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Class:VIII

English

Time: 3 Hrs.

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General Instructions:

1. *This paper consists of THREE sections :*

<i>Section A</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section B</i>	<i>Writing & Grammar</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
<i>Section C</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
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. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

SECTION A-READING

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

1. While it is a very well known fact that yoga, certain kinds of music and some calming foods, are known to relieve stress, the latest trend is the search for certain scents with calming properties that can help a person to unwind and soothe the nerves.

2. One such scent that is now being touted as having calming properties is lavender. It has long been a popular ingredient used in most spas as the scent is believed to help one sleep better. To test its properties one can opt for a lotion with lavender as its ingredient. An even better option is to spray scent on the pillow for a sound sleep.

3. Everyone has heard of mint chutney that is served with samosas and pakoras, but few would think of applying a mint-based paste on one's body. Yet this is just what is recommended for those who would like a smooth and purifying effect on the mind, brought about by this application.

4. Citrus fruits are not only good for health but also serve as good mood lifters. Sniffing lemon zest is believed to soothe over stress and the smell of grapefruit is known to curb depression. Other advantages include memory enhancement from smelling oranges. Even the zest of an orange can make one feel energetic. Therapists also recommend that one can light an orange-scented candle by one's side, in the bath, and imbibe the same benefits.

5. For that nagging headache that comes on whenever you step out into the scorching sun, there is yet a cure available from the array of calming scents. According to some researchers sniffing at a green apple cannot only cure a headache, but help alleviate it altogether.

6. The latest finding about the calming properties of scents has entered the realm of roses. Since time immemorial the flower has been associated with happiness, love and joy. With this new finding, it will now embody an additional quality – that of relieving stress. The ideal way to prove it would be to use a rose-scented soap or massage with rose-scented body oil before going under the shower.

1.a.) What does the latest research into scents reveal?

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b.)What are the latest findings about the properties of lavender?

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- c.) How do citrus fruits help in calming the body? 2
- d.) What are the properties of green apples? 2
- e.) The word '**calming**' used in the passage denotes _____ 1
- i.) composing oneself ii.) decomposing oneself
- iii.) making oneself sleepy iv.) adding colour to one's life
- f.) The word '**touted**' in the passage expresses _____ 1
- i.) winning a horse race ii.) trying to promote something
- iii.) giving away iv.) going on a fast walk
- g.) When '**something is recommend**' it is _____ 1
- i.) widely criticized ii.) re-used a second time
- iii.) widely approved iv.) started again
- h.) '**A therapist**' is a person who _____ 1
- i.) is an animal doctor ii.) practices medicine without a degree
- iii.) a mind doctor iv.) is a doctor in theory

2. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Leader

Patient and steady with all he must bear,
 Ready to meet every challenge with care,
 Easy in manner, yet solid as steel,
 Strong in his faith, refreshingly real,
 Isn't afraid to propose what is bold,
 Doesn't conform to the usual mould,
 Eyes that have foresight, for hindsight won't do,
 Never backs down when he sees what is true,
 Tells it all straight, and means it all too,
 Going forward and knowing he's right,
 Even when doubted for why he would fight,

Over and over he makes his case clear
 Reaching to touch the ones who won't hear.
 Growing in strength, he won't be unnerved,
 Even assuring he'll stand by his word.
 Wanting the world to join his firm stand,
 Bracing for war, but praying for peace,
 Using his power so evil will cease :
 So much a leader of worthy of trust,
 Here stands a man who will do what he must.

- a.) What does the poet mean by saying that a leader must be solid "solid as steel"? 2
- b.) What should a leader do when people don't listen to him? 2
- c.) Which line in the poem suggests that a leader does things differently and doesn't follow the norm? 1
- d.) What is a leader's attitude towards war? 1
- e.) Identify one figure of speech used in the poem. 1
- f.) Find the synonym of the word '**stop**' from the poem. 1

SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. Write a diary entry to express your feelings about getting a new pet as a Birthday Present. (Word limit: 120-150)

Or

You are Manan/Malini, Secretary of the Drama Club of your school. Draft a notice for your school notice board, informing students about an audition to be held for participation in the School’s Annual Dance Performance. (Word limit: 50)

4. Your younger brother Sahil spends a lot of time and money on games that he plays on his play station, DVDs and the I-pod. Write a letter advising him against this wastage of time and money. Word limit: 120-150 words.

Hints : Latest technology, obesity, time wasted – outdoor games, social interaction

Or

The picture shows the harmful effects of electronic waste. Taking ideas from the picture, write an article in about 120 words on the need to recycle electronic waste in an environmental friendly way.



Or

rite a short story beginning with “The bird worked hard through the summer..... (Word limit: 150-200)

5. In the following passage one word is missing in each line. Find the missing word and write it along with the word before and after in the space provided.

