

Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.

Practice Paper – TERM I (2022 – 2023)

Class – VIII

Subject : English

Time: 2 ½ hours

Maximum Marks: 60

General Instructions:

- 1. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING, WRITING, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.**
- 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**
- 3. Marks are indicated against each question**
- 4. Read the questions carefully before answering**

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: :(ANY FOUR) 4 X 2 = 8

The thought came to a certain king that he would never fail if he knew three things. These three things were: What is the right time to begin something? Which people should he listen to? What is the most important thing for him to do? The king, therefore, sent messengers throughout his kingdom, promising a large sum of money to anyone who would answer these three questions. Many wise men came to the king, but they all answered his questions differently. In reply to the first question, some said the king must prepare a timetable, and then follow it strictly.

- Who asked the Questions?**
 - The wise men
 - The king
 - The queen
 - The minister
- Who did the king send throughout his kingdom?**
 - messengers
 - ministers
 - wise men
 - his sons
- The king thought he would never _____ if he knew three things.**
 - fight
 - win

- c. fail
 - d. work
- iv. **The king promised _____ to anyone who would answer these three questions.**
- a. A lot of land
 - b. A lot of gold
 - c. Little bit of money
 - d. Huge sum of money
- v. **Find a word similar in meaning to the word 'assurance' from the passage.**
- a. Certain
 - b. Promise
 - c. Differently
 - d. Important

Q2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (ANY FOUR) 4 X 2 = 8

Jellyfish are not really fish. They have no heart, no brain, no kidney, no lungs or gills, no blood— none of the organs we think are needed to live. They have a mouth, tentacles and tissues which digest food. Tentacles are body parts which are used by animals to feel, catch a prey or move. Jellyfish live in the sea and are found in all oceans. Some jellyfish live in fresh water. Jellyfish are mostly made up of water and their inside parts are held in place by a thin layer of skin. Jellyfish looks like umbrella. A group of jellyfish is called a 'bloom', 'swarm' or 'smack'. Jellyfish eats plankton. Some sea turtles eat jellyfish.

- i. **Why are Jellyfish not really fish?**
- a. Because they have no heart and brain
 - b. Because they have no kidney and lungs
 - c. Because they have no blood
 - d. All of the above
- ii. **Tentacles are used by jelly to _____**
- a. Test the water
 - b. Feel, catch a prey or move
 - c. Breathe on land
 - d. Breathe in water
- iii. **What are Jellyfish mostly made up of?**
- a. Blood
 - b. Skin and blood

- c. Water
- d. Cells and tissues

iv. **Jellyfish are eaten by _____**

- a. Other fish
- b. Plankton
- c. Swarms
- d. Sea turtles

v. **Find a word opposite in meaning to the word 'cluster' from the passage**

- a. Group
- b. Layer
- c. Inside
- d. Digest

SECTION B - WRITING

Q3. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics using the hints given below : 6

A. Value of trees

(gives us oxygen – fruits and vegetables – shade – flowers)

B. Earthquake – A great Disaster

(natural disaster – no warning – damages houses – lives lost)

Q4. Write a letter to your friend telling him about the celebration of 'Independence Day' in your school.

OR

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You lost your watch in the playground of your school. Write a notice for the notice board of your school asking students to submit it to your Class Teacher. Include all necessary details.

Section C- GRAMMAR

Q5. Choose the correct option (ANY FOUR)

4 x 1 = 4

- a. Raman _____ to church everyday.
 - i. Go

- ii. Goes
 - iii. will go
 - iv. went
- b. Sapna _____ to the party tomorrow.
- i. comes
 - ii. came
 - iii. will come
 - iv. had come
- c. Kartik _____ his project yet.
- i. will not completed
 - ii. has not completed
 - iii. is not completed
 - iv. had not completed
- d. Karan _____ his father's car while his own car is in the workshop.
- i. are driving
 - ii. were driving
 - iii. had driven
 - iv. is driving
- e. Raman and Sapna _____ in Calcutta this month.
- i. are working
 - ii. was working
 - iii. has worked
 - iv. had worked

Q6. Fill the blanks with correct form of Verb (ANY FOUR)

4 X 1 = 4

Root Verb	Simple Past	Past Participle
a. Buy	_____	Bought
b. Choose	Chose	_____
c. _____	Wrote	Written
d. Drink	_____	Drunk
e. Ring	Rang	_____

Q7. Fill the blanks with correct conjunction.

(ANY THREE)

3 x 1 = 3

- a. My car has a radio _____ a CD player. (but, or, and)
- b. Suman wanted to drive to Culcutta, _____ Bharat insisted that they fly. (and, or, but)
- c. I'm afraid of heights, _____ I appreciate the view from the top of this building. (and, yet, nor)

d. My brother has to go to work at six, _____ he is waking up at four. (but, so, yet)

Q8. Fill the blanks with correct Modals (ANY THREE)

3 x 1 = 3

- a. Youto go to Mumbai tomorrow to attend the meeting. (will have/ should)
- b. If you stayed here, younot face the problem. (would/ should)
- c.you please help me lift this box? (Can/ Could)
- d. He came here so that he (may/might) meet his child.

Section D: LITERATURE

Q9. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (ANY TWO) 2 x1 = 2

Thirteen year – old Meghna was swept way along with her parents and seventy – seven other people. She spent two days floating in the sea, holding on to a wooden door. Eleven times she saw relief helicopters overhead, but they did not see her. She was brought to the shore by a wave, and was found walking on the seashore in a daze.

- a. Meghna was swept away by _____ due to tsunami.
- b. The relief helicopter hovered over the sea about _____.
- c. Meghna took the support of a _____ while floating in the sea.

Q10. Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow: (ANY TWO) 2x2= 4

When the jet reached ten thousand feet,
It was clear why the country
Had cities where the rivers ran
And why the valleys were populated.

a. Name the poem and the poet

- i. The ant and the cricket, Aesop's fable
- ii. When I set out for Lyonesse, Thomas Hardy
- iii. Geography Lesson, Zulfikar Ghose
- iv. The School Boy, William Blake

b. From the height of _____ the poet was observing _____.

- i. five thousand feet , city
- ii. ten thousand feet , city
- iii. ten thousand feet , country
- iv. five thousand feet , country

c. The _____ are developed _____.

- i. countries, in the open space
- ii. cities, by the river-side
- iii. countries, on the hill-side
- iv. cities, in the deserts

Q11. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words: (ANY FOUR) 4 x 3 = 12

- i. In the poem 'The Ant and the Cricket', the cricket says, "Oh! What will become of me?"
When does he say it, and why?
- ii. Why the poem is titled Geography Lesson?
- iii. In the reference of the chapter "The Tsunami", how are Meghna and Almas's stories similar? Comment.
- iv. What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the tsunami?
Which idea do you find more believable? Describe it.
- v. In the poem "Geography Lesson", what did the poet come to know when his jet reached at ten thousand feet?