

Date of Exam:

Class: VI

ENGLISH – SET A

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M : 70

Instructions:

1. This paper consists of THREE sections :

Section A	Reading	20 marks
Section B	Writing & Grammar	25 marks
Section C	Literature	25 marks

2. Attempt all questions.

3. Do not write anything on the question paper.

4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the Answer sheet provided to you.

5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

**SECTION A: READING**

1 Read the following passage and answer the following questions:

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in Industries and in Universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed in to service of man. We are heading fast on the close of this present century towards a situation when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic, or they can count the number of times the word "and" has been used in the Bible. Because they work accurately and at high speed, they save the research workers hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us had been called „automation“.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit , pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could „think“ . There is no possibility that human beings will be “controlled by machines”.

Sir Leon said that in future, ordinary people would be able to use them to obtain valuable information. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospital, by providing a machine with a patient's systems; a doctor will be able to diagnosis the nature of illness. Bookkeepers and accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work, for the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines. Computers will also be able to tell the exact the age a man is going to live, with the help of his blood picture. Computers are the most efficient servants man has ever had and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our life style and life.

**Answer the following questions taking help from the passage above:**

- What is the greatest advancement in modern technology?
- Name two areas where computers can be widely used?
- Define “automation” with the help of the passage above.

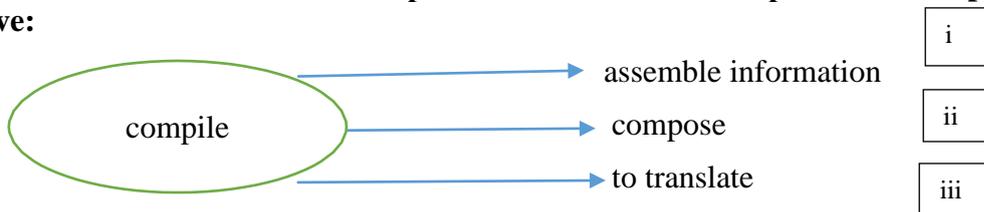
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d) How will computers help bookkeepers and accountants? 1

e) Complete the following with the help of the passage above: 4

The high speed of the computers help the \_\_\_\_\_ workers and they can also provide \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent \_\_\_\_\_. Computers can count the number of times „\_\_\_\_\_“is used in the Bible.

f) Choose and write the correct expression of the word “compile” from the passage above: 1



g) Given below are phrases that points to a specific word in the passage. Guess the words. 2

i) \_\_\_\_\_: tiresome or monotonous. ( 7 letter word)

ii) \_\_\_\_\_: act of identifying a disease. (9 letter word)

2.

Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

If you’ve tried and have not won,  
Never stop for crying;  
All that’s great and good is done  
Just by patient trying.

Though the sturdy oak has known  
Many a blast that bowed her,  
She has risen again, and grown  
Loftier and prouder.

Though young birds, in flying, fall,  
Still their wings grow stronger;  
And the next time they can keep  
Up a little longer.

If by easy work you beat,  
Who the more will prize you?  
Gaining victory from defeat,  
That’s the test that tries you!

----Phoebe Cary

a) What is done by patient trying? 1

b) What does the sturdy oak do after being bowed? 1

c) What is the test that tries you? 1

d) Give a suitable title for the above poem. 1

e) Mention two adjectives from the poem above along with the nouns for which it is described. 2

f) Write two pairs of rhyming words from the poem above. 2

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**

3.

You were the emcee of a popular programme for children which was telecast yesterday. Write a diary entry of the day when you came to know that children liked your programme and you have now become a public figure. (Word Limit :120-150) 7

Value points:

- Day and date of the programme
- Your experience and feelings
- Your plan to enjoy your success



OR

You and your friends found a little puppy with a collar outside the school gate. You would like to find the owner of the puppy. Write a notice to be put up in some public places like the milk booth and community centre.

