

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BAHADURGARH**

**BLUE PRINT**

**SUBJECT- ENGLISH**

**CLASS- VIII**

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT**

**Section- A ( Reading) Total Marks- 20**

A.1 Unseen Passage/ Poetry= 12 Marks

A.2 Unseen Passage / Poetry =8 Marks

**Section- B ( Writing ) Total Marks- 20**

It will contain the writing pieces given in the syllabus prescribed for a particular S.A.

\*For instance- Notice, Message, Letter, Diary Entry, Bio-Sketch etc.

**Section-C (Grammar) Total Marks- 20**

Grammar Section will include the integrated grammar i.e. all the topics done in the class till the time of assessment.

\*For instance- Determiners, Pronouns, Prepositions, Tenses, Conjunctions, Verbs, Modals, Reported Speech, Voice etc.

**Section-D (Literature) Total Marks- 30**

D.1 This section will contain 6 Questions of 2 marks each i.e. (2\*6=12 marks)

D.2 This section will contain RTCs (3\*3=9 marks)

D.3 This section will contain Value- Based Questions to assess the values learnt by the students through the chapter.

D.3.1 (1\*4=4) and D.3.2 (1\*5=5)

**BLUE PRINT**  
**WEEKLY-TEST**

**Section- A (Reading) Total Marks-10**

It will contain two unseen passages/ poetry.

A.1 (1\*5=5 Marks)

A.2 (1\*5=5 Marks)

**Section- B ( Writing) Total Marks - 10**

It will contain two writing pieces given in the prescribed syllabus for a particular Weekly Test.

**Section- C (Grammar) Total Marks-12**

It will contain integrated grammar topics.

**Section-D (Literature) Total Marks- 18**

D.1 (2\*5=10 Marks)

D.2 (1\*2=2 Marks) It will be one RTC.

D.3 (2\*3=6 Marks) This will contain two Value-Based Questions.

**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BAHADURGARH**

**English- Semester Exam**

**Class VIII**

M.M. -  
90

Duration- 3 Hour

- i) Write neatly and clearly.*
- ii) Marks will be deducted for bad handwriting and spellings.*
- iii) Enjoy your paper*

### **Section-A (Reading)**

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

#### **THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA**

- I. The Great Wall is the world's longest human made structure, stretching over approximately 6,400 kilometres from Shanaiguan in the east to Lonpur in the west. The Great Wall of China has been very important in China throughout history. It was remodeled throughout many historical dynasties of China for several different reasons. It was constructed for protection from northern invaders. The Great Wall began as independent walls for different states when it was first built, and did not become the 'Great Wall' until the Qin dynasty. After the unification of China in 221BC, the first emperor of Qin dynasty linked the walls of the three states in the north and formed the first Great Wall. The Great Wall that can still be seen today was built during the Ming dynasty.
- II. The Great Wall of China is made of granite blocks, stone and sometimes brick. The width of the wall could fit five horse riders or ten foot soldiers walking shoulder to shoulder. One of the highest points of the Great Wall is 10.5 metres tall. Spaced at regular intervals are the watchtowers that appear every 90-180 metres. It is a tribute to the engineering skills of its builders that all the stone in this gigantic structure were perfect squares.

**I. Write option you consider the most appropriate:-  
(1\*5=5)**

- A. The Great Wall of China that can still be seen today was built by –
  - a. Ming dynasty
  - b. Qin dynasty
  - c. Chin dynasty
  - d. Tang dynasty
- B. The purpose of the Great Wall was –
  - a. to unite different parts of China
  - b. to create a physical border of China
  - c. to protect China from invaders
  - d. to display great engineering skills
- C. The Great Wall is made up of –

a. bricks and cement

b. granite blocks, stone and bricks

c. stones and mortar

d. marble and mortar

D. The Great Wall is called so probably because of -

a. its importance

b. the stones used in making it

c. its great size and engineering uniqueness

d. the different dynasties that made it

E. The most likely purpose of watchtowers was –

a. to view different parts of the wall

b. to view beautiful landscapes

c. to keep an eye on soldiers and their horses movement

d. to keep an eye on enemy

## II. Answer the following questions :-

(1\*3=3)

- Why was the Great wall important throughout the history?
- What is special about the width of the Great wall?
- For whom the wall is a tribute?

## III. Find words from the passage which means the same as given below:

(1\*2=2)

II. a. formation / shape

b. enormous

## A.2. Read the passage given below carefully:

I. India is a land of pilgrims and pilgrimages. These holy places, whether in the hills or in the plains, are

generally situated on river banks or by the sea. It is not only the religious people who visit these places.

Travellers and sight – seers from all over India and even from abroad also visit these places. Wherever

two or more rivers meet, pilgrims come to bathe and worship, because that place is supposed to be holy.

II. Haridwar is one such place. It is situated on the bank of river Ganga. Here the Ganga leaves the

mountains and enter the plains. Thousands of people visit this place every day. On special occasions

lakhs of devout pilgrims gather here to take the ritual bath in the holy Ganga. The Kumbh Mela is

such grandest occasion. It occurs after every twelve years.

