

# Class VIII Session 2025-26

## Subject - English

### Sample Question Paper - 2

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

#### General Instructions:

- Attempt all questions.

#### Reading (20 Marks)

1. **Read the following passages carefully:- (1x5=5)**

[10]

Dry fruits are useful in various diseases of the brain, muscles, and tissues. Particularly almond has got unique properties to remove brain weakness and strengthen it. Almond preserves the vitality of the brain, strengthens the muscles, destroys diseases originating from nervous and bilious disorders. Walnut is another dry fruit that possesses wonderful qualities of curing brain weakness. According to Dr. Johnson, almonds, figs, grapes, dates, apples, and oranges are rich in the phosphoric element and should normally be used by brain workers. Phosphorus nourishes the vital tissues of the body. It keeps the mind full of enthusiasm for more work.

- Dry fruits are useful because they
  - strengthen our heart
  - cure various diseases of the brain, muscles, and tissues
  - give confidence to us
  - empower us to do challenging tasks.
- Which one is not a property of almond?
  - It preserves the vitality of the brain
  - It strengthens the muscles
  - It destroys diseases originating from nervous and bilious disorders
  - It strengthens our digestive system.
- Phosphoric element is profusely found in
  - almonds, figs, grapes, dates, apples, and oranges
  - almonds, figs, papayas, guavas, and pineapples
  - all the green vegetables
  - seasonal fruits.
- Brain workers should take fruits rich in phosphoric element because
  - they remove brain weakness
  - they nourish the vital tissues of the body
  - they keep the mind full of enthusiasm
  - all the above.
- The word unique means the same as
  - ordinary



- b. highly qualified
- c. unusual
- d. enlightened.

2. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x5=5)**

[10]

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,  
With the wonderful water round you curled,  
And the wonderful grass upon your breast -  
World, you are beautifully drest.  
The wonderful air is over me,  
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,  
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,  
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.  
You friendly Earth, how far do you go,  
With the wheat-fields that nod and the rivers that flow,  
With cities and gardens, and cliffs, and isles,  
And people upon you for thousands of miles?  
Ah! you are so great, and I am so small,  
I tremble to think of you, World, at all;  
And yet, when I said my prayers today,  
A whisper inside me seemed to say,  
You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot:  
You can love and think, and the Earth cannot!'

- i. In the poem above 'beautifully drest' refers to -
  - a. having gaudy dress
  - b. decorated with nature's beauty
  - c. wearing costly dresses
  - d. wearing cheap but beautiful dresses.
- ii. The poet calls the world "beautifully drest" because -
  - a. it looks beautiful
  - b. it has wonderful grass curled around it
  - c. it is covered with fine clothes
  - d. it is covered with green leaves.
- iii. The wind in the poem talks to -
  - a. passersby
  - b. trees
  - c. clouds
  - d. itself.
- iv. The poet calls the earth -
  - a. unfriendly
  - b. friendly
  - c. proud

- d. kind.
- v. The phrase **such a dot** means -
- so small
  - so fat
  - so big
  - so kind

### Writing (20 Marks)

3. You are Vijay/Vijaya, the Head boy/Head girl of Vivekanand Public School, Greater Noida. Your school has decided to hold a fete in the school playground. The principal has asked you to write a notice about this fete inviting the students and the teachers to participate in it. [5]
4. Develop a story on the following outlines: [5]
- A small boy—lives with mother—develops the habit of stealing—Mother does not check—develops the habit when grows—caught—punished
5. Write a Paragraph in about 100-150 words on the topic **Bad Effects Of Watching Television.** [5]
6. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend the Dussehra holidays with you. [5]

### Grammar (20 Marks)

7. **Re-arrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences: (1x5=5)** [5]
- person / a / healthy / exercise / makes
  - important / in / life / it / one's / is
  - exercises / physical / person / make / physically / a / fit
  - mental / makes / fresh / the / exercise / mind
  - mind / it / sharp / makes / the / too.
8. **There is one error in each line. Point out the errors and make corrections. Also, underline the correct words. The first one has been done for you.** [5]

		Incorrect	correct
Tide is an periodical rise and	e.g.	an	a
fall of sea due to attraction to	(a)	_____	_____
a Moon and the Sun. Day in,	(b)	_____	_____
day out, the rise and fall go	(c)	_____	_____
on predictable yet on the same	(d)	_____	_____
time mysterious. At one time			
in the day a sea is a long, long way	(e)	_____	_____
out, leaving a huge expanse of sand.			

