



PRACTICE PAPER

2013-2014

STD:- VIII

Sub: - English

Date:-

Time:- 3 Hours

Marks:- 80

General Instructions:-

1. The paper consists of four sections – A, B, C & D
 - Section A - 20 Marks
 - Section B - 20 Marks
 - Section C - 15 Marks
 - Section D - 25 Marks
 2. Attempt all questions.
 3. Do not write anything in the question paper.
 4. All the questions must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
 5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
 6. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
 7. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
 8. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.
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SECTION – A

READING

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. You are on a diet and have to stay off sugar. You don't want the usual sugar-free sweetener either. Take honey. Not only will it cut the calories and make your face just as sweet, it will also keep you going on the energy circuit. Nutritionists across the world have traditionally favoured honey as a source of energy vis-à-vis sugar for the innumerable benefits it offers. Honey has carbohydrate compounds that are singularly acceptable and practical and is considered most effective to generate heat, create and replace energy and furthermore, form certain tissues.
2. The chief rooting factor is that honey is a pure food, no chemicals are used in its production, and so it is entirely utilized by the digestive tract. Refined sugar (that we eat), on the other hand is what's left of raw sugar after it is washed, filtered and bleached. Compared to sugar, honey has a healthier Glycemic Index which measures the negative impact of a given food on the blood glucose level. The lower the Glycemic index rating, the slower the absorption and infusion of sugars into the blood stream and hence a more gradual and healthier digestion process.
3. Besides that, honey has several antioxidants and has been shown to improve cholesterol and other blood lipid levels. Honey, like spinach, apples or oranges contains antioxidants which combat the free radicals which can damage cells. It has a mild protective effect. Honey's therapeutic properties are also well known. When mixed in carrot juice it helps improve one's eyesight. It also protects against colds, cough, and helps cure a sore throat

and a runny nose if added in ginger juice. Research is on to establish the relation between antioxidants in honey and its intake and prevention of cancer. The more honey you have during a day, it adds to antioxidants in the body which combat cells causing cancer.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage. Complete the following statements: (8M)

- (a) Honey is considered as a great source of energy as it generates heat, (i) _____ and (ii) _____. (1)
- (b) Honey is entirely utilized by the digestive tract because _____. (2)
- (c) When honey is mixed in _____ it helps _____. (1)
- (d) If ginger juice is added to honey, it protects against (i) _____, (ii) _____ and helps cure a (iii) _____ as well as (iv) _____. (2)
- (e) Glycemic Index measures _____ (f) Regular consumption of honey adds _____. (1)

1.2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as in the following: (4x ½ =2M)

- (a) too many to be counted (para-1)
- (b) having a strong effect (para-2)
- (c) to fight (para-2)
- (d) having good effect on the body/ mind (para-2)

Q.2. Read the following poem carefully.

While stepping out of my room
 A dying earthworm I saw
 Pursuing a losing fight
 With hundreds of red ants.
 I squatted near it to try
 If I could ease its pain.
 Driving away the passionate workers
 I touched its delicate frame
 It coiled around my thumb
 Straightened the next moment
 And lay still not to wake up again.
 Tears welled in my eyes
 For failing to save a saviour
 Who worked honorary when alive
 Daring the stings of pesticides
 And adding wealth everyday
 To our swelling farm house.

2.1. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. (5x1=5M)

- (a) The speaker was sad to see an earthworm _____ when he stepped out of his room.
 (i) fighting (ii) awake (iii) dying (iv) dead

- (b) It was _____ with hundreds of red ants.
 (i) squashed (ii) strong (iii) delicate (iv) awake
- (c) The speaker was aggrieved to see the earthworm die because _____
 (i) he was twisting it around his fingers (ii) he failed to save it from danger
 (iii) he was seeing it move in the fields (iv) none of the above
- (d) 'And adding wealth everyday 'here means _____
 (i) making a lot of money (ii) being eaten by the ants
 (iii) keeping the field fertile (iv) dying with the pesticides
- (e) The word ' honorary ' means _____
 (i) honouring a person (ii) doing a service and not being paid
 (iii) awarding prizes (iv) speaking honestly

Q.3. Read the following passage carefully.

Halloween is one of the most famous holidays in the U.S., and it is on October 31st. People carve pumpkins and make funny faces on them. These are called "Jack-O-Lanterns." On October 31st, children wear a special costume such as a witch, ghost, or clown. They go to many houses and they knock at the door saying, 'Trick or Treat!' It means that if people don't give them a treat, they will play some kind of trick on the household. So, usually people give candy to them. I carved my first Halloween pumpkin at my Friendship Family's house. First, I cut open the top of the pumpkin and pulled the seeds out. It was not good for me because it was sticky and smelled bad. I had never carved a pumpkin, so it was very interesting for me. Next, I carved the eyes and the mouth. I wanted to make a face like a pirate. When I finished making the face, I put candle inside. It was very beautiful, so I was happy. I had a good experience because I learned one new idea about American culture by taking part in it. I think Halloween is an interesting American holiday which involves all family members and neighbourhood.