III. But the saddest side of the picture is that the holy Ganga starts getting polluted from here. Several

Dharamshalas, Ashrams and hotels empty their waste into the Ganga. A very large number of ashrams and other buildings have come up on the very edge of the river. The people don't have much

sense of environmental cleanliness and purity. At many places, especially near the bathing ghats, the

water of Ganga is not clean but brownish or greenish and even gives out bad smell.

IV. In the past when the population of the country was not so large and the means of transport also not so

advanced, our religious leaders had to take recourse to various methods to attract pilgrims to these

places. Now the situation has completely changed. With the explosion in population and the rapid

means of transportation, our pilgrim centres have become crowded and even polluted. The problem

requires a new thinking and new attitude. The crowds of people are to be diverted to new pilgrim

centres which may be created in beautiful natural surroundings as was done by Shankaracharya or

other leaders of religious thought.

### **1.1 Answer the following questions:**

**(2\*4=8)**

- a. Where are the holy places in India generally situated?
- b. Why is Haridwar unique?
- c. Why are the pilgrim centres crowded and polluted?

d. Where and how does Ganga start getting polluted?

**1.2 Find words from the passage which are opposite the words as given below:**

**(1\*2=2)**

a. irreligious (para 2)

b. clean and pure (para 3)

### **Section-B (Writing)**

**B.1.** Kalpana has been given the task to write a biography of Friedrich Max Muller for school magazine. She finds the following notes suitable for this purpose. Using the given information write a short bio sketch of Friedrich Max Muller in about 80 words.

**(4)**

**FRIEDRICH MAX MULLER:-**

- Birth : December 6, 1823
- Writings :
  1. Scholarly and popular works on the subject of Indology, a discipline he introduced to British reading public, and sacred books of the East
  2. A massive 50 – volume set of English translations, prepared under his direction
- Why he is popular :
  1. German philologist and orientalist
  2. Founder of the Western academic field of Indian studies and discipline of comparative religion
  3. Victorian scholarship

**B.2.** Taking ideas from the following hints, prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school highlighting how each one of us can play a vital role in saving our family from epidemics, floods, famines, droughts and extreme weather by preserving life on earth.

**(5)**

**Avoid global warming and save the environment**

**Hints :-**

- save oil – save energy
  - harvest rain water
  - plant and nurture trees
  - use jute and cloth bags instead of plastic bags
  - segregate your household garbage into biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste
- Reduce - Reuse – Recycle

**B.3.** Suppose you are away on a school tour. Write an e-mail to your mother / father describing:  
(5)

- how your tour is going on
- what you have seen / experienced
- what the next day's programme is
- what shopping you have done
- whether you miss your mother / father

**B.4.** You are a resident of Maharana Pratap Enclave, Udaipur. The water pipe that supplies drinking water to your area is damaged and there has not been any water supply for four days now. Write a letter to the Executive Engineer of Rajasthan Jal Board, 7 Jaipur Highway, Udaipur spelling out the difficulties of the residents and asking for immediate repair of the pipe besides the supply of drinking water through tankers. Sign yourself as Udai Pratap Sisodia, President of the Resident Welfare Association. (6)

**Hints :-**

- make an angry complaint
- spell out how the residents are suffering
- ask why tankers can't supply drinking water
- make an urgent appeal for immediate repair
- ask for drinking water supply through tankers
- say how the children are worst hit
- conclude with a hope for a prompt response

### **Section-C (Grammar)**

**C.1. Fill in the blanks with the proper degree of adjective given in the options:-**  
(0.5\*4=2)

- a. Karnal is \_\_\_\_\_ from here than Delhi.(far)
- b. Sheela is \_\_\_\_\_ than her sister. (tall)
- c. The bee is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ insects . (harmful)
- d. His hand writing is \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. (bad)

**C.2. Fill in the blanks by converting the words in brackets into adverbs :-**  
(0.5\*4=2)

- a. The restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ closed for renovation. (temporary)

- b. He eats \_\_\_\_\_ (noisy)
- c. He spoke to me very \_\_\_\_\_ (angry)
- d. I \_\_\_\_\_ believe this is the right decision. (sincere)

**C.3. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:-  
(1\*4=4)**

- a. Arpit said to his father, " Neena has broken the slate."
- b. I said to him, " Prinjal was watering the plants."
- c. She says, "I am going for a walk."
- d. The teacher said, "The earth revolves around the sun."

**C.4. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction:-  
(0.5\*4=2)**

	correction	Incorrect word
Once the stranger had a attack of influenza. _____		a) _____
During his illness he has nothing to do. So he _____		b) _____
kept look at the face of some real _____		c) _____
man and the man must be live somewhere. _____		d) _____

**C.5. The sentences given below contain an idiom / phrase. Identify the phrase/idiom and write the answer on your answer sheet.  
(1\*2=2)**



- a. Deepak left the house with bag and baggage.
- b. He has experienced many ups and downs.

