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Class: VIII

ENGLISH

Time:3 hr

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General 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.

**SECTION A- READING**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

There is only one natural satellite - the Moon. But there are many man-made or artificial satellites revolving around the Earth. Aryabhata, IRS-IB and INSAT-2A are some Indian artificial satellites. They are more than 300 Km away from the earth. At this height, the Earth's gravity and atmosphere do not affect them. Artificial satellites are of many kinds. Of them weather satellites send information and pictures of clouds, storms and ocean currents. They are used to predict the weather. This information is also used to warn people about storms, floods, forest fires etc. Communication satellites are used to transmit telephone conversation and TV programmes across the earth. They are helpful in sending messages through fax machines, using mobile phones and the internet. Science satellites send information about outer space. Astronomers study this data and get to know more about things in space. These satellites are launched into space by rockets. Once beyond the earth's gravity and atmosphere, they are sent circling around the earth by the force of another rocket. There is nothing in space to obstruct the path or speed of those satellites. So they continue to keep going around the earth, just like the moon.

**I. Answer the following questions briefly : (2x4)**

- Name any two of the Indian artificial satellites.
- Why are artificial satellites kept at a distance of more than 300 km away from the Earth?
- In what ways are Communication Satellites useful?
- How is the information sent by weather satellites used?

**II. Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following : (1x4)**

- force of attraction between an object and the earth
- body of water or air in motion
- block up/put something in the way of
- to send forth as a self-propelled vehicle

**Q2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:**

I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard,  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!

I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
( I knew you wouldn't mind),  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far lasting kind!

I asked that He'd be near you  
At the start of each new day,  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small,  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed the most of all!

**Given below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by filling in the blanks with suitable words: (8)**

The poet (a)\_\_\_\_\_ for his friend. He is sure that God will (b) \_\_\_\_\_ and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ his prayer. In the prayer, the poet asks God to shower on his friend, (d)\_\_\_\_\_ of (e) \_\_\_\_\_ and (f) \_\_\_\_\_. God should always be (g) \_\_\_\_\_ his friend and take (h) \_\_\_\_\_ of him.

### **SECTION B( WRITING & GRAMMAR)**

**Q3.** Today begging has become a serious social problem in our country. Taking ideas from the following hints, write an article for the newspaper in about **150 words**. (7)

- More and more number of people taking begging as a profession
- Exploitation of children for begging purpose
- Increased number of beggars at traffic intersection
- Increased cases of petty crimes on the streets.
- Disruption of the free flow of traffic
- Increased number of road accidents

**Or**

You had an argument with your mother as she did not allow you to attend the 'Pajama Party' arranged by your friend. Although you are seething with anger, a part of you realizes that she is not altogether wrong. Write a page in your diary expressing your anguish. (120-150 words)

**Q4.** Write a short story in about **180-200 words** based on the following picture. You can begin the story like this:

August 24 was the birthday of Cathy's mother.....

(8)



**Or**

You are Deepak/ Deepika of Flat no. 801/2 , Guru Gobind Singh Enclave, Gurgaon. Recently, you visited 'Silver Oak Resort'. Write a letter to your friend (**Word Limit – 150-180 words**) telling him/her why the place attracted you. Include the following:

- Accessibility
- Reasonable charges
- Beautiful surroundings
- Scenic landscape
- Facilities available

**Q5. Given below are the instructions to draw a circle. Use these to complete the blanks in the paragraph that follows.**

(4)

- Take a compass and insert a pencil into the provided hole and tighten it.
- Keep the pointed end of the compass on one end of the scale.
- Extend the arm having the pencil to the required length to obtain the radius.
- Then keep the pointed end of the compass at the required point.
- Rotate the arm having the pencil about the pointed arm to obtain a circle.

A compass is taken and a pencil (i) \_\_\_\_\_ into the provided hole and tightened. The pointed end of the compass (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. The arm having (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain the radius. The pointed end of the compass (iv) \_\_\_\_\_. The arm having the pencil is rotated about the pointed arm to obtain a circle.

**Q6. The verbs do not agree with the subjects in the passage given below. There are eight errors in it. Edit the passage and write the correct word in the blank.**

(4)

**Incorrect                      Correct**

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|--|-------|-------|
| (a) My wife get up earlier in the morning than I do.                                       | _____ | _____ |
| (b) She hate to get up in the morning. I don't usually mind getting up.                    | _____ | _____ |
| (c) She have to get dressed quickly to catch an early bus to work.                         | _____ | _____ |
| (d) I goes to work later, and I drive my car. She doesn't have<br>much time for breakfast, | _____ | _____ |
| (e) so she just has a cup of coffee when she get to work.                                  | _____ | _____ |
| (f) I has time to have a bowl of cereal and fruit  | _____ | _____ |
| (g) before I goes to work.   | _____ | _____ |
| (h) I understands why my wife doesn't like mornings!                                       | _____ | _____ |

**Q7. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.**

(2)

- (i) the/ first/ doctor/ a diagnosis/ makes/ an illness/ of  
(ii) he or she/ what/ then/ kind/ decides/of treatment/ needed/is

**SECTION C ( LITERATURE )**

**Q8. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:**

(3)

*' She suffered endlessly, feeling herself born for every delicacy and luxury. '*

- Who does 'she' in the above line refer to?
- What was the cause of her suffering?
- What does it show about her character?

**Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:**

(2x4)

- How does Christy Brown's mother inspire us?
- Her love for Bruno also made the narrator's wife a little adamant. Justify
- Why did Mathilde not want to go to the ball?
- "The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed". Whose hand and heart has poet referred to in this line?

**Q10.** A little confession would have changed the life of Matilda. Should we confess our mistakes courageously? Write your opinion in about **80 words**

**(4)**

**Or**

Bring out the irony in the poem 'Ozymandias' in about **80 words**.

**Q11. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words:**

**(5x2)**

(A) Describe how the priests and fanatics try and force Aouda into committing suttee and how is she saved?

(B) What happened to the travellers when they reached Calcutta?

**Or**

Give a brief pen portrait of Jean Passepartout from 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.



**Q1.** I (a) Aryabhata, IRS-IB, INSAT-2A (any 2)

(b) At this height, the Earth's gravity and atmosphere do not affect them.

**ANSWER KEY**

(c) Communication satellites are used to transmit telephone conversation and TV programmes across the earth. They are helpful in sending messages through fax machines, using mobile phones and the internet.

(d) Weather satellites send information and pictures of clouds, storms and ocean currents. They are used to predict the weather.

II. (i) gravity

(ii) clouds

(iii) obstruct

(iv) launch

**Q2.** (a) prays

(b) hear

(c) answer

(d) blessings

(e) health

(f) happiness

(g) near

(h) care

**Q3.** Content- 2, Fluency-1, Expression-1

**Q4.** same as Q3.

**Q5.** (a) organized a free eye camp

(b) celebrated Navratri

(c) were killed in J& K Highway blast

**Q6.** (a) gets

(b) hates

(c) has

(d) go

(e) gets

(f) have

(g) go

(h) understand

**Q7.** (i) First the doctor makes a diagnosis of an illness/ the doctor makes a diagnosis of an illness first.

(ii) He or she then decides what kind of treatment is needed.

(iii) Many illnesses can be treated with a course of drug.

**Q8.** (a) Mathilde/ Mme Loisel

(b) She dreamt of a life of comfort and luxury but had to lead an ordinary life because she was married to a clerk. The comparison between her aspirations and harsh reality pained her.

(c) She dreams beyond her means, was ashamed of her poverty, dissatisfied, wants to look extremely rich and beautiful.