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**Class: VIII**

**SECTION-A READING**

(A.1) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :-

The first Indian in space! A place assured in Indian history forever. There is not a single Indian, young or old, who does not regard him fondly as the first Indian to zoom into space.

When Rakesh Sharma was born in Patiala, on January 13, 1949, his parents might not have thought that some thirty-five years later this infant would be in outer space! In 1970, Rakesh Sharma received his commission in the Indian Air Force as a test pilot, and was part of expert pilots of the 1971 war.

The true historic moment in the then squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma's life came when he, along with another colleague, was chosen to train for the space flight in the Soviet Union. Finally, it was Rakesh Sharma who was chosen to make the historic flight.

As part of the joint venture between the Indian space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Soviet Intercosmos Space Programme, Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma, blasted into space on April 2, 1984. He was accompanied by the two other Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz T-11 spacecraft. The trio spent a total of eight days in space on the Salyut 7 space station. It was a proud moment for all Indians and for the Indian Space Research Organisation. But the proudest moment for Rakesh Sharma and indeed all Indians was when his conversation with the then Prime Minister of India, Smt. Indira Gandhi, was beamed live through satellite television to millions of Indians. The spacecraft was orbiting the earth, when positioned directly over India, Smt. Indira Gandhi asked him in Hindi 'How India appeared from outer space?' And in that unforgettable split second without hesitation and great pride in his voice Rakesh Sharma replied, 'Ji saare jahan se aacha,' quoting those famous lines from Iqbal's poem that never fail to send a chill of thrill down every Indian's spine.

Q1) choose the most appropriate option :-

a) Rakesh Sharma spent what period of time in space:

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| i) 8 days  | iii) 8 weeks |
| ii) 7 days | iv) 7 weeks  |

b) ISRO stands for:

- i) Indian space research organization
- ii) Indian space research operation
- iii) India space research organization
- iv) Indian space research organization

c) Rakesh Sharma blasted into space on :

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| i) April 2, 1984  | iii) April 2, 1894 |
| ii) April 4, 1948 | iv) April 2, 1948  |

Q2) Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the passage :

a) Rakesh Sharma was trained for the space flight in the.....

b) He was a part of expert pilots of the .....

Q3) Complete the following sentence:

When Indira Gandhi asked him in Hindi, how did India appeared from outer space, he replied with a great pride in his voice .....

### **SECTION-B WRITING**

(B.1) You are Veenit/Vanya. You have formed a club for conserving the environment. Write an e-mail to your cousin, telling him about your club and the activities that you conduct in your club.

(B.2) You are the librarian of a school. Write a letter of complaint to a book dealer for delay in the delivery of books.

(B.3) Read the following passage and write the précis in 70-80 words.

Women comprise more than half the world's population. Women are 70 percent of the world's poor and two-third of those are not taught to read and write. Women are the primary caretakers for most of the world's children and elderly. Yet much of the work they do is not valued ..... not by economists, not by historians, not by popular culture, not by government leaders.

At the very moment, women around the world are giving birth, raising children, cooking meals, washing clothes, cleaning houses, planting crops, running companies and running countries.

Yet, there are many women dying from diseases, watching their children succumb to malnutrition caused by poverty and economic deprivation.

Those of us with the opportunity to be at some position with power have the responsibility to speak for those who can not.

### **SECTION-C GRAMMAR**

(C.1) Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms and complete the sentences.

The teacher said that light .....(travel) in a straight line. Rajiv .....(try) to draw the diagrams in his practical notebook and .....(want) to revise the points explained in class. He .....(have) to submit his file and .....(give) a presentation on chapter "Light" the next day. He .....(surf) the internet since evening to get more information on the topic so that his presentation very informative.

(C.2) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs:-

a) You ..... (walk) down the road when I met you.

b) Mr. Mehra ..... (watch) television when somebody rang the bell.

c) I ..... (lose) my key last night.

d) The fisherman ..... (row) the boat cautiously as the river seems to be rising.

e) Mr. Modi ..... (visit) the school next week.

f) She ..... (receive) an awards for her bravery.

(C.3) Change the following sentences from direct speech to indirect speech.

a) Vani said , "I am a tall girl."

b) The boys shouted, "Bravo we won the match."

- c) The tourist said, “Jaipur a beautiful city.”
- d) Rajan said, “ where are you going ?”
- e) The teacher asked, “where are you going in your vacations?”
- f) He said to her, “you are an understanding person.”

(C.4) Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

- a) Everyone respects honest people
- b) The lady had submitted a report.
- c) Ritu cut the cake.
- d) Raman eats biscuits every evening.
- e) The artist sketched the portrait.
- f) A famous film star promotes the shampoo.

(C.5) Fill the blanks with most appropriate modals.

- a) Isha said to Atul,” ..... I borrow your skates for a day?(can/could)
- b) One day man ..... live on mars.(may/might)
- c) The Kitten ..... be sleeping in the basket.(can/may)
- d) We .....order food from an Indian restaurant.(could/may)
- e) We ..... join you for dinner.(will/can)
- f) I ..... go near the crocodile.(may not/daren't)

### SECTION-D LITERATURE

(D.1) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-

Life is a game with a glorious prize,  
 If we can only play it right.It is give and take,build and break,  
 And often it ends in a fight;

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
- c)In the poem , life is compared to a ..... It often ends in a .....

(D.2) Answer the following questions .

- a) What advice does the mother give to her child in the poem ‘Feelings’?
- b) Why did the Swedish government not permit Alfred Nobel to rebuild his factory ?
- c) What assurance does the poet give to those who ‘play it fair’?
- d) How did JRD develop an interest in flying ?
- e) How did the girl’s parents show their concern for her ?

(D.3) Answer the following question:-

- a) In What way are the fishermen ‘the kings of the sea’ ?