

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL
SESSION – 2018 – 19
ASSIGNMENT – 1

Class: VIII

Sub: English

READING

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

“Exercise improves your mood. It works as an antidepressant and thus lifts your mood instantly. Apart from this, it helps you to concentrate on things that you do on a daily basis. So working out on a daily basis can actually make you smarter and more confident about yourself.”

Did you know the more you move, the more energised you feel? Well, we all think that moving around too much or exercising a lot can make you feel tired and dizzy. But regular activity improves your muscle strength and boosts your endurance. It gives you the energy to think clearer and come up with new ideas. If you move around for good 15 minutes, it will make your body produce more energy at the cellular level.

An author said exercise improves your brain in the short term by raising your focus for two to three hours afterwards. For example, if you have a presentation to make at work or have to make a speech, try to work out an hour before. It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform.

Exercise is known to trigger endorphins, which improve the functioning of your brain. Thus, after you have exercised, your ability to sort out priorities improves, allowing you to block out distractions in life and also concentrate on the tasks better at hand.

Do you know what your brain retains more when your body is active? In an experiment published in a journal, students were asked to memorise a string of letters and were then allowed to run, lift weights or sit quietly. The students who worked out were more accurate with their answers than those who chose to sit quietly after memorising.

Have you ever heard of the saying, “If you want something done, give it to the busy person. When you are productive and efficient, you are bound to succeed. It is also said that workers who exercise once mid-day between working hours, tend to contribute more than what others do. They are also more productive at work.

A. Tick the most appropriate option:

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| 1. How does exercise improve your muscle strength? | |
| a) by raising our focus | b) by boosting endurance |
| c) by making us healthy | d) by regular activity |
| 2. How does our focus sharpen? | |
| a) through making a speech | b) through pumping of blood |
| c) through working out an hour before an important task | d) through brain ageing |
| 3. What do endorphins improve? | |
| a) functioning of brain | b) blocking distractions |
| c) increasing concentrations | d) all (i), (ii) and (iii) |
| 4. How is memory improved? | |
| a) by sitting quietly | b) by regular workout |
| c) by memorizing notes | d) by eating junk food |

B) Answer the following questions:

1. What does exercise known to trigger?
2. Exercise works as an _____ and thus help to lift your mood.

Q2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

For the past several years, an international event, called the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), is being organised in Philippines. The event is held on the third Saturday of September every year. Any interested person can take part in the cleanup, although mostly students are volunteers. People across hundreds of countries also take part in this event. Countries that participate include Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia, Ivory Coast etc.

Every year, millions of marine animals perish by getting caught in old unused fishing line or by swallowing pieces of trash. It has been found, that a large number of animals die when they swallow plastic and develop stomach problems. The ICC removes all such litter which endangers marine life.

The other purpose of the ICC is to educate people-to teach them how carelessly thrown trash can cause harm and result in the death of marine animals. Another purpose of the ICC is to put pressure on the government and international bodies to take steps and implement rules in order to protect marine life. This act of putting pressure can be in the form of a letter or a poster campaign to support laws to punish those who are responsible for pollution.

The ICC was started in 1986. Since 1997, in the Philippines, it has grown from a few hundred years to an outpouring of thousands in dozens of cities, towns and villages. The volunteers not only remove the trash, but also identify and record it. These are then studied to pinpoint the sources of marine pollution.

1. The ICC is organised in
 - a)Philippines
 - b)Singapore
 - c)Canada
 - d)Indonesia
2. The volunteers who take part in ICC are
 - a)only students
 - b) mostly students
 - c)only males
 - d) both a and b
- 3)The ICC was started in
 - a)1997
 - b)1986
 - c)1985
 - d)1990
4. The volunteers of the ICC
 - a)help remove trash
 - b)not only remove trash but also identify and record it
 - c)help in poster campaign
 - d) both a and c
5. Which event takes place on the third Saturday of September every year?
6. The _____ removes the litter which endangers marine life.

Q3. Read the following poem carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

The sun was descending like a
Cataract in the eye of the sky,
The rain was constantly splashing against the sky,
Washing it, so that it began to look drenched and forlorn,
And it was thundering in anger.
The sun, seizing the opportunity,
Pushed the clouds away and crept out
Like a school boy quickly entering
And cowering at the back of the class
To evade attention of the angry school master.
Slowly the pale sun began to turn yellow,
And with that its light scattered in all directions,
Seeing the light the school master asked,
“Where have you been all this while?
Was your slate not clean or did you not get enough to eat?
Is this the time for the sun to rise?”

By now the sun was shinning in all its splendour,
It answered proudly,
“What is the point of getting annoyed,
There is no set time for the sun to rise,
Whenever it rises, it is sunrise.”