3.1. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following by choosing the most appropriate option. (5M)

- (a) When is Halloween celebrated?
 (i) At the beginning of October. (ii) About a month after Christmas.
 (iii) About two months before Christmas. (iv) In Christmas holidays.
- (b) Which is true about Halloween?
 (i) Children rarely say, 'Trick or Treat!' (ii) Children receive gifts from their parents.
 (iii) Stores sell many costumes, pumpkins and candles.
 (iv) A witch or a ghost may come to your door.
- (c) Which is NOT true about a Jack-O-Lantern?
 (i) It is made from a pumpkin. (ii) You should have a knife to make it.
 (iii) You should light a candle inside it to make it beautiful.
 (iv) You fill it with treats for the children.
- (d) What is the first step in making a Jack-O-Lantern?
 (i) Pull out the seeds. (ii) Put a candle inside.
 (iii) Cut open the top of the pumpkin. (iv) Make a face like a pirate.
- (e) The narrator is a _____.
 (a) An American (ii) not an American (iii) a boy (iv) a girl

SECTION - B**WRITING**

Q.4. Read the following details and then write a bio-sketch of the person mentioned below. (4M)

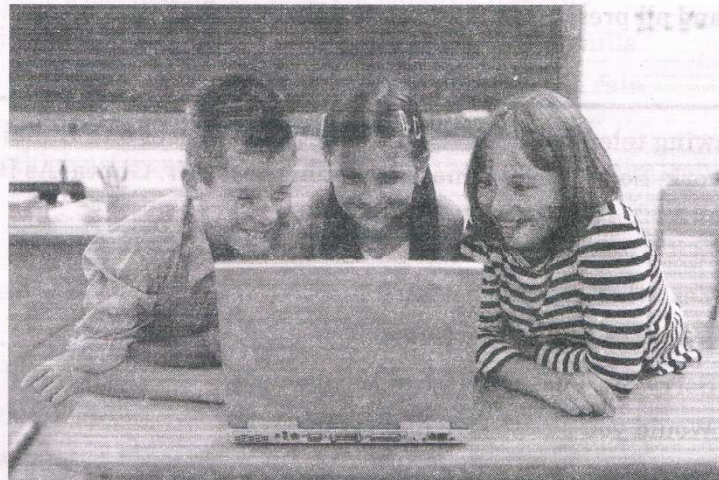
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Birth	: May 12, 1820.
Place of birth	: Florence, Italy.
Languages learnt	: Greek, Latin, French, German and Italian
Study of nursing	: in 1844
Public service	: During the Crimean War
Popularly known	: The Lady With The Lamp
Award	: the first woman to receive the Order of Merit from the King in 1907
Death	: August 13, 191

Q.5. You are Ema. Write an article on the need and importance of sports in about 80-150 words using the hints given below from the Reader unit 'Sports'. (8M)

Sports and games-physical fitness- character building- teaches value of discipline- provides energy for youth-develops spirit of sportsmanship- accept defeat and winning-different types of games- important for every country- playing or watching as spectators-sports reflect culture-tests athletic skills-something to focus-release from stress and care of daily life.

Q.6. You are Namit / Namita. You feel quite concerned to see the children of today spending a lot of their time surfing the internet, accessing prohibited sites and misusing the gift of science. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing your concern on the misuse of internet and drawing the attention of the parents to guide and monitor their children. Write the letter in about 100-150 words. (8M)



SECTION - C**GRAMMAR**

Q.7. Use the notes given below to complete the following summary. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (6x ½ =3M)

Orissa _____ land of Oriyas _____ known as Kalinga in ancient days _____ situated in the north-eastern part of the Indian Peninsula _____ had many rulers _____ British took over in 1803 _____ declared separate province in 1936 _____ princely states merged in 1949 _____ famous as land of Lord Jagannath.

Orissa, the land of Oriyas, (a) _____ as Kalinga in ancient days. It (b) _____ in the north-eastern part of the Indian Peninsula. It was ruled by various rulers before the British (c) _____ in 1803. Orissa (d) _____ a separate province on April 1, 1936. After Independence, the princely states of Orissa (e) _____ with the state of Orissa in January 1949. Although the state of Orissa had many ancient names like Utkal, Udra and Kalinga, it (f) _____ as the land of Lord Jagannath.

