DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU

SESSION: 2024-25

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION SAMPLE PAPER

CLASS: VIII M.M: 80 TIME: 3 Hr SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Instructions:

Read the questions carefully.

Attempt all questions.

Section A(Reading)- 20 marks

Section B(Grammar & Creative Writing Skills)- 28 marks

Section C(Literature)- 32 marks

F. State whether True/False:

SECTION-A (READING)

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

In a small coastal town, nestled between towering cliffs and gentle waves, there stood an old lighthouse. This lighthouse, built over a century ago, had guided countless ships safely through stormy nights. It was said that the lighthouse keeper, an elderly man named Captain Harris, was renowned for managing the lighthouse, and knew every rock and current along the treacherous coastline.

One stormy evening, as the waves crashed violently against the rocks, a ship's distress signal pierced through the howling wind. Captain Harris, alerted by the lighthouse's vigilant beam, hurried to the shore. Through his trusted telescope, he spotted a ship caught in the swirling tempest, its crew struggling against the relentless fury of the sea.

Without a moment's hesitation, Captain Harris fired a flare into the night sky, signaling the stranded ship. With steady hands and unwavering determination, he maneuvered his small boat through the raging waters. As he reached the desperate crew, his weathered face cracked into a reassuring smile.

Hours passed before Captain Harris returned safely to the shore, his rescue mission a success. The grateful crew gathered around him, thanking him profusely for saving their lives. Yet, amidst the celebrations, Captain Harris remained humble, his eyes fixed on the distant horizon, where the storm clouds were finally giving way to dawn.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage: A. What was Captain Harris known for in the coastal town?					
a. Building ships	•		c. Fishing in the storm		
b. Operating the lighthouse		•	d. None of the above		
B. How did Capt	ain Harris signal the	stranded ship?		(1 mark)	
a. By shouting loudly		c. By sending	c. By sending a message in a bottle		
b. By firing a flare		d. By calling them on a radio			
C. Find the synonym of the word "anger" from the passage.					
a. rescue	b. fury	c. profusely	d. admist		
D. Find the anton	ym of the word 'scatte	red' from the passage.		(1 mark)	
a. reassuring	b. current	c. gathered	d. treacherous		
E. Complete the	(1 mark)				
Captain Harris	spotted the ship in dist	ress using	·	,	

(1 mark)

Captain Harris was a immature r		•	_		
G. What qualities do you think are	necessary for so	omeone to be a	successfu	l lighthouse ke	eeper like
Captain Harris?					(2 marks)
H. How did the lighthouse play a c	rucial role in the	e safety of the s	ships?		(2 marks)
Q2. Read the passage given below The Red Fort, also known as served as the main residence of the in 1857. Commissioned by the Mattimurid, and Indian architectural sit was finally finished in 1648. The sandstone, which stand as a testame. The fort complex is vast, constructures such as the Diwan-i-Aa Audience), the Rang Mahal (Palaconly a symbol of the architectural was designated a UNESCO World. The Red Fort holds a special parallel Minister hoists the national flag of tradition has been followed every your over the centuries, the Red Fort witness to the changing fortunes tourist attractions in Delhi, drawing magnificent architecture and learn. Answer the following questions. A. Who commissioned the constructions.	w and answer the Lal Qila, is a he Mughal emperoughal Emperor Styles. The fort's The Red Fort is ent to the granderering an area of the Mall of Public of Colors), and brilliance of the Heritage Site in lace in the heart on Independence year since India site in the Indian suiting visitors from about India's rice, based on the accution of the R	ne questions the distoric fortifications for nearly 25 Shah Jahan in construction to a named after eur of Mughal and fabout 254.6 dic Audience), de the Moti Marke Mughal era be 2007. It of every India Day, delivering ained independent of the mall over the history. The property is a support of the property is a support of the property in the property in the property is a support of the property in the property in the property is a support of the property in the property in the property is a support of the property in the property in the property is a support of the property in the property in the property is a support of the property in the prope	nat follow ation in the 200 years, 1638, the book nearly its massive architecture of acres, athe Diwars as it is an as it is an as it is an as it is an as it is and a speed dence from rical event oday, it is world with the state of the color of the col	the city of Denuntil the Briting of the Briting and the composition of the Briting of the Briting of the Briting of the British rule of the Britis	(10 marks) lhi, India. It sh took over d of Persian, omplete, and walls of red es numerous ll of Private ne fort is not ltural site. It re the Prime mparts. This in 1947. od as a silent nost popular
a. Akbar b. Aurangzeb	c. Shah		d. Jahang	ir	
B. How many years did the fort t a. 5 b. 10	take to complete c. 15	e?	d. 20		(1 mark)
C. Find the synonym of the word 's a. complex b. architect	_	otable' from the c. designate			(1 mark)
D. Find the antonym of the word 't	t iny' from the p	assage.			(1 mark)
a. vast b. hoists	· I	c. symbol		d. teach	,
E. State whether True/False: The Red Fort is located in the cap	oital of India	•			(1 mark)
F. Complete the Statement: The Red Fort is named after its m	assive enclosing	walls of		·	(1 mark)
G. Why does the Red Fort hold a s H. What are some of the important	• •			,	(2 marks) (2 marks)
SECT Q3. Complete the following parage Last weekend, my family an mountains. We(b) beautiful lake. Next Saturday, a breathtaking view of the value travel), we will enjoy the fresh	nd I(a) (stay / we(c) lley. While we _	rect options gi (go / we stayed / stayi (are (d)	ven in the nt / going ng/ stays) going / go (trave	g/ goes) on a o in a cozy c o / goes/ will g els / travelled	trip to the abin near a going) to see

