

Grade 8 English 1st term test paper

Vacancy Connect

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Class: VIII

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Max.

Section-A (Reading skills)

1. *Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:-*

(5)

Sri Ramakrishna never touched money. Swami Vivekananda once wanted to know what would happen if Sri Ramakrishna touched money. So one day when Sri Ramakrishna was asleep, he touched him with a coin. Suddenly Sri Ramakrishna's hand became bent and his body appeared to be in great pain.

Sri Ramakrishna was known for his great love of truth and his dislike for the pleasures of the world. He looked upon every woman as the Divine Mother.

Sri Ramakrishna was not satisfied with giving up the pleasures of the world. He thought that everyone ought to work to make others happy, and he spent most of his time serving the poor and helping those in difficulties. Till the very end of his life people flocked around him, seeking advice, wisdom, or peace of mind.

Every day he used to spend about 20 hours with visitors. This upset his health. Therefore, Swami Vivekananda and the other disciples felt that they ought not to allow so many visitors to see him. They said, "Master you must not tire yourself like this and neglect your body." But he would not agree. He replied, "I will give up twenty thousand such bodies to help one man. There is great joy in service."

He died in 1886, but his service did not end with his death. He continues to serve mankind through his followers and his message brings peace and wisdom to countless men all over the world.

- a) What was Sri Ramakrishna known for?
- b) How did he spend most of his time?
- c) What did Swami Vivekananda and the other disciples request Sri Ramakrishna one day?
- d) The word flocked means _____
 - i) Gathered
 - ii) Praised
 - iii) Closed
 - iv) Laughed
- e) Another word for countless is _____
 - i) Few
 - ii) Many
 - iii) Some
 - iv) More

2. *Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow:*

(5)

Modern etiquette is an art. It has to be cultivated by persistent practice. The first requirement of good etiquette is a good personality, which includes a good dress in tune with the times. After these basic requirements have been made, the person desiring to learn the art of etiquette must develop a good power of speech. He must have a smooth accent in the language in which he converses and tries to build up his mind. To possess necessary ideas regarding the political, economic and other issues of the day a general information about the society enables to have the basic material to draw upon while moving in the company of educated people. Modern etiquette includes having a clear idea of day-to-day happenings in the society or in the community in which one lives. These ideas enable a person to be interesting and

entertaining at various functions, dinners , evening parties or in the clubs. To be sociable is a great asset in society. A sociable man becomes popular, can cut good jokes, when there is an atmosphere for them, can raise interesting issues for discussion and win friends and admirers.

- a) What is etiquette? How it is cultivated?
- b) How can we make ourselves interesting and entertaining at functions or parties?
- c) How is a sociable man viewed in society?
- d) What are the two features of a sociable man as described in the above passage?
- e) Identify the word from the passage which means same as ' continuous'.
 - i) Etiquette
 - ii) Desiring
 - iii) Possess
 - iv) Persistent

3. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:-**

(5)

The eruptions of Volcanoes are most unpredictable. Sometimes a sleeping volcano starts emitting gases after a long gap. For example, El Chichons of Mexico erupted on three successive occasions after remain inactive for 600 long years. Similarly, the volcano of Barren Island in Andamans in India became active after 107 years in March 1991 and remained active till 1994. So, it is quite difficult to predict such eruptions.

The eruption of Volcanoes is caused due to the sudden release of forces, which have been accumulating gradually within a geological system as a result of slow drifting of plates on which the continent rests. The largest concentration of active volcanoes is in the northern hemisphere along the zones where continental plates either join (such as Japan, Andes, Alaska) or drift apart (e.g, Iceland, Red sea). Approximately two third of earth's volcanoes are located in the Northern Hemisphere. On an average 30 to 60 volcanic eruptions are taking place every year, out of which about half were earlier inactive.

- a) What is the peculiar feature of sleeping volcano?
- b) Why does a volcano erupt?
- c) The volcano of Barren Island lies in _____
 - i) Andamans in India
 - ii) Lakshadweep in India
 - iii) Java
 - iv) Japan
- d) Active volcanoes are found mostly in _____
 - i) The Northern Hemisphere
 - ii) The Southern Hemisphere
 - iii) The Polar regions
 - iv) The Deserts
- e) The word 'concentration' here means _____
 - i) A lot of something in one place
 - ii) The ability to be attentive
 - iii) The ability to form an idea
 - iv) Meditation

4. **Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:-** (5)

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, O Lord,
To keep me good and pure in sight,

Which seeing sin is not appalled,
 But finds a way to set it right.
 Give me a mind that is not bored,
 That does not whimper, whine, or sigh;
 Don't let me worry much
 About the fussy thing called?