**C.6. Do as directed:-**

**(0.5\*8=4)**

- a. He sings very loudly. (Change into present perfect continuous tense)
- b. I am paying attention to my studies. (Change into past perfect continuous tense)
- c. The schools are opening next Monday. (Change in interrogative)
- d. They play in the pool. (Change into present continuous tense)
- e. Have they always helped you? (Change in affirmative)
- f. He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) playing Ludo. (Fill in the correct form of 'be')
- g. Sameer has been living in Dubai \_\_\_\_\_ 2001. (Fill in the blank with 'since / for')
- h. You have been learning German for five months. (Change in interrogative)

**C.7. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences:-**

**(1\*4=4)**

- a. at me / laughing / found / the boys / I
- b. felt / he / his good friends / deceiving / that / him / were
- c. expects / to help / his friends / he / him
- d. none / him / helps / but

### **Section-D (Literature)**

**D1. Answer the following questions in about 40 words:-**

**(Any Six)**

**(2\*7=14)**

- a. What does Suncon tell the captain about the human race? What is the captain's reaction?
- b. Moti and Lambi rejected Rajkumar for different reasons. What were they?
- c. What does Anancy say to himself when he hears of Bro Tiger's death? Does he believe what Mrs Tiger is saying?
- d. Which painting was the reason of being Eshley so famous?
- e. "She has gone mad." Who said this and about whom? What did Charlie do for her after that?
- f. How did Ram Singh react when the major told him about giving a desk job?
- g. What was the reason that the king used to become angry? What solution was given for the problem by the wise men?

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

**I. 'I called you here to let you know that Colonel Dr. Awasthi has agreed to give you a desk job, dealing with medical supplies.'**

**(1\*3=3)**

- a. Who does 'I' and 'you' refer to?
- b. Which job is given to 'you' and why?
- c. Why is 'you' not able to do his job?

**II. 'They must have been a very aggressive people.'**

**(1\*3=3)**

- a. Who are 'they'?
- b. What kind of people are they?
- c. Why does the poet call them 'aggressive'?

### **Value Based Question**

**D3. Narrator's wife was an emotional and affectionate woman. How can you say this?**

**(5)**

**D4. Express your views about education in the form of a paragraph. What according to you is the best way**

to learn?

**(5)**

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## Answer Key

Class VIII English

### Section-A (Reading)

#### A.1. I. (1\*5=5)

- a. – a. Ming dynasty.                      B.- c. to protect China from invaders                      c. – b. granite blocks, stone and bricks
- d. - c. its great size and engineering uniqueness                      e. - d. to keep an eye on enemy movement

#### II. (1\*3=3)

- a. The Great Wall is the world's longest human made structure, stretching over approximately 6,400 kilometres from Shanaiguan in the east to Lonpur in the west.
- b. The width of the wall could fit five horse riders or ten foot soldiers walking shoulder to shoulder.
- c. It is a tribute to the engineering skills of its builders that all the stone in this gigantic structure were perfect squares.

#### III. Find words from the passage which means the same as given below:

(1\*2=2)

- III.      a. formation / shape - structure                      b. enormous - gigantic

#### A.2. I. (2\*4=8)

- a. holy places, whether in the hills or in the plains, are generally situated on river banks or by the sea.
- b. Here the Ganga leaves the mountains and enter the plains. Thousands of people visit this place every day. On special occasions lakhs of devout pilgrims gather here to take the ritual bath in the holy Ganga. The Kumbh Mela is such grandest occasion. It occurs after every twelve years.
- c. With the explosion in population and the rapid means of transportation, our pilgrim centres have become crowded and even polluted.
- d. the saddest side of the picture is that the holy Ganga starts getting polluted from here. Several Dharamshalas, Ashrams and hotels empty their waste into the Ganga.

#### II. (1\*2=2)

- a. Religious                      b. polluted

### **Section-B (Writing)**

**B.1.** Format , content, use of language, grammar and spellings (4)

**B.2.** Format , content, use of language, grammar and spellings (5)

**B.3.** E-mail – Format

From - -----

To - -----

Sub - -----

Salutation

Body

Yours

Name

**B.4.** Format , content, use of language, grammar and spellings (6)

Sender's address

Date

Receiver's address

Salutation

Body of letter

Yours faithfully / sincerely

Name of the writer

### **Section-C (Grammar)**

**C.1.** a. – farther ,                      b. – taller ,                      c. – most harmful,                      d. – worse  
(2)

**C.2.** a. – temporarily,                      b. – noisily,                      c. – angrily,                      d. – sincerely    (2)

**C.3.** a. – Arpit told his father that Neena had broken the slate.

b. - I told him that Prinjal had been watering the plants.

c. – She says that she is going for a walk.

d. – The teacher told that the earth revolves around the sun.

