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MODEL PAPER

Subject: ENGLISH Class: 8th Summative Assessment

Maximum Marks: 40 Time: 2 ½ Hours

(Section A) Reading Comprehension

Learning Outcomes:

1. reads textual/non-textual materials in English/Braille* with comprehension.
2. reads excerpts, dialogues, poems, commentaries, news, expresses opinions about them.
3. infers the meaning of unfamiliar words by reading them in context.

****NOTE: This shall be taken up by Special Educators.***

1. Read the following prose passage and answer the questions given at the end:

In India, polo was widely played in medieval times as is evidenced from the fact that Sultan Qutubuddin Aibak, founder of the slave dynasty and builder of one of the most famous landmarks in Delhi, died of a fatal accident, impaled on the ornate horn of his own saddle after a fall on the polo field in Lahore. Under the Mughals, polo was the national sport of India until the end of sixteenth century. During that period the house of Taimur reigned supreme in Delhi, polo enjoyed the patronage of kings and nobles and was widely played in the provinces of the Empire and in the courts of the Rajput kings.

Questions:

i. Polo was famous during the _____ rule in India.

a. Mughal & Slave dynasty b. Rajput & Slave dynasty

c. Slave & Noble dynasty d. Mughal and Rajput

ii. Sultan Qutubuddin Aibak died of _____ while playing polo. (Fill in the blank)

iii. Medieval times were famous for_____

a. Polo b. Polo fields c. Polo Sticks d. Polo horses

iv. The word "ornate" in the passage means:

a. decorated b. famous

c. reigned d. fatal

v. Use the word "patronage" in your own sentence.

(1x5 = 5)

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2. Read the following prose passage and answer the questions given at the end:

If you really want to judge the character of a man, look not at his great performances. Watch a man do his most common actions. Those are indeed the things which will tell you the real character of the great man. Great occasions rouse even the lowest of human beings to some kind of greatness, but he alone is really great whose character is great always – the same whatever he be.

Questions :

i. What should we look at to judge the character of a man? (Answer in one or two words)?

ii. What effect "great occasions" have even on the lowest of human beings?

iii. Who is "great" in the actual sense?

iv. The suitable title of the passage can be:

a. Character of Occasions

b. Character of Characters

c. Character of Performances

d. Character of Man

v. Give the opposite of "great":

a. kind

b. even

c. mean

d. more **1X5 = 5**

3. Read the following picture and complete its paraphrase by filling up the blanks with appropriate words:



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The picture depicts the _____ of life. Thousands of _____ can be lit from a _____ candle, and the life of the _____ will not be shortened. As _____ never decreases by being shared.

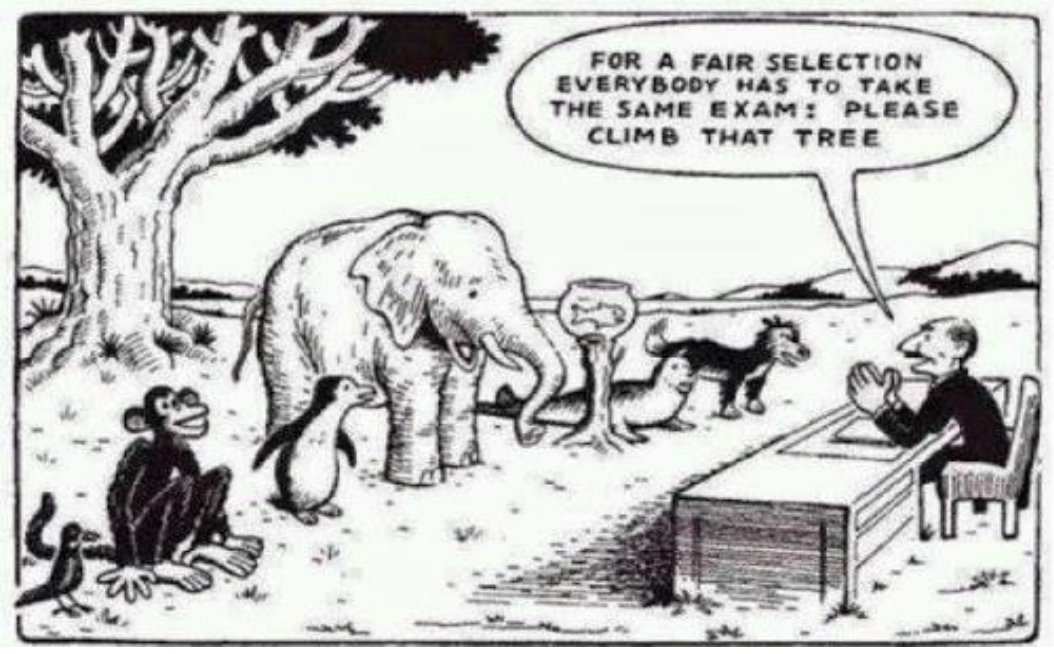
(1x5 = 5 marks)