Give me a sense of humour, Lord
 Give me the grace to see a joke,
 To get some happiness from life
 And pass it on to other folk.

- Explain the last two lines of the first stanza.
- Why does the poet want to have a healthy mind?
- What does the poet want to say in the third stanza?
- Why does the poet pray to God to give him a sense of humour?
- Pick any two adjectives used in the poem.

Section-B (Grammar + Creative Writing)

- Identify the correct options:-** (1)
 - You have made your choice. Now let _____ make mine.
 a) yours b) I c) me
 - Tara needs a new coat. Please buy _____ one as soon as you can.
 a) she b) it c) her
- Write the simple past and past participle forms of the verb:- (1)
 Know
- Write the correct answer from the options given in brackets:- (1)
 - No news _____ good news. (has/had/is/are)
 - The council _____ chosen its chairman. (is/are/has /have)
- a) Fill up using Simple past tense:-** (1)
 - The peon _____ the bell. (ring)
 - The birds _____ suddenly. (fly)
- b) Fill up using Past Continuous tense:-** (1)
 Someone _____ at the door at midnight. (knock)
- Fill up using simple past and past continuous tense:-** (1)
 Radha and her friends _____ on an excursion, when the accident _____ place. (go, take)
- Identify & write the independent and dependent clause in each sentence:-** (2)
 - Although it was raining, Maria went for a jog to the park.
 - I didn't study because I forgot that we had an exam today.
- a) Convert the compound sentence into complex sentence:-** (2)
 He aimed at winning the prize so he worked hard.
- Combine the simple sentence to form compound sentence:-**
 My pencil was broken. I borrowed one from Jatin.
- Write the incorrectly used pronoun and the correct pronoun:-**
 Did you give she your address? (1)

12. **Choose the correct options:-** (1)

- a) The jury _____ divided in their opinions. (was/were)
b) Yash, as well as, Rahul _____ praise. (deserve/deserves)

13. **Use relative pronoun to combine the sentence:-** (1)

This is a novel. I really enjoyed reading it.

14. **Identify the correct sentence:-** (1)

- a) i) I does not know a better person than Jamshed.
ii) I do not know a better person than Jamshed.
b) i) There are two answers to this question.
ii) There is two answers to this question.

15. **Use any one of the given starters to write your story in 100-120 words.**

(5)

- a) Aliens came to Earth to know about human beings. A boy saw them coming and was very afraid.

OR

Cries of 'Vande Mataram! Vande Mataram!' filled her mornings these days. (British India).

16. Write a letter to your parents telling them why they are so special in your life and why you love them so much. Back up your main ideas with specific details. (6)

Section-C (Literature)

Write the meanings of the following:-

17. a) Galore b) Ransacked. (1)
18. a) Turmoil b) Frown (1)
19. a) Former b) Whip (1)

Answer the following questions:-

(2×4=8)

20. How was the little girl's father different from Mr. Macdonald?
21. What was the attitude of the educated Indian's initially? How did it change?
22. Who in the house was in favour of Mini going to school and who was not?
23. What was Manu and Myna's main problem at the start of the story? (Something new)
24. a) What did the little girl think of her father as she sat with him in church on Sundays? (2)
b) Write the meanings of the following words:- (2)
i) Dominated ii) Resplendent
iii) Uproar iv) Disgraceful

25. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:-** (5)

The most important thing we've learned
So far as children are concerned,
Is never, NEVER, NEVER let
Them near your television set-
Or better still, just don't install
The idiotic thing at all.
In almost every house we've been,
We've watched them gaping at the screen.
They loll and slop and lounge about,
And stare until their eyes pop out.
(Last week in someone's place we saw
A dozen eyeballs on the floor.)

- a) Find word from the lines which means same as 'to put a machine ready for use'.
- b) Which thing in the lines is considered as 'idiotic thing'?
- c) According to the poet, how do children who watch television, behave?
- d) Write the meaning of the word 'loll'.
- e) What is 'the most important thing we've learned' regarding children?

26.a) Identify the error in the given sentence and correct it:- (1)

Children likes to go for a picnic.

- b) Write the antonym of the following words:- (1)
 - i) Calm
 - ii) Humbly
- c) Unscramble the given letters to form meaningful word. Use clue given in bracket. Identify the extra vowel that has been put to distract:- (1)

ATOMAMUCCNIO (To share thoughts ideas or feelings)

d) Identify whether skimming or scanning is used for the given situations:- (1)

- I) When looking at a newspaper to gather the main events of the day.
- II) When looking for books with the word Mughal in their title.

e) Write the words/phrases that means the same thing as the underlined words in the sentences:- (1)

- i) The football match was a draw since it was a game in which neither party won.
- ii) An autobiography is a book written by oneself.