**C.4.** a.) a – an,                      b.) has – had                      c) look – looking                      d) live – living    (2)

**C.5. The sentences given below contain an idiom / phrase. Identify the phrase/idiom and write the**

**answer on your answer sheet.**

**(1\*2=2)**

c. - bag and baggage – with all belongings

d. - ups and downs – success and failure

**C.6. Do as directed:-**

**(0.5\*8=4)**

i. He has been singing very loudly.

j. I had been paying attention to my studies.)

k. Are the schools opening next Monday?

l. They are playing in the pool.

m. They have always helped you?

n. He is (be) playing Ludo.

o. Sameer has been living in Dubai since 2001.

p. Have you been learning German for five months?

**C.7. a. – I found the boys laughing at me.**

**(4)**

b. – He felt that his good friends were deceiving him.

c. – He expects his friends to help him.    d. – But none helps him.

### **Section-D (Literature)**

**D1.      (2\*7=14)**

a. That human were destroyed by the aliens, the captain was shocked and amazed.

b. For he was poor, did not have tv at his house etc.

c. How can he die without any illness, he was well fed and strong person how he can die.  
No ,

d. It was that of an ox having lunch in the morning room.

e. Children in the street said this about Hannah Chaplin. Charlie left her in a mental asylum after that.

- f. He wanted to go back to his village and to fight against the illiteracy, ignorance and some other social issues which he think were the worst enemies of humanity.
- g. His feet got dirty whenever he landed on earth , they gave various solutions – to broom whole kingdom , to lock the king in a closed chamber etc.

**D.2 I.- (3)**

- a. 'I' is major and 'you' is Ram Singh.
- b. 'you' is given a desk job because he lost his one leg in a war.
- c. because he wants to go back to his village and do something for the betterment of his village.

**II.- (3)**

- a. They are human beings.
- b. Aggressive
- c. They examined a rock from earth it told them about human beings

**d. Value Based Question**

**D3.** Students understanding of the text, assessment of the values learnt from the story, their own views regarding the topic.

(5)

**D4.** Point of view based answer

(5)

**SAMPLE PAPER**  
**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BAHADURGARH**

**English-Weekly Test**

**Class VIII**

M.M. - 50

Duration-1.30 Hour

**General Instructions:-**  
pages - 3

Total

- i) Write neatly and clearly.*
- ii) Marks will be deducted for bad handwriting and wrong spellings.*
- iii) Enjoy your paper*

**Section-A (Reading)**

**A1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-**

**VOLCANOES**

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust through which molten rocks and gases erupt. A volcano erupts when hot, molten rock called magma rises from deep inside the Earth and collects in a chamber in the Earth's crust. Pressure in this chamber builds until the magma bursts through the rock above it. Volcanoes spew three types of material : gas, rock fragments and lava. Lava is magma that reaches the Earth's surface.

Volcanoes are not just mountains that explode. A linear volcano is not even a mountain. It is a long crack in Earth's crust through which lava steadily flows, without violent eruptions. These are found along the chains of underwater mountains on the ocean floors.



A volcano's shape depends on what type of material erupts from the volcano and how that material erupts. When a composite volcano erupts, sometimes only lava oozes out slowly. Other times, the volcano erupts violently spewing lava, gases and rock fragments. The lava and rocks from the different eruptions build up in layers around the volcano to form a mountain. Mount Vesuvius in Italy is one of the most studied volcanoes. Its eruption in A.D. 79 was the first volcanic eruption. This eruption buried the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in ash.

Volcanoes exist on several other planets in the solar system, including Mars and Venus.

**A1.1 Answer the following questions:-**

**(1\*3=3)**

- a. What is a volcano?
- b. Where are Linear volcanoes found?
- c. When does a volcano erupt?

**A1.2 Do as directed :-**

**(0.5\*4=2)**

- a. Write the superlative degree of '**hot**'.
- b. Form noun adding a 'suffix' to the given word : - '**Exist**'.
- c. Rewrite the sentence by changing the bold Plural noun to the singular. Make any other changes in the sentence, if required:  
**Volcanoes** are not just mountains that explode.
- d. Give a word which means the same – **slowly trickle or seep out of something.** (para 3)

**A2. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:-**

**ROBIN HOOD**

When Robin Hood was about twenty years old,

He happened to meet Little John;

A jolly, brisk blade, right for the trade,

For he was a lusty young man .....

Though he was called Little, his limbs they were large,

And his stature was seven foot high;

Whenever he came, they quaked at this name,

For soon he would make them fly .....

How they became acquainted I'll tell you in brief,

If you will listen but a while.