9. The following passage has not been edited. There is a word missing in each line. Find the missing word and write it in your answer sheet along with one word that comes before it and the one that comes after it. [5]

		Missing word
Long ago, there a king called Midas.	(a)	_____
He was very rich and a daughter called	(b)	_____

Marygold. Midas gold more than anything	(c)	_____
else in the world. When he the golden light	(d)	_____
of the sun he wished he turn it into gold too.	(e)	_____

10. **Read the active given below and then complete the passive that follows.**

[5]

i. I had posted the letter before I met him.

The letter \_\_\_\_\_ before I met him.

ii. Rachna had made tea.

Tea \_\_\_\_\_ made by Rachna.

iii. Abdul was watering the plants.

plants \_\_\_\_\_ watered by Abdul.

iv. Surabhi will write a letter.

A letter \_\_\_\_\_ by Surabhi.

v. Mala has broken the window.

The window \_\_\_\_\_ by Mala.

### Literature (20 Marks)

11. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

[3]

At last by starvation and famine made bold,

All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,

Away he set off to a miserly ant,

To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

i. Who was suffering from starvation and famine?

(a) the Ant

(b) the Cricket

(c) the poet

(d) a man

ii. Why was he 'dripping with wet'?

(a) It was raining hard

(b) He had dived in a pond

(c) He had no shelter

(d) He had taken a bath.

iii. What did he expect to get from the miserly ant?

(a) good advice

(b) food

(c) shelter

(d) food and shelter

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

[3]

How can the bird that is born for joy,

Sit in a cage and sing.

How can a child when fears annoy,

But droop his tender wing,

And forget his youthful spring.

i. With whom is the child comparing himself to?

ii. Explain, **droop his tender wing**.

iii. What can the child not forget?

13. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:** [3]
- (a) What would Master Ghulam Mohammed do if he got angry? Answer in the context of Jalebis. [1]
  - (b) If Tilly's award was to be shared, who do you think she should share it with - her parents or her geography teacher? [1]
  - (c) Velu travelled without a ticket. Why? Answer in the context of **Children at Work**. [1]
  - (d) What did Hans Wolf do as a civilian? [1]
14. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:** [6]
- (a) Quote the words used by Ram Mohan Roy to say that every religion teaches the same principles. (Glimpses of the Past) [2]
  - (b) Here are some words from the lesson which describe different kinds of sounds. [2]  
**drum, swish, tinkle, caw, drip**  
Match these words with their correct meanings.
    - a. to fall in small drops
    - b. to make a sound by hitting a surface repeatedly
    - c. to move quickly through the air, making a soft sound
    - d. harsh sound made by birds
    - e. ringing sound (of a bell or breaking glass, etc.)
  - (c) Whom does the boy try to explain his situation too? [**The School Boy**] [2]
  - (d) Describe the water in the pool discovered by Ranji. [2]
15. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:** [5]
- (a) What did Munna say to the rupiyas when they coaxed him to eat jalebis? [5]
  - (b) Discuss the theme of change of the heart as illustrated through the Story The Selfish Giant. [5]

# Solution

## Reading (20 Marks)

1.
  - i. (b) Dry fruits are useful because they cure various diseases of the brain, muscles and tissues
  - ii. (c) Almond does not strengthen our digestive system.
  - iii. (a) Phosphoric element is profusely found in almonds, figs, grapes, dates, apples and oranges
  - iv. (d) all the above
  - v. (c) The word unique means the same as unusual.
2.
  - (i) - (b) decorated with nature's beauty
  - (ii) - (b) it has wonderful grass curled around it
  - (iii) - (d) itself
  - (iv) - (b) friendly
  - (v) - (a) so small

## Writing (20 Marks)

### VIVEKANAND PUBLIC SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA

#### NOTICE

#### School Fete 2019

7th October, 20xx

The school has decided to organize a fete at the school playground on 10th and 11th October, 20xx. All the students and teachers are requested to enroll their names for booking of stalls. The price for each stall is 1000 rupees. It can be put up as a group or as an individual. Your co-operation is needed to make this fete a grand success. For other details please contact the members of the cabinet.

Vijay

Head Boy

- 3.
- 4.

#### **Habit of Stealing**

There was a boy named Rahul who lived in a small house with his mother in the city of Karnal. When he was about 7-8 years old, he developed the habit of stealing things in his class from other children's bags and pencil boxes.

Rahul's mother, even after seeing his box, did not ask from where did he get the expensive pencils, erasers, and pens. She was rather happy to see that her son never demanded such things from her. Time passed on and gradually Rahul started stealing more things from his friends and classmates. He did not even hesitate to steal money. He started enjoying his life more than he could actually afford to, and this habit made him a perfect thief. Once when he entered one house to steal the things, he was caught red-handed and was handed over to the police. He was badly beaten by the police and when he was asked that why and how did he become a thief, he blamed his mother by saying that if she had stopped him from childhood, he would not be a thief.