A. Choose the most appropriate option:

1. Who questioned the sun?
a) sky
b) clouds
c) school boy
d) both (a) and (b)
2. What does the sun do after getting the opportunity?
a) quickly entered the class
b) pushed the clouds away and crept out
c) got annoyed
d) argued with sky

B. Answer the following questions:

1. Why was the sky angry?
2. The sun was descending like a _____.

Q4. Read the following poem and answer the following questions:

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way
They stretched in never ending line along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

Choose the most appropriate option:

1. Where was the poet wandering?
a) road
b) forest
c) valleys
d) marketplace
2. What did the poet see at once?
a) trees
b) stars
c) lake
d) golden daffodils
3. How does the dancing daffodils appear?
a) fluttering in the wing
b) tossing their heads
c) shining like stars
d) competing with waves
4. Where did the poet see the golden daffodils?
5. Continuous as the stars that _____.

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Assignment – II

Class: - VIII

Subject – English

Section (Writing)

1. Suppose you are Varun Ahuja, the staff correspondent of “The Hindustan Times”. You have been asked to cover an accident in which a young man was run over by a metro train at Rajiv Chowk Metro Station. Write your report in about 100-120 words, invent all the necessary details.

2. Recently you took part in “**SAVE TREES, SAVE THE EARTH**” Campaign organised by Springdale’s School Students. Write a report on the campaign for your School Magazine. In the report, you must write when the Campaign was carried out and why, different activities organised on the occasion, number of students who took part and the outcome of the Campaign.

3. You are Rajat/Rajana, a resident of 44, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, showing your dissatisfaction with the Corporation’s handling of the city’s problem in monsoon season.

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Assignment – III

Class: - VIII

Subject – English

SECTION (GRAMMAR)

1. **Complete these sentences with suitable conjunctions:-**
 - a. Keep the food covered..... the flies will contaminate it.
 - b. Make good use of your timeyou should repent later.
 - c. Sunil hasa sense of humourintelligence.
 - d. Anmol isreadykeen to learn driving.
 - e. The match has been cancelledof the weather.
2. **Rewrite these sentences using the conjunctions given in the brackets.**
 - a. You will succeed only if you work hard.(unless)
 - b. The heavy hailstorm resulted in the vineyards being destroyed .(So.....that)
 - c. I got the telegram. I left for Delhi.(as soon as)
 - d. She is fortunate. She has such a kind husband .(because)
 - e. There were no auto rickshaws. The drivers were on strike. (because)
3. **Choose the correct conjunctions from the options given below:-**
 - a. Is the story true.....false?
*And * but
*Otherwise * or
 - b. You can catch the train.....you start early.
* If * but
* Because * as
 - c.I went home, she was not there.
*If * although
*When * until
 - d. Everybody loves him..... he is generous.
*And * But
*If * Because
 - e. I am stronger..... You.
*And * than
*But * since
4. **Correct the following tenses and underline the corrections:-**
 - a. Neither the teacher nor the students likes this subject.
 - b. The father as well as the sons are hardworking.
 - c. The Titanic with its crew were drowned.
 - d. The house with its furniture has been insured.
 - e. A lot of time have been wasted.

ASIGNMENT- IV(MONTH-JULY)
SESSION -2018-19

CLASS :-VIII

SUBJECT:- ENGLISH

Q1-Answer the following questions:

Q1:What was it that caused Hawking anguish?

Q2:What is Hawking's message to the disabled?

Q3:Bring out the similarities and differences in the attitude of Stephen Hawking and Firdaus Kanga.

Q4:Name the two poetic devices used in the poem'Nine Gold Medals'along with the examples.

Q5:Do you think the title of the poem is appropriate?Why/Why not?

Q2-Read the extract and answer the following questions:

'The spectators gathered around the oil field

To cheer on all the young women & men

The final event of the day was approaching

Excitement grew high to begin'

Q:What was the first stanza describe?

Q:Why had spectators come to the oil field?

Q3:Rewrite each sentence by replacing the adjective by an adjective phrase of the same meaning.

a)He dwelt in a **wooden** hut.

b)The farmer was a **kind** man.

c)They went by **Indian** Railway

d)She wore a **golden** necklace.

e)**Grey** clouds spread over the sky.

Q4-Read the extract and answer the following questions:

"They stretched in a never ending line

Along the margin of the bay;

Ten thousand I saw at a glance

Tossing their heads in sprightly dance. "

a)What does 'they' refer to?

b)What does the poet compare them to?

c)Pick out an example of personification from these lines.

Q5:Why has the poet described solitude as being Blissful?

Q6:How does Nature bring comfort to a lonely soul in distress?

Q7:Write the character sketch of:

Mr.Bingley/Elizabeth

What impression do you form of Mrs.Bennet?

OR

Elizabeth was not impressed by Bingley sisters.Comment.