(Word Limit: 50 words)

Value points:

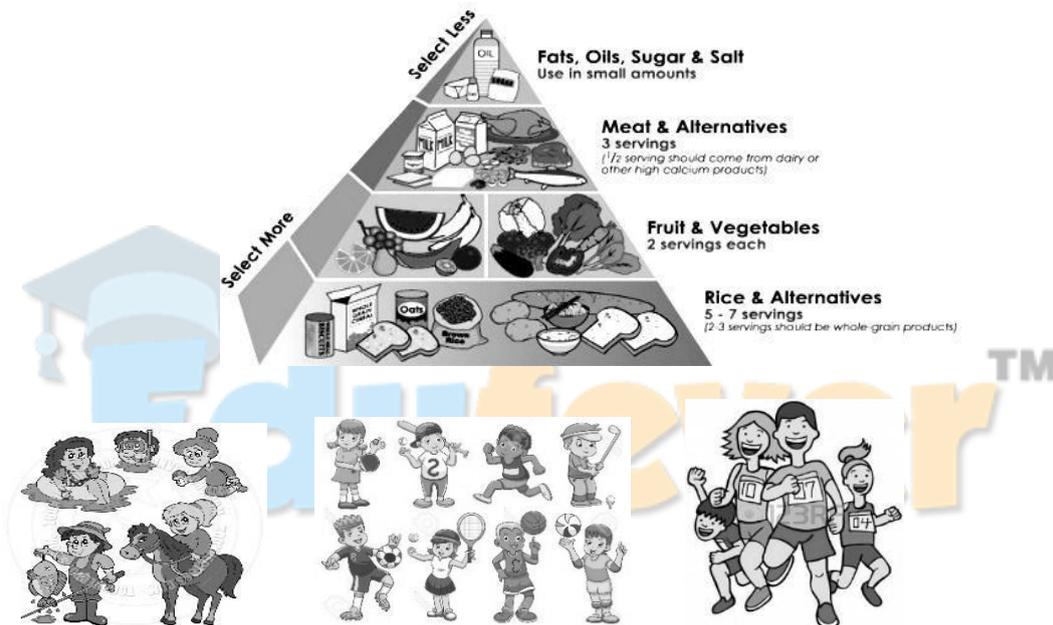
- Where and when the puppy was found
- A brief description of the puppy
- Where the owner can come to claim it



4.

Junk food is an unhealthy option as compared to a healthy diet. With this thought in mind and using the help of the visuals, write an article in about **120-150 words** on the topic “A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body.”

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OR

You are Arushi/ Ankit. Your grandmother presented you with a bicycle on your birthday. Write a letter thanking her for the gift.(Word Limit 120-150)

Value points:

- Why you are writing the letter.
- How the gift is useful to you.
- What you will do to maintain it.



5.

The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect and the correct word in the blanks provided below. The first one has been done as an example.

3

The baby was cried in the room  
when the mother came. She see that

INCORRECT

cried

CORRECT

crying

a) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

the baby's pram had fell \_\_\_\_\_  
 and turned on the ground and the \_\_\_\_\_  
 baby was laid on the floor. She \_\_\_\_\_  
 quickly pick up the baby and \_\_\_\_\_  
 kiss on the forehead. She also \_\_\_\_\_  
 sing a lullaby, The baby slept and then \_\_\_\_\_  
 she left the room. \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Do as directed:** 5

a) Would you like to have some \_\_\_\_\_ after dinner? (desert/dessert) (Choose the correct noun)

b) The book club \_\_\_\_\_ (comprises/apprises) of a dozen members. (Choose the correct verb)

c) She is the \_\_\_\_\_ girl in the class. (Fill in the blank with the correct form of adjective)

d) My best friend is \_\_\_\_\_ European. ( Insert „a“ or „an“)

e) It was a mesmerizing performance. (Change into imperative sentence)

7. **Rearrange the following to frame meaningful sentences:** 2

a) done/he/what/no one/have/did/could

b) helps/those/help/themselves/God/who

**SECTION C: LITERATURE**

8. **Reference to the context:**

*“That is the ideal I have always had, and happily, there are parents good enough to trust me to try and put it into practice.”*

a) Who is the speaker in the above lines and what „ideal“ is the speaker referring to? 2

b) From where has the above line been taken? 1

9. **Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words:** 2x4=8

a) Describe the world before Pandora opened the box?

b) Mention two ways in which the spider tries to lure the fly?

c) How is the blind day educative to both the „blind“ and the „helpers“?

d) What is a „sunny disposition“? How would it help make friends?