- 5.

#### **Bad Effects Of Watching Television**

Television has become an essential part of every house. It is the cheapest source of entertainment Children find it very interesting. But it has bad effects also. Seeing it for long hours harms the eyes. The students are left with less time to study. So their studies suffer. Many programmes influence young minds in the wrong way. Foreign programmes are not in good taste. The youth are easily attracted to them. They forget their own age-old culture. Their lives are spoiled. So television should be watched under the guidance of the elders.

6. 7, West gate Road,

Delhi

5th September 2019

Dear Rohit,

I am very glad to know that your school has closed for the Dussehra holidays. I request as well as extend my heartiest invitation to you to come to Simla. You must at least stay with us during this period.

You know that Simla is a well-known hill-station. It is called the Queen of hill-stations. The green valleys and other natural scenery add to the beauty of the place. They are so pleasant that one is lost in their charm. The climate is cold and bracing. We shall visit many springs. We shall visit Jakkhoo Temple. Bara Bazaar, Lakar Bazaar, Chhota Simla and so Many other beauty spots. We shall have a jolly good time.



My Parents have great linking for you. We expect you to be here by the end of this week.

Pay my best respects to your parents.

Yours sincerely,

Abhinay

### Grammar (20 Marks)

7. i. Exercise makes a person healthy.  
ii. It is important in one's life.  
iii. Physical exercises make a person physically fit.  
iv. Mental exercise makes the mind fresh.  
v. It makes the mind sharp too.

8.	Tide is an periodical rise and	Ex	<u>an</u>	<u>a</u>
	fall of sea due to attraction to	a.	<u>to</u>	<u>of</u>
	a Moon and the Sun. Day in,	b.	<u>a</u>	<u>the</u>
	day out, the rise and fall go	c.	<u>go</u>	<u>goes</u>
	on predictable yet on the same	d.	<u>on</u>	<u>at</u>
	time mysterious. At one time			
	n the day a sea is a long, long way	e.	<u>a</u>	<u>the</u>
	out, leaving a huge expanse of sand			

9.	(a)	there <u>was</u> a
	(b)	and <u>had</u> a
	(c)	Midas <u>loved</u> gold
	(d)	he <u>saw the</u>
	(e)	he <u>could</u> turn

10. i. had been posted  
ii. had been  
iii. were being  
iv. will be written  
v. has been broken

### Literature (20 Marks)

11. i. (b), ii. (c), iii. (d).
12. i. The child is comparing himself to the bird.  
ii. **Droop his tender wing** means to surrender and stay inside.  
iii. The child cannot forget the youthful spring.
13. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- (i) When Master Ghulam Mohammed got angry he made children stand on the bench. He simply forgot to let one sit till the last bell rang.
- (ii) It is very obvious. Tilly's award should be shared with her geography teacher. Her parents could not guess the tsunami was coming.
- (iii) Velu travelled without a ticket because he had no money to buy the ticket.
- (iv) As a civilian, Hans Wolf played Cello in the orchestra.
14. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:
- (i) The words of Ram Mohan Roy spoken to his wife were: "Cows are of different colours, but the colour of their milk is the same. Different teachers have different opinions but the essence of every religion is the same."
- (ii) a. Drip  
b. Drum  
c. Swish  
d. Caw  
e. Tinkle



(iii)The boy tries to explain his situation to his mother and father.

(iv)The water in the pool was clean. One could see the pebbles at the bottom. The water came to the pool through a small stream. This stream came down from a cluster of rocks.

15. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:

(i) Munna said that he was a good boy. The rupiyas should not misguide him. He got much to eat at home. So he considered looking at something in the bazaar a sin. Besides, the rupiyas were not meant for jalebis. They were for paying his fees and fund money. If he spent them today, he would be in trouble. He wouldn't be able to show his face to his teacher and to God. He was also afraid of his teacher, Master Ghulam Mohammed. If he gets angry, he would keep him standing on the bench. So he asked the rupiyas not to force him to buy jalebis.

(ii) The story puts great emphasis on the theme of change in heart as illustrated through the central protagonist, the Giant. The Giant, though hefty and strong, had been rendered incapable of receiving any joy because he was a selfish Giant. He had a garden which he thought was only his, and he stopped the children from playing in his garden. Due to this no joy reaches him and his heart and his garden reel under perpetual winter. Yet, the moment he changes his attitude and becomes more sensitive, he experiences the utmost bliss of nature. His change in heart facilitates him to receive many rewards: a beautiful garden, the joy that the children spread and the mercy of Christ himself. Thus, the story brings out beautifully that a loving and sensitive heart is always happy and beautiful.