Q.8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you as an example. (6x ½ =3M)

Incorrect**Correction**

About two-thirds of Indians do not has
have
the means to by essential medicines.

e.g. has

(a) _____

_____ About 20 million Indians each year becomes

(b) _____

_____ poor because they loose money by

(c) _____

_____ falling ill. This have led to several

(d) _____

_____ states in India distributes medicines

(e) _____

_____ to treat two hundred people free off cost every day.

(f) _____

Q.9. Study the given instructions and complete the statements by choosing the correct option. (3M)

HOW TO COOK BEANS

- (a) First rinse and place the beans in a bowl or container.
- (b) Soak them overnight, at least 6-8 hours.
- (c) Sauté them in heated oil, onion, tomatoes and spices.
- (d) Cook them for an hour in a pressure cooker.

First the beans (a) _____ in a bowl or container. They (b) _____ overnight for at least 6-8 hours. Next they (c) _____ in heated oil, onion, tomatoes and spices and cooked for an hour in a pressure cooker.

- (a) (i) are rinsed and placed (ii) will be rinsed and placed
 (iii) rinse and place (iv) have been rinsed and placed
 (b) (i) are soaking (ii) are soaked (iii) are soak (iv) have been soaked
 (c) (i) are sauting (ii) have sauted (iii) have been sauted (iv) are sauted

Q.10. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph by choosing the correct option. (3M)

Father : David, it seems you are angry.

David : I missed you. You are never at home when I come home from school.

Father : I am glad you told me. I shall try to make you happy.

A father told his son that (a) _____ very angry. His son replied that he had missed him and added that (b) _____ when he came home from school. His father said that he was glad he had told him and added that (c) _____ to make him happy.

- (a) (i) it seems he were (ii) it seemed he was
 (iii) it seemed you are (iv) it seemed he is
 (b) (i) he was never home (ii) he is never home
 (iii) he is not home (iv) I am never home
 (c) (i) he will try (ii) he wants him to be home (iii) he would try (iv) he wanted him to try.

Q.11. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaning sentences. The first one has been done as an example. (3M)

E.g. friends / I / my / were / grandmother / and / good

Ans: My grandmother and I were good friends.

- (a) left me / in the city / my parents / with her / when they / went / to live
 (b) morning / wake / used to / up / the / in / she / me
 (c) she did that / the prayers / in order / me learn / to make

SECTION—D
LITERATURE

Q.12. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below. Write the correct option in your answer sheet. (4M)

**Some like the flame of her marriage fire,
 Or rich with the hue of her heart's desire.**

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
 (i) 'Bangle Sellers' by Sarojini Naidu (ii) 'Bangle Sellers' by Ruskin Bond
 (iii) 'Couplets' by Alexander Pope (iv) 'Couplets' by Sarojini Naidu
 (b) 'her' in the above lines refers to-
 (i) the young girl (ii) the bride (iii) the poet (iv) the old woman
 (c) Name the figure of speech used in the second line.
 (i) simile (ii) metaphor (iii) alliteration (iv) repetition
 (d) Which colour appropriately describes 'her heart's desire?'
 (i) orange (ii) pink (iii) blue (iv) red

Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheet. (4M)

“I agree with you now, of course, she is not a good cook but she works hard.”

(a) Name the speaker and the person addressed to.

- (i) Mr. Hill to Mrs. Hill (ii) Mr. Hill to Annie
(iii) Mr. Hill to Mr. Briggs (iv) Mr. Hill to Mr. Winter.

(b) Who isn't a good cook?

- (i) Mrs. Hill (ii) Annie (iii) Mr. Hill's daughter (iv) His mother

(c) What is the speaker's state of mind?

- (i) sad on losing his job (ii) in a dream-like state
(iii) repentant for being unthoughtful (iv) all the above

(d) Why has the speaker changed his mind?

- (i) His wife has taught him a lesson. (ii) Annie has started working harder.
(iii) He had a bad dream which made him realize his mistake.
(iv) His wife has started cooking for him.

Q.14. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

(4x2=8M)

(a) What advice was given by the narrator's friends to him in the story 'The Undeserved Reward?'

(b) The poetess has compared the bangles of the Indian bride to her laughter as well as her tears. Why?

(c) What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had lost his job?

(d) What is the key to a successful life according to Pope?

(e) How did the woman know the narrator? Why did she want to meet him? (The Luncheon)

Q.15. How is the whole story of 'The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller' based on only observation? Give your answer in about 50- 60 words. (3M)

Q.16. Imagine you are Mr. Hill. Your unpleasant conversation with your colleagues awakens your conscience and your attitude towards Annie changes. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after your meeting with the visitors. (Word limit-80-90 words) (6M)

OR

Suppose you are the narrator, (The Undeserved Reward). You are overcome with a feeling of guilt after Baldev and his son leave your house. Write a letter to Baldev expressing your guilt over accepting the honour that you did not deserve. (Word limit-80-90 words) (6M)