

Model Test Paper for General Students
Session 2022-23
Class VIII
English

Time: 3hrs

M.M:80

Section-A (Reading Skills)

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

(5×1=5) marks

One day a wonderful plate made of gold fell from heaven into the court of a temple. The following words were written on it. "A gift from heaven to him who loves mankind the best". The priest of the temple invited people to the temple and told them about the gift from heaven. Everybody claimed that they loved mankind the best, then each one got up one by one and narrated their own kind deeds. But as soon as they touched the plate, it turned into lead. The richest man in the village got up and spoke about his big charity, but as soon as he touched the plate, it turned into lead. A poor farmer was also present there. He did not know about the plate. He sat in a corner quietly. The priest called him to touch the plate. He bowed to the plate and touched the plate. It shone more brightly. The priest awarded the farmer the plate as his love for mankind was true.

- i. Where did the plate of gold fall from?**
a) court b) temple c) heaven d) village

- ii. The gift is for _____.**
a) who lives in heaven b) who loves mankind
b) who comes to temple d) none of the above

- iii. Who claimed to love mankind?**
a) people b) priest c) richest man d) farmer

- iv. When did plate shine brightly?**
a) as the richest man touched it
b) as the farmer touched it
c) as people touched it
d) as the priest touched it

- v. Which word in the passage means "a place of worship"?**
a) heaven b) wonderful c) lead d) temple

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2. Look at the poster and answer the questions that follow:

(5×1=5)



- i. **The main purpose of this poster is:**
a) save water b) save earth
c) save population d) save deserts
- ii. **What are turning into deserts?**
a) fisheries b) forests
c) grasslands d) croplands
- iii. **What should we do to save the earth?**
a) join the green movement
b) cut the forests
c) ruin the fisheries
d) spread pollution
- iv. **Who has issued the poster?**
a) Fisheries b) Population c) Manure d) Secretary
- v. **Find out the synonym of 'fertilizer' used in the poster.**
a) ailing b) wastelands
c) urbanisation d) manure

3. Read the following conversation carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5×1=5)

Mom: Tom, look at your shoes. How dirty they are! You must clean them.

Tom: Oh, mom, I just cleaned them yesterday.

Mom: They are dirty now. You must clean them again.

Tom: I do not want to clean them today. Even if I clean them today, they will get dirty again tomorrow.

Mom: All right, then.

Tom: Mom, give me something to eat, please.

Mom: You had your breakfast in the morning, Tom, and you had lunch at school.

Tom: I am hungry again.

Mom: Oh, hungry? But if I give you something to eat today, you will be hungry again tomorrow. So, I should not give you anything.

i. What did the mother ask Tom to do?

- a) look at shoes only b) to clean shoes only
c) to eat breakfast d) both 'a' and 'b'

ii. Why did Tom not want to clean his shoes?

- a) as they would get dirty again
b) as he had no time
c) as he was not in the mood of cleaning them
d) as he was hungry

iii. What did Tom ask his mother to give?

- a) brush to clean shoes
b) something to eat
c) both 'a' and 'b'
d) neither 'a' nor 'b'

iv. Why did the mother not give Tom anything to eat?

- a) because he had his breakfast
b) because he had his lunch at school
c) because he will be hungry again
d) because he disobeyed her

v. Give the synonym of 'filthy'.

- a) dirty b) hungry c) clean d) again

Section-B (Literature)

4. Answer any three of the following questions: (3×2=6)

- (i) What was the cruel announcement made by the despotic leader? (The Aged Mother)
- (ii) How did Harry help the sage?(The Old Sage and The Brothers)
- (iii) Where is Chandigarh situated? What is it known for? (The Punjab: A glimpse)
- (iv) Who was Marco Polo? (Marco Polo)
- (v) Which puppy was chosen by the little boy and why? (Charge for Love)

5. Give the meanings of any three of the following words in Punjabi/Hindi: (3×1=3)

journey, melodious, intention, merchant, disciple

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: (3*1=3)

- (i) Sri Guru Arjun Dev was _____ of the Sikhs.
- (ii) Marco Polo set out on his first voyage at the age of ____.
- (iii) Marco Polo visited the holy city of _____.

