

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU
SESSION: 2024-25
SAMPLE PAPER (FINAL EXAMINATION)

CLASS: VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

M.M: 80
TIME: 3 Hr

Instructions:

Read the questions carefully.

Attempt all questions.

Section A(Reading)- 20 marks

Section B(Grammar & Creative Writing Skills)- 32 marks

Section C(Literature)- 28 marks

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10marks)

Teamwork is an essential skill that helps individuals achieves common goals. Whether in sports, school projects, or the workplace, working as a team can bring out the best in people. When people work together, they can share ideas, divide tasks, and support each other, making the work more manageable and enjoyable.

One of the main benefits of teamwork is that it allows individuals to learn from one another. Everyone brings their unique skills, knowledge, and experience, which can lead to better solutions and creative ideas. A group can solve problems more effectively than an individual because they have access to different perspectives and approaches.

Teamwork also helps build strong relationships and trust among people. As team members work together towards a common goal, they develop a sense of cooperation and mutual respect. This makes it easier to work together in the future, as team members become comfortable with each other's strengths and weaknesses.

Despite its many benefits, teamwork can sometimes be challenging. Conflicts may arise, or some team members may not contribute as much as others. However, learning how to work through these challenges is an important skill that can help individuals succeed in many areas of life.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

A. What is one benefit of teamwork? (1 mark)

- a. It reduces the need for individual effort
- b. It helps people learn from one another
- c. It always eliminates conflicts
- d. It requires no planning or organization

B. What can teamwork help build between team members? (1 mark)

- a. A sense of competition
- b. Strong relationships and trust
- c. A sense of isolation
- d. Increased individualism

C. Find the synonym of the word "essential" from the passage. (1 mark)

- a. Important b. Optional
- c. Unnecessary d. Unimportant

- D. Find the antonym of the word 'unique' from the passage. (1 mark)**
a. Special b. Common
c. Distinct. d. Individual

E. Complete the Statement: (1 mark)
One of the main benefits of teamwork is_____.

F. State whether True/False: (1 mark)
Working as a team allows people to work alone without sharing ideas._____

G. How does teamwork contribute to personal and professional growth ? (2 marks)

H. What does the passage suggest is a key benefit of teamwork in problem-solving? (2 marks)

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)

Music is a powerful form of art that has the ability to affect our emotions and influence our thoughts. It is an essential part of human culture and can be found in every civilization around the world. Whether it's classical, jazz, rock, or pop, music has the ability to connect people across different cultures and backgrounds.

Listening to music can be a source of joy and relaxation. Many people turn to music when they are feeling sad or stressed, as it has the ability to soothe the mind and lift one's spirits. Upbeat music can energize and motivate people, while slow and calming melodies can help them relax and focus.

Learning to play a musical instrument can also bring immense benefits. It improves memory, concentration, and coordination. It has been shown that playing music can enhance brain function, particularly in areas related to problem-solving and creativity. In addition, playing an instrument can give people a sense of accomplishment and boost their self-confidence.

In conclusion, music is not just a form of entertainment; it is an important part of our emotional and intellectual development. Whether we listen to it or create it, music plays an essential role in shaping our lives and enriching our experiences.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage:

A. What is one effect that music has on people, according to the passage? (1 mark)

- a. It makes people forget their emotions
- b. It can help relax the mind and lift the spirits
- c. It causes people to feel more stressed
- d. It reduces creativity

B. What can upbeat music do for people, according to the passage? (1 mark)

- a. Make them feel sad
- b. Energize and motivate them
- c. Make them feel lonely
- d. Decrease their focus

C. The synonym of the word 'soothe' in the passage is: (1 mark)
a. agitate. b. calm
c. energize. d. stress

D. Find the antonym of the word 'improve' from the passage. (1 mark)
a. boost b. diminish
c. advance d. enhance

E. State whether True/False:

(1 mark)

Music plays a major role in emotional and intellectual development_____

F. Complete the Statement:

(1 mark)

It has been shown that playing music can_____.