**Glossary :- i. – jolly – greatly pleasing,    ii. brisk – quick / fast,    iii. blade – a tool or weapon,  
iv. trade - dealing**

**A2.1 Read the questions given below and choose the most appropriate answer:**

**(1\*5=5)**

1. At that time Robin Hood was –  
a. approximately 20 years old                      b. 18 years old                      c. 21 years old                      d. 22 years old
2. 'Little' was not a true description of Little John because –  
a. he was a dwarf    b. he was as tall as a pole  
c. he was seven foot tall and had large limbs                      d. he had large hands
3. 'Right for the trade' means right for –  
a. selling fruits                      b. driving a coach                      c. fighting and dueling                      d. cutting wood
4. 'A jolly, brisk blade' means that he was –  
a. a useful young man    b. very sharp as a knife    c. very good at using a sword    d. a pretty blade of grass
5. in the line 'he was a lusty man', 'he' refers to –  
a. Robin Hood                      b. Little John                      c. the poet                      d. none of these

### **Section-B (Writing)**

**B.1.** You are Sana, the Head Girl of your school. You have been asked by your Principal to put up a notice for the students of Classes VI – VIII about a Talent Competition to be held on 15 July, 2016. Invite the students to take part in the competition. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school notice board, with all necessary details. Put the notice in a box.

**(5)**

**B.2.** Recently you visited National Science Centre. Write a letter to your grandfather who lives in another city telling him about your experience.

**(5)**

**In your letter you must write –**

- when did you go
- briefly describe what was your experience
- give details of how many students were there
- say how you felt on reaching there and what your parents' reaction was

### **Section-C (Grammar)**

**C1. Do as directed:-**

**(0.5\*8=4)**

- q. He has been singing very loudly. (Change into present continuous tense)
- r. I pay attention to my studies. (Change into present perfect continuous tense)
- s. The schools are closing next Monday. (Change in interrogative)
- t. They catch fish in the pond. (Change into present continuous tense)
- u. Have they always helped you? (Change in affirmative)
- v. We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) playing hide and seek. (Fill in the correct form of 'be')
- w. Sanjeev has been living in Bangalore \_\_\_\_\_ 1997. (Fill in the blank with 'since / for')
- x. You have been learning German for two months. (Change in interrogative)

**C2. The sentences given below contain an idiom / phrase. Identify the phrase/idiom and write the**

**answer on your answer sheet..**

**(1\*2=2)**

e. When I reached home, it started raining cats and dogs.

f. We had to leave for Mumbai at the eleventh hour due to an emergency.

**C3. Form the antonyms of the following words by adding 'un, dis, in, im, ir or il':-**

**(0.5\*4=2)**

a. correct

b. possible

c. important

d. legal

**C4. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences:**

**(1\*4=4)**

a. largest bird / is the / the ostrich / in the world

b. for it / it is / that it is / to fly / so big / impossible

c. can run / race horses / ostriches / as fast as

d. in dry parts / Africa / ostriches live / of

### **Section-D (Literature)**

**D.1. Answer the following questions:- (Any four)**

**(2\*4=8)**

a. What was the reason that narrator's elder brother was not spending his time in playing or any other activity?

b. The narrator felt bad for his brother when he failed. Why?

c. Why was it necessary for the family to send Baba to the zoo?

d. What was Bruno's reaction when it was sent to the zoo? Why?

e. When the people touched the plate of Gold it changed into lead. Why?

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

**(1\*2=2)**

**'One day an accident happened. I put down poison to kill the rats and mice that had got into my library.'**

a. Which accident has the narrator mentioned here?

b. Why was the narrator worried after the accident?

### Value Based Question

**D3.** Narrator's wife was an emotional and affectionate woman. How can you say this?

**(4)**

**D4.** Express your views about education in the form of a paragraph. What according to you is the best way

to learn?

**(4)**

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### Answer Key

## DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BAHADURGARH

### English-Weekly Test

### Class VIII

#### Section-A (Reading)

**A1. A1.1 Answer the following questions:-**

**(1\*3=3)**

- A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust through which molten rocks and gases erupt.
- These are found along the chains of underwater mountains on the ocean floors.
- A volcano erupts when hot, molten rock called magma rises from deep inside the Earth and collects in a chamber in the Earth's crust.

**A1.2 Do as directed :-**

**(0.5\*4=2)**

- 'hottest'.**
- 'Existence'.**
- Rewrite the sentence by changing the bold Plural noun to the singular. Make any other changes in the sentence, if required:  
**Volcano is** not just mountain that explodes.
- slowly trickle or seep out of something. – ooze out** (para 3)

**A2.1 Read the questions given below and tick the most appropriate answer: (1\*5=5)**

- a - approximately 20 years old
- c - he was seven foot tall and had large limbs

3. c - fighting and dueling
4. c - very good at using a sword
5. b - Little John

### **Section-B (Writing)**

- B1.** Format – 1, Grammar – 2, Expression (relevant details) – 2 5
- B2.** Format – 1, Grammar – 2, Expression (relevant details) – 2 5

### **Section-C (Grammar)**

- C1. Do as directed:-** **(0.5\*8=4)**

- y. He is singing very loudly.
- z. I have been paying attention to my studies.
- aa. Are the schools closing next Monday?
- bb. They are catching fish in the pond.
- cc. They have always helped you.
- dd. We are playing hide and seek.
- ee. Sanjeev has been living in Paris since 1994.
- ff. Have you been learning French for two months?