7. Make sentences from the following words.(any three)(3*1=3)

injured, abolish, excited, sermon, delight

8. Match the words in column A with same meanings in column

B: (4*1/2=2)

- | A | B |
|---------------|----------------|
| i. intention | (a) guaranteed |
| ii. assured | (b) importance |
| iii. reckless | (c) careless |
| iv. worth | (d) motive |

9. Read the following stanza and answer any two questions.

(2×2=4)

**Familiar friends, these timeless tales
Have been with me since I was ten,
And as I turn their pages once again
I feel and love their old refrain.**

- i. Name the poem and its poet.
- ii. What do you understand by the phrase ‘timeless tales’?
- iii. How does the poet feel when he touches and feels the pages of his books?

10. Answer any two of the following questions: (2×2=4)

- i. How do these great sons serve their motherland? (My Dear Soldiers)
- ii. What is the condition of the books? (We who Love Books)
- iii. What happens to the single use plastic after it is thrown? Where does it end up? (The Earth Needs You)

Section-C

(Vocabulary, Grammar, Translation and Composition)

11. Vocabulary: (1×6=6)

(i) One word substitution:

A man who does not know how to read or write

(ii) Give the synonym of 'large'.

(iii) Give the antonym of 'absent'.

(iv) Add the right prefix or suffix to the word-paid

(v) Write the meaning of the following phrasal verb: look down

(vi) Make a sentence of the idiom: Turn over a new leaf

12. Do as directed: (1×12=12)

(i) **Read the sentence below and state which type of sentence it is.**

Please help me.

(ii) **Choose the correct option to determine which part of speech the underlined word belongs to.**

I play football.

a) noun (b) verb (c) adverb (d) pronoun

(iii) **Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.**

I have _____ work to do.

(iv) **Underline the helping verb and encircle the main verb in the following sentence.**

They have participated in the race.

(v) **State whether the verb in the following sentence is Transitive or Intransitive.**

She has invited her friends.

(vi) **Fill in the blank with the appropriate degree of the adjective given in the bracket.**

Gold is _____ than silver. (expensive)

(vii) **Fill in the blank with the appropriate non-finite form.**

You needn't _____ (say) anything.

(viii) **Pick out the gerund in the following sentence.**

Stealing is crime.

(ix) **Select the correct verb from the bracket to fill in the blank.**

All the players in my team _____ done well. (has, have)

(x) **Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb. (Present Continuous or Present Simple)**

She always _____ (remember) my birthday.

(xi) **Change the voice.**

Mehar did not sing a song.

(xii) **State whether the underlined word is an adjective or an adverb.**

She dressed elegantly.

13. Letter Writing:

(6 marks)

Write a letter to your friend informing him about your brother's marriage and inviting him.

Or

Write an application to your Principal asking for exemption from examination.

14. Write a paragraph on 'Our School Library' using the hints given below:

(4 marks)

Hints: school a temple of learning-library the most useful place – a big library in my school-more than 50,000 books – kept subject wise – story books and comics – newspapers and magazines – librarian very helpful and kind – enjoy going to the library.

Or

Story Writing: 'Destiny of a Donkey'

15. Notice Writing:

(3 marks)

Your school is organizing a trip to Delhi and Agra. You are the Secretary of the tour organizing committee. Draft a notice asking the students to give their names to you.

Or

Newspaper Headlines:

(2×1.5=3)

Explain the following newspaper headlines in 10-15 words each.

(a) PM launches New Education Policy

(b) Earthquake Rocks Nepal

16. Translate any two of the following sentences into

Punjabi/Hindi:

(2×1=2)

- i. Avoid bad company.
- ii. I am not feeling well today.
- iii. Where will you go now?

17. Translate any two of the following sentences in English.

(2×1=2)

- (i) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਤੇ ਮਾਣ ਹੈ।/ਸੁਝੇ ਆਪ ਪਰ ਗਰਬ ਹੈ।
- (ii) ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਪੱਕਾ ਮਿੱਤਰ ਕੌਣ ਹੈ?/ਆਪਕਾ ਘਨਿਠ ਮਿਤਰ ਕੌਨ ਹੈ?
- (iii) ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਜਨਮ ਦਿਨ ਮਨਾਇਆ।/ਮੈਂਨੇ ਅਪਨਾ ਜਨਮਦਿਨ ਮਨਾਯਾ।

18. Good Handwriting

(5 marks)

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