**  
**ANNUAL EXAM (2024-25)**  
**SUBJECT-ENGLISH**  
**SET -A1**

**Time Allowed: 2½ Hours**

**Max Marks: 60**

**General Instructions:**

1. The paper is divided into three sections: A,B and C
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Read the instructions very carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION- A**

**READING -16 MARKS**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.**

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(1) Perseverance means to continue steadfastly, especially in something that is difficult or tedious. It requires regular practice to develop the quality of perseverance. Only a patient person with strong determination can achieve his goal through perseverance.

(2) When a child learns to stand up and tries to walk, he is found to fall down again and again. And by nature and instinct, he gets up and again tries to step forward, although again he falls down. But ultimately, he succeeds in walking.

(3) Similarly, in spite of his repeated failures, a man having perseverance does not admit his defeat. He tries again and again and finally attains success. A persevering person is one who has tremendous self-confidence, indomitable determination, and a natural urge towards hard labour, and untiring energy to continue till the last, without grumbling or expressing dissatisfaction.

(4) Perseverance is the secret of success. Without it, no great achievement is possible. Even if a person is not very talented, nor highly knowledgeable, but of an average merit, still he can succeed in life simply by his perseverance.

(5) Hard labour has no alternative. It must yield results. A person who is highly intelligent, and scholarly genius, but is lethargic by nature can hardly prosper in life, because he does not know how to use his brain and labour in the right direction. In this world, all the great things have been made or constructed only by perseverance.

(6) In human life, perseverance plays a very important role. Modern science, architecture, literature, music, every sphere of life reaches success and glory with perseverance. Shakespeare did not compose such voluminous works just in a day. He had to work hard during days and nights with tremendous perseverance to create such great masterpieces.

(7) The modern scientists, too, carry on their experiments day and night for years together in order to attain success. If one looks at his own life, he can very well understand that whatever he has so far gained, he has gained it only by his hard labour, and not by chance or magic, or by someone's grace.

(8) Therefore, perseverance must be practised from the very childhood so that the noble habit becomes a part of one's life. With that great asset or goodwill, a man can walk easily on the hazardous road of his life's journey; and success will be his and his only.

**Q1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the questions by choosing the correct option:**

**1x4=4**

**(i) What is perseverance?**

- a) To avoid challenges                      b) To continue steadfastly in something difficult or tedious  
c) To succeed without effort              d) To wait for opportunities

**(ii) Why is there no alternative for hard labour?**

- a) It must yield results                      b) It can be replaced by talent  
c) It works only for intelligent people    d) It is unnecessary for success

**(iii) Why is a lazy person less likely to prosper in life?**

- a) He lacks talent and guidance.  
b) He is intelligent but wastes time.  
c) He does not know how to use his brain and labour in the right direction.  
d) He avoids all forms of work.

**(iv) How do modern scientists achieve success?**

- (a) By relying on chance or magic.  
(b) By conducting experiments day and night for years together.  
(c) By depending on the grace of others.  
(d) By working only when inspired.

**Q1.2. Answer the following questions in one sentence**

**1x4=4**

(v) What are some of the qualities of a perseverant person?

(vi) Why should we practice perseverance right from the very childhood?

(vii) Find the word that is similar in meaning to the word '*firmly; devotedly*' in Paragraph 1

(viii) Find the word that is opposite in meaning to the word '*energetic*' in Paragraph 5

**Q2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow.**

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*Live each moment, don't let it slip,  
Life's a journey, not a trip.  
Dance in the rain, laugh till you cry,  
Chase the stars up in the sky.  
Sing your song and paint your dreams,  
Life's more than it sometimes seems.  
Find the joy in the little things,  
The warmth of love, the peace it brings.  
The clock may tick, the years may race,  
But every step leaves its trace.  
So plant your seeds, let kindness grow,  
Spread your light wherever you go.  
For time won't pause, it won't rewind,  
Treasure each day with heart and mind.  
Live with love, make life a rhyme,  
For now is your most precious time.*

**Q 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the poem, answer the questions by choosing the correct option:**

**1x4=4**

- (i) What is the central message of the poem?  
a) Life is full of challenges.  
b) Every moment should be cherished and lived to the fullest.  
c) Dreams are unattainable without hard work.  
d) Time is endless and always forgiving.
- (ii) What does the poet suggest about kindness in the poem?  
a) Kindness is overrated.                      b) Kindness grows when shared with others.  
c) Kindness is a trait for the weak      d) Kindness only benefits oneself.
- (iii) What is meant by "Dance in the rain, laugh till you cry"?  
a) Enjoy life's simple pleasures with a carefree spirit.  
b) Rain is essential for growth.  
c) Crying brings happiness.  
d) Dancing and laughing are hobbies to pursue.
- (iv) How does the poet describe time in the poem?  
a) Time is slow and steady.                      b) Time is a race that can be controlled.  
c) Time moves quickly and cannot rewind.      d) Time only matters if you worry about it.