- C2. The sentences given below contains an idiom / phrase.** **(1\*2=2)**

- g. When I reached home, it started **raining cats and dogs**.  
it is raining hard
- h. We had to leave for Mumbai **at the eleventh hour** due to an emergency.  
at the last moment

- C3. Form the antonyms of the following words by adding 'un, dis, in, im, ir or il':-(0.5\*4=2)**

- a. incorrect                      b. impossible                      c. unimportant      d. illegal

- C4. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences:** **(0.5\*4=2)**

- e. The ostrich is the largest bird in the world.
- f. It is so big that it is impossible for it to fly.
- g. Ostriches can run as fast as race horses.
- h. Ostriches live in dry parts of Africa.

### **Section-D (Literature)**

**D.1. Answer the following questions:-**

**(2\*4=8)**

- a. he considers studies very imp. and doesn't want to spend time doing anything else.
- b. The narrator felt bad for his brother when he failed because he used to study a lot and always glued to his books.
- c. Baba has grown into a big bear now and can harm anyone.
- d. It stopped eating and always remain sad.
- e. When the people touched the plate of Gold it changed into lead because their love to God was not true.

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

**(1\*2=2)**

- c. He placed poison to kill rats but Bruno ate it.
- d. Because Bruno was becoming weak and not showing any improvement.

### **Value Based Question**

**D3.** Students understanding of the text, assessment of the values learnt from the story, their own views regarding the topic. (4)

**D4.** Point of view based answer (4)

## **DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, BAHADURGARH SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT- II Sample Paper 1 ENGLISH -Class VIII**

DATE: CLASS:VIII Time:3 Hour No. of Pages:4 M.M:90

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### **General Instructions**

- Students are required to write their name, section and roll no. on the question paper. Nothing else should be written on the question paper.

- All questions are compulsory.
- Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- All answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper in the answer sheet provided to you.
- Marks of all questions are mentioned alongside.
- Number of supplementary sheets taken should be mentioned in the main sheet.

## SECTION A READING

[15 Marks]

**A1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.**

[10 marks]

### HOW MANY MORE?

1. All is quiet in this vast Himalayan jungle except for the occasional call of the hornbill. As the group of forest officials treads gingerly ahead in search of poachers, a stench begins to rise from the bowels of the jungle. The winding track dips into a leafy creek. No humans here, just the putrefying half-eaten body of a bull at Paterpani in the Core Zone of the Corbett National Park on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Fresh pug marks suggest that tigers have been approaching the dead bull, Bhanda, regularly. Above them circles a flock of hungry vultures ready to feast on the remains after the tigers depart. A series of daring strikes in the past three months resulted in five elephants following prey to a powerful poaching mafia which has spread its tentacles in the supposedly well-guarded wildlife sanctuary. Trailing the poachers is a tough task as Brijendra Singh, the park's honorary wildlife warden who has spent the past twenty years preserving it, will testify. Singh is the driving force behind the 150-odd forest guards who undertake daily missions into the heart of the jungles. He wants the poachers-probably numbering only five but 'highly skilled at jungle craft-stopped at any cost.' In a desperate bid to isolate the poachers, officials closed the parks for a day and even used helicopters to search for poachers, but to no avail. Now the CBI too has joined the hunt.

2. The urgency to pin down the hunters is mounting as the poaching mafia is increasing striking at will all across the country. Between July 1998 and October 1999, about a dozen tuskers were poached in the forest of Coochbehar in West Bengal. The modus operandi was the same as that Corbett. The poachers are interested in the ivory which fetches more than Rs 50,000/- per kg in the international market, the ban on ivory trade having been lifted. A tusker on an average yields 15 to 20 kg of ivory. In 2000 alone, an estimated 100 elephants fell to the avaricious poachers in the various sanctuaries signaling an escalation of a trend that had been subdued for much of the 1990s. For the past three years, elephant mortality is touching the soaring levels the notorious Veerappan had taken it to in the southern ranges in the 1980s.

3. With Veerappan on the run, his role has been usurped by dozens of group who usually operate independently and chalk out their own turf. But the Corbett killings have shown that there may be larger group operating on a much wider scale. Singh has dubbed it the 'Chisel Gang' for their unique method of hunting. It is simple, but deadly. The poachers lie in wait for the pachyderms armed with muzzle loaders. When they spot a tusker, a 6cm long chisel-like iron dart soaked in lethal pesticides is fired from those proximity into the animal's under belly.

**Q1. Fill in the blanks with suitable words or phrases:-**

[1x7=7Marks]

- The vultures circling the remains of the dead bull Bhanda are .....
- 'Highly skilled at jungle craft' means .....
- The poachers hunt the elephants for ..... per kg in the international market.
- ..... seems to have taken to elephant poaching in the 1980s.