(Section B) Writing Skills & Grammar

Learning Outcomes:

1. prepares a write up after seeking information in print / online, notice board, newspaper, picture, illustration, mind map, graph, bar chart, etc.
2. writes short paragraphs coherently in English/Braille with a proper beginning, middle and end with appropriate punctuation marks.
3. writes email, WhatsApp/Facebook/Twitter/ DM message (with appropriate format), notice, formal letters, descriptions/narratives, personal diary, report, short personal/ biographical experiences.
4. communicates accurately using appropriate grammatical forms (e.g., clauses, comparison of adjectives, time and tense, active passive voice, reported speech etc.)

4. Observe the following picture and write your observations in a paragraph (80-100) words:



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'Is Good Health the real Wealth?' Write a paragraph (80-100) words by using the given clues:

1. Health is wealth.
2. Precious gift of nature.
3. Key to happiness.

(05 marks)

5. Your school is not having a Reading Room/Smart Class. Write a letter to the Principal/Headmaster of your school requesting him/her to establish a Reading Room/Smart Class in your school for the benefit of the staff as well as the students.

Or

Your family is inviting all near and dears, including family friends on any special occasion. You have been asked to invite your close friends as well. Write an e-mail to your friend, inviting him to the said function.

(02 marks)

6. Write a WhatsApp/Facebook/Twitter/ DM message (with appropriate format) to your classmates and inform them about the postponement of Election for Student Secretary or any other event in your school.

(01 mark)

7. Do as directed:

i. Supply appropriate grammatical items in the blanks provided:

The newspaper is one _____ the significant signs of modern civilization. It is the most popular form of reading in the present times _____ it interests all sorts of people. It is full of political news, sports and commercial news, as well as articles by well-known writers. A newspaper _____ us both entertained and informed. Newspapers also tell people what their rights are and teach them how they _____ protect and exercise these rights. By placing before _____ reader, new view-points everyday, they stimulate thought and increase the power of independent thinking. Thus newspapers contribute to the development of knowledge, and their educative influence is indeed immense.

(05 marks)

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ii. Change the narration:

1. She said to me, "My father is going for Hajj tomorrow."
2. He said, "Why are you crying unnecessarily?"

(02 marks)

(Section C) Literature

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identifies/recalls/retells details, characters, main idea, supporting details and sequence of ideas and events while reading.
2. reads, compares, contrasts, thinks critically and relates ideas to life.
3. Interprets/analyses/evaluates quotations, sayings and proverbs.

8. Answer any Five of the following questions in 20- 30 words.

i. How did polo come to Ladakh?
ii. Why Brutus was called 'the noblest Roman of them all'?
iii. Can we save our posterity from the harmful effects of polythene? How?
iv. What does the third wrinkle represent on the mother's face?
v. Why is the poet confused when she meets poets?
vi. How is the winter described in the poem "Summer and Winter"?
vii. What makes you think that the play "A Strange Trial" is a dream?
viii. "That which you call awakening is a stupefying hangover." Why?

(2x5 = 10 marks)

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