G. What role does music play in connecting people, according to the passage?

(2 marks)

H. What is the main message of the passage about music?

(2 marks)

SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING)

Q3. Change the following sentences form direct speech to indirect speech.

(1x5= 5marks)

1. "I am feeling better today," she said.
2. "Can you help me?" he asked.
3. "Why are you late?" the teacher asked.
4. "She says, 'I am going to the market.'"
5. "I don't like this movie," he said.

Q4. Fill in the blanks with the correct question tag.

(1x5= 5 marks)

1. You are coming to the party, _____?
2. They weren't at the meeting, _____?
3. She doesn't like ice cream, _____?
4. You've finished your homework, _____?
5. He can swim, _____?

Q5. Read the given sentences and fill in the blanks using appropriate modals.

(1x5=5marks)

1. We _____ (must / may/can/could) finish the homework before we leave for the trip.
2. You _____ (ought to / dare/ought not to /dare nit /)obey traffic rules.
3. _____ (shall / may/can /will) you be successful in your project.
4. _____ (can / must/ will/could) I use your phone for a minute?
5. We _____ (should / must/may/shall) leave now if we want to catch the bus.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate determiners.

(1x6=6marks)

1. _____ pencil is on the chair?
a) that c) this
b) my d) Whose
2. I don't have _____ friends.
a) much c) few
b) many. d) any
3. We don't have _____ information on the topic.
a) any c) many
b) neither d) a
4. There are _____ students in the classroom.
a) many. c) some
b) a d) each
5. _____ apple a day keeps the doctor away.
a) an. c) the
b) a d) some
6. _____ stars are actually millions of miles away.
a) that. c) those
b) this d) each

(WRITING)

Q7. Write a **diary entry** about a special family event that you will never forget. Describe the atmosphere, people involved, and your personal feelings.

OR

(6 marks)

Write a **story** that begins with: "It was a dark and stormy night, and I found myself lost in the woods. Give a suitable title and moral to the story.

[Hints --- dark night...lost in woods Walked slowly.....scared Lonely cottage.....took shelter..... woke in the morning.....Found path. Homerelieved]

Q8. Write an **article** analyzing both the positive and negative effects of social media on young people.

OR

(5 marks)

Make a **poster** emphasizing the importance of following traffic rules to prevent accidents and ensure road safety.

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

Q9. Read the following extract and answer the questions:

(4 marks)

"Pa, the fawn may be out there yet.

It might be hungry and very scared."

- a. Identify the chapter from which these lines are taken. **(1 mark)**
- b. Who spoke these words and to whom? **(1 mark)**
- c. In the above lines 'it' refers to ? **(1 mark)**
- d. What happened next in the story? **(1 mark)**

Q10. Read the following extract and answer the questions:

(4 marks)

The poetry of earth is never dead

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,

And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run

From hedge to hedge about the new mown mead.

- a. Name the poem and the poet. **(1 mark)**
- b. Write two pair of rhyming words of the given lines? **(1 mark)**
- c. Write the rhyme scheme of the given lines. **(1 mark)**
- d. Who is running from hedge to hedge? **(1 mark)**

Q11. Answer any six out of the following eight questions in (20-30 words): **(2x6=12marks)**

- a. Why did the grandmother ask the children not to kill the Chuchundar?
- b. What is Stephen Hawking's message for the disabled?
- c. Why is adventure which is risky, also pleasurable?
- d. Why did Penny Baxter allow Jody to go find the fawn and raise it?
- e. Mention a few things that can happen when there is endless rain for days together?
- f. What is the gratitude that Firdaus Kanga expresses to Stephen Hawking?
- g. Why did the speaker refuse the old man's money, in the poem 'The Last Bargain'?
- h. What is the significance of cobra lily in relation to monsoon season, its beginning and end?

Q12. Answer any two out of the following three questions in (60-80 words): **(4x2=8 marks)**

- a. Why does the school boy compare himself to a caged bird?
- b. What were the symbols of reverence left by members of the team on Everest?
- c. How does Jody's mother react when she hears that he is going to bring the fawn home? Why does she react in this way?