

CLASS VIII
ANNUAL EXAM (2024-25)
SUBJECT-ENGLISH
SET -A2

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 and parcel 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

*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 the President of the Health and Wellness Club at Green Valley School. Draft a notice promoting the Health and Fitness Week organized by the club. Include activities like yoga, fitness challenges, and health awareness sessions. Limit the notice to 50 words. **5**

OR

Q. Design a poster to inform students about the **Annual Book Donation Drive** being organized by the school library. Highlight the purpose of the drive, the dates for collection, and encourage students to contribute books in good condition. Limit the poster to approximately 50 words. **5**

Q4.2. Attempt any one of the following:

Q. Climate change is affecting ecosystems and livelihoods worldwide. Write an article in 100-120 words discussing the causes of climate change and its impact on the planet. **7**

OR

Q. As a student representative, draft a report for the school magazine in 100-120 words detailing the Charity Carnival hosted by your school, where proceeds from fun games and food stalls were donated to a local shelter or NGO. Frame the report using the following hints : **7**

Variety of fun games and activities... Food stalls offering delicious snacks ... Art and craft stalls showcasing students' handmade items for sale... Large turnout of students, parents, and staff... Total amount raised... Students learned the value of giving back to society... Positive feedback and plans for similar events in the future

SECTION-C
LITERATURE – 22 MARKS

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

5.1 *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)* **(1+1+2)**

- (i) Why is communication harder without face-to-face interaction?
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| 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:
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| 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 *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)* **(1+1+2)**

- (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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- (ii) How does the blacksmith feel when he hears his daughter sing?
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| a) Sad and regretful | b) Angry and disappointed |
| c) Happy and joyful | d) Indifferent |

(iii) Why does the blacksmith enjoy hearing his daughter sing?

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*On the lawn, in clusters, sat my
schoolmates sipping
Sugarcane, they turned and laughed;
Children are funny things, they laugh
In mirth at others' tears, I buried
My face in the sun-warmed hedge
And smelt the flowers and the pain.*

(1+1+2)

(*Punishment in the Kindergarten*)

(i) Identify the poet of the above lines

- a) Sarojini Naidu b) Kamala Das c) Anita Desai d) Sudha Mrthy

(ii) What were the speaker's schoolmates doing?

- a) Eating lunch b) Sipping sugarcane c) Playing games d) Singing songs

(iii) How did the speaker seek comfort after being laughed at?

Q6. Answer the following questions briefly in 30-40 words. (Attempt any three only) 2x3=6

i) Why, according to Deepak, was he unable to make up his mind to rob Arun? (*The Thief*)

ii) Why does Rowan Atkinson feel that he should not do any more Mr. Bean sketches or films? (*Mr Bean's Interview*)

iii) In what way is Luke's wife different from him? (*My Friend Luke*)

iv) 'Yes, and do you know what was the first thing he did when he saw the results this morning?

Who is being spoken about and why in the above lines? (*A Devoted Son*)

Q7. Answer the following question in 80-100 words.

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Q) Why does Higgins feel he 'couldn't have asked for a harder test for Eliza!?' (*Eliza*)