**Q2.2 Answer the following questions in one sentence**

**1x4=4**

- (v) What does the poet mean by "Spread your light wherever you go"?
- (vi) Why does the poet urge to "treasure each day"?
- (vii) How does the poet inspire readers to approach life?
- (viii) Identify the poetic device in the line "Life's a journey, not a trip."

**SECTION- B**

**GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS – 22 MARKS**

**Q3. Do as directed:**

**10 Marks**

**Q 3.1. Fill in the blanks with a suitable Question Tag:**

**1x1=1**

(a) You have completed your homework, \_\_\_\_\_?

**Q 3.2. Rewrite the following sentence in passive voice:**

**1x1=1**

(a) The chef prepared a delicious meal.

**Q 3.3. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate Phrasal Verb from the bracket:**

**1x1=1**

(a) She \_\_\_\_\_ the truth during the argument. (brought out/turned down)

**Q 3.4. Fill in the blanks with the Past continuous/Past Perfect Continuous tense of the verb given in the bracket to make a meaningful sentence:**

**1x1=1**

(a) They \_\_\_\_\_ (practice) the song for hours before the performance began.

**Q 3.5. Rewrite the sentence using Reported Speech:**

**1x1=1**

(a) She said, "I will meet you tomorrow."

**Q 3.6. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form of the verb given in the bracket to complete the conditional clause:**

**1x1=1**

(a) If he \_\_\_\_\_ (study) harder, he would have scored higher marks.

**Q3.7. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write the incorrect word along with the correct word:**

**1x2=2**

Sentence	Incorrect	Correct
The students was excited to attend the science fair.		
Each of the books have been carefully arranged.		

**Q3.8. Complete the following sentences using suitable Relative Clauses:**

**1x2=2**

(a) The boy \_\_\_\_\_ was thrilled with his performance.

(b) The book \_\_\_\_\_ is an excellent read.

**Q4.1. Attempt any one of the following:**

**Q.** You are Sneha Kapoor, the Secretary of the Sports Club at Cambridge International School. Create a concise 50-word interesting notice announcing the Annual Sports Day. Include details such as date, time, venue, and key activities, and encourage maximum participation from students and parents.

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**OR**

**Q. Create a poster** for the school notice board encouraging students to participate in the Annual Talent Show. Highlight the date, time, and categories for participation (singing, dancing, acting, etc.). Use approximately 50 words. 5

**Q4.2. Attempt any one of the following:**

**Q.** Exam stress among students has become a common issue. Write an article within 100-120 words offering tips to manage exam-related stress effectively. 7

**Or**

**Q.** Write a report for the school newsletter summarizing the **Career Guidance Seminar** organized by your school, aimed at helping students explore various career options. Highlight the expert speakers, interactive sessions, and students' engagement. (100-120 words). Use the Hints given below : 7

Expert guidance on diverse career paths...Focus on skills and future opportunities...Students asked insightful questions...Workshops on resume writing and interview tips...Motivated students to pursue their passions ...A successful initiative for career planning

### SECTION-C

#### LITERATURE – 22 MARKS

**Q5. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.** (4+4+4 = 12)

**5.1** (1+1+2)  
*It's hard to know what's behind talk,  
If you're not face to face,  
It's hard to get a clear message,  
Isn't it a disgrace? (Communication)*

- (i) Why is communication harder without face-to-face interaction?
- |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. Messages become unclear   | b. It increases trust             |
| c. It reduces technology use | d. It promotes deeper connections |

- (ii) The poet's tone in this stanza is:
- |             |             |            |            |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| a. Cheerful | b. Critical | c. Excited | d. Hopeful |
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- (iii) Why does the poet find avoiding face-to-face interaction disgraceful?

**5.2** (1+1+2)  
*His hair is crisp and black, and long  
His face is like the tan;  
His brow is wet with honest sweat,  
He earns whatever he can,  
And looks the whole world in the face,  
For he owes not any man. (The Village Blacksmith)*

- (i) Where does the blacksmith go on Sunday?
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| a) To the market | b) To the fields | c) To the church | d) To the smithy |
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