Q4. Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences. a. her / she / homework/in / finished / evening / the .

(1x3=3 marks)

b. rain / friends / playing / were / cricket / whenc. to / early / office / morning /he / the / in/ to /	
divided the sweets(b) all the child	as looking(a)(up/ with/ at/for), so I dren. (between/in/ over/ among). There was a rift er/ among) for sweets therefore I made them sit
Q6. Convert the following sentence into passive v	voice: (1x3=3 marks)
A. "They built a new hospital."	
a. A new hospital is being built.	c. A new hospital was built.
b. A new hospital has been built.	d. None of these.
B. " Emily is baking the cake."	
a. Emily has baked the cake.	c. The cake is being baked by Emily.
b. The cake was baked by Emily.	d. None of these.
C. "She sings a song every morning."	
a. A song is sung by her every morning.	c. A song has been sung by her every morning.
b. A song was sung by her every morning.	d. None of these.
Each of the students(b) (has / favorite book(c) (was / were / has / are WRIT)	ING
Q8. Imagine you are a journalist reporting for a r 80-100 words on the devastating impact of the term your textbook. Include information on the c Make sure to use appropriate headings, subhead comprehensive report.	sunami as described in the chapter "Tsunami" causes, effects on the environment and people.
OR	(6 marks)
Write an Informal letter to your friend describ Share details such as how you felt before the flight and any memorable moments or observations fro overall experience and whether it met your expects	oing your first experience of traveling by air. nt, your experience during takeoff and landing, om the journey. Include your thoughts on the
Q9. You have formed a club for conserving the enfriend, telling him/ her about your club and the act him/ her to join as a member.	tivities that you conduct in your club. Also ask
OR	(5 marks)
A science fair will be held on 21 October, 2024 a You are the Science Society's Secretary, and yo elected students to go through preparations for the meeting.	u want to convene a meeting of the society's
SECTION C LI	TERATURE
Q10. Read the following extract and answer the "Two of his children caught hold of the hands	-
brother, and rushed in the opposite direction."	, of men monter s junter una momer s
a. Identify the chapter from which these lines	are taken. (1 mark)
b. Whose children had caught hold of the han	
c. Why did the children run in the opposite di	
d. What happened next in the story?	(2 marks)

Q11. Read the following extract and answer the questions:

When the jet sprang into the sky,

it was clear why the city

had developed the way it had,

seeing it scaled six inches to the mile.

a.	Name the poem and the poet.	(1 mark)
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- b. What did the poet see from the sky? (1 mark)
- c. Write the rhyme scheme of the given lines. (1 mark)
- d. What was the difference of the scale of measurement from sky? (2 marks)

Q12. Answer any seven out of the following eight questions in 20-30 words: (2x7=14 marks)

- a. How did the East India Company subdue the Indian princes?
- b. In what ways did the British officers exploit Indians?
- c. How did the speaker feel after talking to the child on the beach?
- d. What are the different ways in which Tilly's parents could have reacted to her behaviour?
- e. The author describes Bepin Babu as a serious and hardworking man. What evidence can you find in the story to support this?
- f. Bepin Babu lost consciousness at Hudroo Falls. What do you think was the reason for this?
- g. The cricket says, "Oh! what will become of me?" When does he say it, and why?
- h. Why do you think the desk had been sold, and when?

Q13. Answer any two out of the following three questions in 60-80 words: (4x2=8 marks)

- a. How do you think the geography teacher felt when she heard about what Tilly had done in Phuket?
- b. Why did Bepin Babu decide to meet Chunilal? What happened after their meeting?
- c. What message does Tagore's poem The Last Bargain convey? What does he try to highlight?