- (e) With Veerappan on the run, ..... operate independently and chalk out their own turf.
- (f) The Chisel Gang fires a 6cm long, chisel-like iron dart soaked in lethal pesticides.....
- (g) Brijendra Singh calls the gang ..... for their unique method of hunting.

**Q2. From the passage find a word which means the following:** [1x3=3Marks]

- (a) Greedy (para 2)
- (b) Deadly (para 3)
- (c) Poaching (para 3)

**A2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it.**

**[5 marks]**

This is the story of Phineas Snodgrass, inventor. He built a time machine. He built a time machine and in it he went back some two thousand years to about the time of the birth of Christ. He made himself known to Emperor Augustus, his lady Livia and other powerful and rich Romans of the day and, quickly making friends, secured their cooperation in bringing about a rapid transformation of yearlong living habits. He stole the idea from a science fiction novel by L.Sprague De Camp called "Lest Darkness Falls".

His time machine wasn't very big, but his heart was. So Snodgrass selected his cargo with the plan of providing the maximum immediate help for the world's people. The principal features of ancient Rome were dirt and disease, pain and death. Snodgrass decided to make the Roman world healthy and to keep its people alive through twentieth century medicine. Everything else could take care of itself, once the human race was free of its terrible plagues and early deaths. Snodgrass introduced penicillin and Aureomycin and painless dentistry. He ground lenses for spectacles and explained the surgical techniques for removing cataracts. He taught anesthesia and the germ theory of disease. And showed how to purify drinking water. He demanded, and got, covers for the open Roman sewers, and he pioneered the practice of the balanced diet.

**Q1. Read the questions given below and choose the option which you think is the most appropriate:** [1X5 =5 Marks]

- i) Phineas Snodgrass built a
  - a) Spaceship    b) Aircraft    c) Time machine    d) Time selector
- ii) He quickly made friends in order to
  - a) secure himself    b) secure cooperation    c) write a novel    d) meet Emperor Augustus
- iii) Snodgrass decided to make Romans
  - a) Educated    b) Learn warfare    c) Healthy and alive    d) Dirty and diseased
- iv) Plague means
  - a) an infectious and fatal disease leading death    b) Death    c) Unhygienic    d) Painful death
- v) Snodgrass was a
  - a) Painter    b) Scientist    c) Bone collector    d) Builder

## **SECTION B**

**(WRITING)**

**[15 Marks]**

**B1. Your school has planned an inter class poem recitation competition. Write a NOTICE for the school notice-board informing students of the competition giving details like date,**

time, venue, topic of the debate, time provided for each participant, contact person etc in 50 words. Write the notice in a box. [4]

B2. Write a DEBATE for your younger brother's audition for INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION on the topic "Is homework necessary?" in not more than 120 words. [6]

B3. Write an article in not more than 100 words for your school magazine on "BENEFITS OF TREE PLANTATION". [5]

### SECTION - C

(GRAMMAR)

[20 Marks]

C1. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences and write the same in the answer sheet. [1x4= 4 M]

- 1) baby / gave / apple / her / the / mother / a / red
- 2) that / lived in / hills / I dreamt / I / Aravalli
- 3) Mohit / and / skating / Saturday / went / on / Preeti
- 4) way / good / eating / cream / ice / to / off / is / a / cool

C2. Change into Indirect Speech.

[1x5= 5M]

1. He says, "Switzerland is the heaven on earth."
2. The Shopkeeper says, "Prices are shooting up alarmingly."
3. She said, "Nobody can solve the problem."
4. Antony said, "Martin has gone home."
5. She said, "I shall be taking a test."

C3. Fill in the blanks with correct adverbs:

[1x5= 5 M]

1. They are ..... busy.
2. The train has ..... left.
3. A miser ..... likes visitors.
4. I ..... drink wine.
5. She ..... goes to the cinema.

C4. Following passage has few words missing. Complete the passage with appropriate words.

[1x6= 6M]

Can we develop bonds ties that cut across age and class? Is it possible develop affection and respect for a person senior age and status without awe and fear? This story of postmaster and the little orphaned girl works for him seems to have the answer. Let's read story further.

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....
- e) .....
- f) .....

### SECTION:- D

(Literature)

[40 Marks]

D1. Read the following extract:-

He made for the palace by doorway and gate  
 But the men in the street were completely confounded  
 To see a naked man shout,  
 'Eureka! I've found it!'

**Answer the following questions with reference to above extract.**

**[5 M]**

1. From which poem this extract has been taken? [1]
2. Why were the men in street confounded? [1]
3. Who said 'Eureka! I've found it!'? [1]
4. Why did he say so? [2]

**D2. Read the following extract:-**

We fed with the ghee of our thoughts  
 This beautiful lamp  
 In our soul's sanctuary  
 Can we see it extinguished now?