10. Friendship is a precious gift from God to mankind. Why do you think we need to value it and what are the duties of friendship as mentioned by the poet in the poem “Be a Friend”? 4

11. **Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words.**

a) Describe Pap's appearance? How did Huck react to Pap's appearance? 5

b) Write a short pen-portrait on Huckleberry Finn from the novel “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” 5

## ANSWER KEY

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- Q1. a) invention of computers
- b) people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospital, by providing a machine with a patient's systems; a doctor will be able to diagnosis the nature of illness. Bookkeepers and accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work, for the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines. Computers will also be able to tell the exact the age a man is going to live, with the help of his blood picture. (*any two*)
- c) The computer works accurately and at a high speed that they save the research workers hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us had been called 'automation'
- d) Bookkeepers and accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work, for the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines.
- e) research, information, traffic, 'and'.
- f) i
- g) i) tedious                      ii) diagnosis
- Q2. a) all that's great and good is done by patient trying
- b) the sturdy oak rose and grown loftier and prouder.
- c) gaining victory from defeat is the test that tries you.
- d) Phoeby Cary
- e) i) young birds                      ii) sturdy oak
- f) won, done/ crying, trying/ stronger, longer/ known, grown/ beat, defeat (*any two pairs*)
- Q3. Content – 3  
Expression – 2  
Fluency - 2
- Q4. Content – 4  
Expression – 2  
Fluency - 2
- Q5. a) see – saw
- b) fell – fallen
- c) laid – lying
- d) pick – picked
- e) kiss – kissed
- f) sing - sang
- Q6. a) dessert
- b) comprises

c) Smart/tallest most intelligent.....

d) a

e) What a mesmerizing performance it was!

Q7. a) No one could have done what he did.

b) God helps those who help themselves.

Q8. a) Miss Beam. Her ideal is not to teach thought but thoughtfulness – humanity, kindness and citizenship.

b) The School for Sympathy.

Q9. a) The world was beautiful. Children did not need people to look after them all the time because there was no danger. Food grew on trees, there was no hard work to be done, no lessons to be studied; there were only lots of happy games and dances. The most wonderful thing was that they never fought amongst themselves.

b) i) requested her to go up the winding stairs to his parlour to show the curious things he had.

ii) requested her to take rest in the beautiful bed where the sheets are fine and thin.

iii) to visit his pantry which is stored with delicious food.

iv) admired her brilliant eyes, gauzy wings, her wisdom and requested her to look at beautiful self in the looking glass in the parlour shelf.

c) helpful to the blind – it helps the young minds to appreciate and understand misfortune.

Helpful to the helpers – they learn to assist and help the needy, be compassionate and helpful.

d) pleasant behavior ready to give a helping hand. Will help make friends

Q10.

- Lend a helping hand whenever required
- Keep cheering others who has failed in life
- Ignore simple errors and make honest efforts to solve others problems
- Spend time together to share joys and sufferings

Q11

a) One night, when he went up to his room, he saw Pap, his father. He was almost fifty. His hair was long and tangled and greasy, completely black without any shades of grey and so were his long, mixed up whiskers. His face was dull and white which made him look dull and sick. As for his clothes, they were all rags. He had one ankle resting on the other knee; the boot on that foot was busted, and two of his shoes stuck through. His hat was lying on the floor; an old black slouch with the cap caved in, like a lid.

Huck stood looking at him. He was scared at first as he reminded him of the spankings he got from his father, but after looking at his plight he did not appear to be scared anymore and was ready to face him.

b) From the beginning of the novel, Mark Twain makes it clear that Huck is a boy who comes from the lowest levels of white society. His father is a drunk and a ruffian who disappears for months on end. Huck himself is dirty and frequently homeless.

Although Jim is a slave he makes every attempt to help him and cared for him which shows his sympathetic and compassionate nature.

He loves to be independent and enjoyed leading a carefree life. This is the reason why he hated being controlled by the widow and Miss Watson, who made every attempt to reform him and make him lead a civilized life.

His friendship with Tom Sawyer and Jim helps him to come out of difficult situations and gives him the strength to overcome all challenges.