	Before	Word	After
According to estimates of national		a.) _____	
Ganga Authority only 1000 litre sewerage is		b.) _____	
treated daily against 3000 litres goes into		c.) _____	
the main Ganga river. Moreover the 12,000		d.) _____	
million litres of Sewage that goes the		e.) _____	
Ganga Basin, 4000 million litres treated.		f.) _____	
A number settlements and industries		g.) _____	
located along river, pollute it.		h.) _____	

6. Do as directed.

- a.) Why did you bring a stray puppy home?(Change from active to passive)
- b.) He was disputing the fact. (Change from active to passive)

- c.) More of the students was awarded a prize. **(Correct the sentence)**
- d.) Have you n
_____ money in _____ pocket? **(Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners)**
- e.) All the boys _____ (play) football, when suddenly it _____ (start) raining. **(Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given)**
- f.) also / considered / relieving / exercise / meditation / is / as / a stress **(Rearrange the phrases to form a meaningful sentence)**

SECTION C – LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

“As he felt the bulge of the letter in his pocket, he felt like an executioner.”

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| i.) Who is ‘he’ in the above line? | 1 |
| ii.) Which letter is mentioned in the above line? | 1 |
| iii.) Why does the person feel like an executioner? | 1 |

8. Answer the following questions briefly in about 30-40 words each. 2×4=8

- a.) Animals too have feelings. Justify the statement based on your study of Bruno.
- b.) Can you identify with Swami’s character? Why/Why not?
- c.) What does the movement of the river symbolize in the poem?
- d.) How did the diamond reach the stomach of the patient in the hospital?

9. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80-100 words. 4

- a.) Narrate any one incident when you were caught by your parents making an excuse and reprimanded for it like Swami. Did you learn anything from that incident?
- OR**
- b.) Comment on the humorous elements of the story “The Surgeon”.

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10. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words.

- a.) Passepartout gets his master into trouble often because of his casualness. Comment.
- b.) Write an essay on the plot structure of the novel.

Answer Key

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SECTION A- READING

1. a.) The latest research is concentrated on finding out the calming properties of certain scents. The calming properties can then be applied or sniffed at, so a person using them can be helped to unwind.

b.) A popular ingredient in most spas, the scent of lavender has been known to help one sleep better. To test its properties one can opt for a lotion with lavender as its ingredient. Spraying the scent on the pillow can produce sound sleep.

c.) Citrus fruits, being good mood lifters, bring an aura of calm. Sniffing lemon zest is a stress buster. Grapefruit curbs depression. Other advantages include memory enhancement from smelling oranges and orange zest makes one feel energetic.

d.) Sniffing at green apples can help cure a headache. It can alleviate it altogether.

e.) i.) composing oneself f.) ii.) trying to promote something g.) widely approved h.) a mind doctor

2. a.) "Solid as steel" means that a leader must be as strong as a steel. He should be able to stand for what he believes in and always be firm and courageous.

b.) When people don't listen to him, a leader should try again and again to explain his point of view to them. He should make an effort to convince them and take them along with him.

c.) The line that suggests that a leader is not afraid to do things differently is "doesn't conform to the usual mould".

d.) The leader prepares himself to fight a war, if it is inevitable, but in his heart he hopes and prays for peace.

e.) Simile – "solid as steel"

f.) Cease

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

All Writing Skills – 3marks (Content) , 2 marks (Accuracy & Fluency)

GRAMMAR

6.) Omission

	BEFORE	MISSING WORD	AFTER
a.)	of	the	National
b.)	litre	of	sewerage
c.)	litres	that	goes

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| d.) | moreover | of | |
| e.) | goes | into | the |
| f.) | litres | is | treated |
| g.) | number | of | settlements |
| h.) | along | the | river |

- 7.a.) Why was a stray puppy brought home by you ?
b.) The fact was being disputed by him.
c.) Most of the students were awarded a prize.
d.) any, your
e.) were playing, started
f.) Meditation is also considered as a stress relieving exercise.

SECTION C – LITERATURE

- 8.a.) He is Swami in the above line.
b.) The letter is the one written/given by Swami's father as a complain against Samuel.
c.) Swami feels like an executioner because his letter of complaint against Samuel will lead to a serious action against Samuel by the Headmaster.
- 9.a.) Bruno-playful like a child in the house, fond of narrator's wife, fret for her in the zoo & refuses to eat, is elated to see her & eats with her, is happy to be brought back home by the narrator & his wife.
b.) Swami – innocent & playful like a boy of his age, makes excuse for not going to school, we do such things, would feel fearful like Swami to complain & go against any authority.
c.) Movement of river symbolizes the movement of life, life must go on, humans need to face hardships in life but move on like the river in the poem.
d.) The diamond reached his stomach as he accidentally swallowed it at the surgeon's place while having ice in his drink.
- 10.) & 11.) Subjective Answers