**Answer the following questions with reference to above extract.**

**[5 M]**

1. This extract has been extracted from which poem? Name it. [1]
2. Name of the poet of the given extract. [1]
3. What is the poet demanding in the poem? [1]
4. What does 'extinguished' mean? Explain. [2]

**D3. Short Answer Type Questions (40- 50 words). Attempt any Five. [3X5=15 Marks]**

1. What was Ashoka's first resolution after the victory at Kalinga?
2. What was the golden opportunity that Kong Celia got and how?
3. When did Archimedes understood the principle related to objects immersed in liquids?
4. What disaster struck that night when the narrator went back home?
5. "I was lost but literacy found me". Who said this and why?
6. What was Ashoks's second resolution?

**D4. Answer the following in about 80-100 Words.**

**[3x5=15 M]**

1. Do you think Kong Celia is a transformed person now that literacy has found her? How?
2. We always take things for granted. For you what is the idea of freedom? Think about the freedom you enjoy and the need of freedom before independence.
3. If your paper and books will turn into ashes what would you do? Elaborate.

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**(SET-1) (ANSWER KEY)**

**SECTION A**

**READING**

**[15 Marks]**

**A1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.**

**[10 marks]**

**Q1. Fill in the blanks with suitable words or phrases:- [1x7=7Marks]**

- a) are going to feast on his dead remains.
- b) means highly skilled in hunting.
- c) ivory which costs Rs.50,000
- d) Veerappan
- e) his role has been usurped by dozens of group who usually
- f) is fired from those proximity into the animal's under belly.
- g) Chisel Gang

**Q2. From the passage find a word which means the following:**

**[1x3=3Marks]**

- 1. Avaricious
- 2. Lethal
- 3. Hunting

**A.2. Q1. Read the questions given below and choose the option which you think is the most appropriate:**

**[1X5 =5 Marks]**

- 1. c) Time Machine
- 2. b) secure cooperation
- 3. c) Healthy and alive
- 4. a) an infectious and fatal disease leading death
- 5. b) Scientist

## **SECTION B**

### **WRITING (15marks)**

**B1. Objective: Notice**

**(4M)**

**Marking : 4**

**Content- 2**

**Format -1**

**Fluency & Spellings-1**

**B.2. Objective: Debate Writing**

**(6M)**

**Marking : 5**

**Content- 3**

**Format -1**

**Fluency & Spellings - 2**

**B.3. Objective: Article Writing (5M)**

**Marking : 4**

**Content- 2**

**Format -1**

**Fluency & Spellings-2**

## **SECTION - C**

**(GRAMMAR) [20 Marks]**

**C1. Rearrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences and write the same in the answer sheet.**

**[1x4= 4 M]**

- 1. The mother gave her baby a red apple.
- 2. I dreamt that I I lived in Aravalli hills.
- 3. Mohit and Preeti went skating on Saturday.
- 4. Eating ice cream is a good way to cool off.

**C2. Change into Indirect Speech.**

**[1x5= 5M]**

- 1. He said that Switzerland is the heaven on earth.
- 2. The shopkeeper says that prices are shooting up alarmingly.

3. She said that nobody could solve the problem.
4. Antony said that Martin had gone home.
5. She said that she would be taking a test.

**C3. Fill in the blanks with correct adverbs: [1x5= 5M]**

1. always
2. just
3. never
4. never
5. seldom

**C4. Following passage has few words missing. Complete the passage with appropriate words. [1x6= 6M]**

- a) bond andties
- b) possibletodevelop
- c) personin senior
- d) story of the postmaster
- e) girlwhoworks for
- f) readthestory

**SECTION:- D**

**(Literature) [40 Marks]**

**D.1. Answer the following questions with reference to above extract. [5 M]**

1. Archimedes Principle [1]
2. To see the naked men shout. [1]
3. Archimedes, the scientist [1]
4. He found the principle of buoyancy. [2]

**D.2. Answer the following questions with reference to above extract. [5 M]**

1. Freedom [1]
2. SubramaniaBharati[1]
3. The poet is demanding freedom from the Britishers because it had been 200 years of their rule and still we are treated as slave. [1]
4. Extinguish means to put out flames. The thoughts and feeling to get freedom is extinguished in the heart of the citizens, the poet is worried about this extinguished feeling to get freedom. [2]

**D3. Short Answer Type Questions (40- 50 words). Attempt any Five. [3X5=15 Marks]**

1. He is not going to fight any war.
2. to get literate by getting classes.
3. While is bathing in the bathroom.
4. That night the paper started turning into ashes due to which narrator got frightened and disturbed.
5. Kong Celia as earlier she was dependent on others on her but now she was independent and self-reliant.
6. He was going to dedicate his life and huge wealth of his empire to new kind of a society.

**D4. Answer the following in about 80-100 Words. [3x5=15 M]**

1. Yes, she is a changed person now. Explain with reasons.

2. According to the perception of student

**Content- 2, Fluency and Spellings-2, Conclusion-1**

3. According to the perception of student

**Content- 2, Fluency and Spellings-2, Conclusion-1**

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