

Date:

Class: VIII

English

Time: 3 Hrs.

M. M: 70

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.**

Power Foods

1. When Rajan, a student studying for the Class X Board examination approached Dr. Anoop Mishra of the Fortis Hospital, who had put on six kilograms, during preparation leave, for advice, he was told that the lack of physical activity was the primary cause of weight gain. He further advised him to follow a few significant tips.
2. As Rajan's appetite had gone up and he had begun to snack frequently, Dr. Mishra asked him to give up the habit and have small meals at frequent intervals. He was also told not to skip a meal. In case, he still felt the urge to snack, he was advised to have sprouts and salads in lieu of snacks loaded with fat and eat fruit in place of refined sugars. To avoid temptation of munching on biscuits, chips and namkeens , he was advised to munch carrots, cucumber and fruits.
3. To keep up his metabolism, and be able to concentrate for longer hours on his books, he was advised to avoid heavy meals, specially late at night. He needs to expose his body to sunlight for at least fifteen minutes a day to imbibe Vitamin D, a good vitamin for regulation of weight and also for the brain.
4. When it came to cold drinks, Rajan was advised to drink toned milk and nimbu pani to help him get rid of untimely hunger pangs. Also green teas he was told was a metabolic booster and could

be tried out.

5. As far as his study routine was concerned, Dr. Mishra advised him to take breaks frequently instead of sitting for long hours at a stretch as that could cause headaches. In case he did get a headache it was necessary to learn what triggers it, and then try and avoid those things. The lighting of the room and placement of the chair was also important.

6. Above all, Rajan was advised to take regular exercise, as all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

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| a.) Why did Rajan approach Dr. Mishra ? | 1 |
| b.) What was Rajan advised to do instead of snacking ? | 1 |
| c.) What substitutes was Rajan advised in place of snacks? | 1 |
| d.) How was he to overcome the temptation of eating biscuits and namkeens? | 1 |
| e.) Why was Rajan asked to stay away from heavy meals late at night? | 1 |
| f.) What kinds of cold drinks was Rajan permitted to have? | 1 |
| g.) What was the cause of headache according to Dr. Mishra? | 1 |
| h.) Why should we expose ourselves to sunlight for fifteen minutes every day? | 1 |
| i.) Give the meaning of the following phrasal verbs | 2 |
| i.) put on ii.) give up | |
| j.) Find the synonym of the following words from the passage | 2 |
| i.) important ii.) often | |

2. Read the poem given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Father Gilligan

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day :
For half his flock were in their beds,
Or under green sods lay.
Once while he nodded on a chair,
At the moth-hour of eve,
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.
“I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die”;
And after cried he, “God forgive!
My body spake, Not I !”
He knelt, and leaning on the chair
He prayed and fell asleep;
And the moth-hour went from the fields,
And stars began to peep.
“Mavrone, mavrone ! The man has died
While I slept on the chair”;
He roused his horse out of its sleep,
And rode with little care.
He rode now as he never rode,

By rocky lane and fern;
 The sick man's wife opened the door;
 "Father ! you come again!"
 /"And is the poor man dead ?" he cried.
 "He died an hour ago."
 The old priest Peter Gilligan
 In grief swayed to and fro.
 "When you were gone, he turned and died
 As merry as a bird."
 The old priest Peter Gilligan
 He knelt him at the word.

-W.B. Yeats

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| a.)Why was the priest tired? | 2 |
| b.)Why were the priest's flocks either in bed or lying under green sod? | 2 |
| c.)Why did another man send for Father Gilligan? | 1 |
| d.) Identify a figure of speech used in the poem. | 1 |
| e.) Find the words from the poem which mean the same as | 2 |
| i.) tired ii.) happy | |

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) 7

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. 8
 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

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

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. 4

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Facebook, with more than 1.2 billion users,	a.) _____	_____
is celebrated its 20 th birthday this year.	b.) _____	_____
The company was launching by	c.) _____	_____
Marck Zuckerberg at February 4, 2004	d.) _____	_____
from Harvard University. The site was	e.) _____	_____
conceived in a Harvard dorm as the way	f.) _____	_____
to connect student and let them build an online	g.) _____	_____
identity for himself, according to ‘Computer world’.	h.) _____	_____

6. Do as directed. 6

- a.) Why didn't you tell the truth to your mother ?(Change from active to passive)
b.) He was flying a kite. (Change from active to passive)
c.) More of the girls was present for the test.(Correct the sentence)
d.) Have you _____ rice left in _____ bowl?(Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners)
e.) All the dancers _____ (leave)the auditorium, when suddenly the floor _____ (start) trembling .(Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given)
f.) told me / cancelled / he / was / that / the / trip (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.

“You really are the most wonderful and stupendous man in the world”.

- i.) Who speaks the above lines and to whom? 1
ii.) Why does she say so? 1
iii.) Give the meaning of the word ‘stupendous’. 1

8. Answer the following questions briefly in about 30-40 words each. 2x4=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.**

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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”.

LONG READING TEXT – AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

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

2×5=10

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

SECTION A- READING

- 1.a.) Rajan approached Dr. Mishra because he had put on six kgs weight while preparing for the Class X Board Examinations.
- b.) In lieu of snacking, Rajan was advised to take small meals at frequent intervals.
- c.) Rajan was advised to partake of sprouts and salads in place of snacks.
- d.) Rajan was advised to munch on carrots and cucumber whenever he felt the urge to have biscuits and namkeens.
- e.) Rajan was asked to stay away from late dinners in order to keep up his metabolism and concentrate for longer hours .
- f.) Rajan was permitted to have green tea, nimbu pani and toned milk drinks.
- g.) The cause of headache was sitting for long hours at a stretch at his table and that it could be allayed if Rajan found out what triggered it off and subsequently avoided the same.

h.) Sunlight exposure would help our body obtain Vitamin D, which is good for regulating weight and for the brain.

i.) i.) increase ii.) to leave

j.) i.) significant ii.) frequent

2.a.) Father Gilligan was tired of performing his priestly duties day and night. There was some kind of an epidemic in the countryside and many people were dying. He had to go and conduct funeral services for them.

b.) There was an epidemic of some kind in the countryside. People were either lying in bed sick, or ill and the rest were dead and buried.

c.) Another man sent for Father Gilligan because he was about to die.

d.) Simile – “as merry as a bird”

e.) i.) weary ii.) merry

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR

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

GRAMMAR

6.) Editing

	ERROR	CORRECTION
a.)	then	than
b.)	celebrated	celebrating
c.)	launching	launched
d.)	at	on
e.)	siting	site
f.)	the	a
g.)	student	students
h.)	himself	themselves

7. a.) Why wasn't the truth told to your mother by you ?

b.) A kite was being flown by him.

c.) Most of the girls were present for the test.

d.) any, the

e.) had left, started

f.) He told me that the trip was cancelled.

8.a.) Robert Sandy's wife speaks to him the above line.

b.) She says so because she is extremely delighted and excited to see such a big and expensive diamond.

c.) brilliant, extra-ordinary, remarkable, wonderful, amazing