

Class VIII Session 2025-26

Subject - English

Sample Question Paper - 3

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- Attempt all questions.

Reading (20 Marks)

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

[10]

What causes the monsoon? The monsoon, which is essentially the seasonal reversal of wind direction, causes most of the rainfall in India and some other parts of the world. The primary cause of monsoon is the difference between the trends of annual temperature over land and sea. The apparent position of the Sun with reference to the Earth oscillates from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn. Thus, the low-pressure region created by solar heating also changes latitude. The north-east and south-east trade winds converge in this low-pressure zone, which is also known as the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone or ITCZ. This low-pressure region sees a continuous rise of moist wind from the sea surface to the upper layers of the atmosphere, where the cooling means that the air can no longer hold so much moisture resulting in precipitation. The rainy seasons of East Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Australia and the southern part of North America coincide with the shift of ITCZ towards these regions.

i. Monsoon is

- a. A type of sea wave
- b. a seasonal reversal of wind direction
- c. very hot wind
- d. very cold wind

ii. What is the full form of ITCZ?

- a. Intertrance Convergence Zone
- b. Intertropical Convergence Zone
- c. Intertropical Capricorn Zone
- d. Intertropical Conveyance Zone.

iii. The major cause of monsoon is the

- a. difference between the trends of annual temperature over land and sea
- b. difference between day and night temperature
- c. moisture in the atmosphere
- d. the distance of land from the sea

iv. The low-pressure region is created by

- a. solar heating
- b. lunar cooling



c. wind

d. sea

v. It rains when

a. the moist wind goes down

b. dry wind meets the moist wind

c. the air can no longer hold moisture resulting in precipitation

d. annual temperature goes down.

2. **Read the following poems carefully: (1 x 5 = 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 '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 dressed' 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
- unfriendly
 - friendly
 - proud
 - kind.
- v. The phrase such a dot means
- so small
 - so fat
 - so big
 - so kind.

Writing (20 Marks)

3. Vikram Kumar of class IX-A is the Secretary of the Holy Christ School Geography Forum. The geography teacher has asked Tapan to put up a notice to invite the students of geography to participate in the Geography Quiz Contest to be held after a fortnight in St. Anthony's School. The first prize carries 1000 and a Trophy. **Write this notice, using not more than 30 words.** Try to make the notice catch all the students' attention. [5]
4. Given below is the outline of a story. Develop it. [5]
- A lady becomes blind—calls in a doctor—agrees to pay large fee—doctor calls daily—gives some medicine and removes some furniture—the lady is cured—the doctor demands his fees—lady refuses—sight not restored—no furniture—doctor files a suit—lady's reply—doctor punished.
5. Write a paragraph in 80-100 words on the topic **The Recess Period.** [5]
6. Write a letter to your brother thanking him for a birthday gift. You are Chandresh, living at 15/14, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi. [5]

Grammar (20 Marks)

7. **Fill in the blanks choosing one word for each blank from the box. You may use a word or phrase more than once.** [5]
- was reading, crossed, sat, was turning, knocked, died, slipped, injured
- He _____ the room and _____ down in the chair.
 - As he _____ left on the road, a bus _____ him down.
 - He _____ and _____ his leg.
 - The passenger _____ a newspaper.
 - He was seventy years old when he _____.
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
In 10 May, 1993, a young girl	e.g.	in	on
of Himachal Pradesh called Dicky Dolma	(a)	_____	_____
sets a world record when she	(b)	_____	_____
became the younger woman in the	(c)	_____	_____
world to climbing the Everest! This	(d)	_____	_____



record was set when she reached			
the top to the world's highest	(e)	_____	_____
mountain as a member of the			
Indo-Nepal Women's Expedition at the age of 19.			

9. **Re-arrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences: (1x5=5)** [5]

- control/over/self-control/is/exercised/self/one's
- power / it / having / emotions /one's/ mind / and / control / under / is / the / of
- clears / it / strengthens / mind / the / and / will-power
- elevates / it / character / our
- gives / freedom / it / us / peace / joy / and / bliss

10. **Convert the following sentences into Indirect Speech:** [5]

- She said to me, "Who taught you English?"
- He said to his mother, "Why did you not wash my school dress?"
- The mother said to the child, "Did you have your breakfast?"
- Anil said to his sister, "How did you fare in the interview?"
- The policeman asked me, "Had the thief stolen your watch?"

Literature (20 Marks)

11. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** [3]

My heart was so light
That I sang day and night,
For all nature looked gay.
You sang, Sir, you say?
Go then, says the ant, and dance the winter away.

- Whose heart was it? How did it feel?
- What did he do?
- How was the weather?

12. **Read the extract given below and answer the following questions:** [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

- What is natural for a bird?
- Who is being compared to a caged bird?
- What does the phrase 'Tender wing' refer to?

13. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:** [3]

- What were the contents of the boy's bag, when he was expecting God to have put for rupees in it? [1]
[Jalebis]
- How many people and animals died in Yala National Park? (The Tsunami) [1]
- How had Velu reach Chennai? [1]



- (d) Where did the author in the story **The Best Christmas Present in the World** find the letter? [1]
14. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:** [6]
- (a) Give three reasons that helped the British to subdue Indian princes. Answer in the context of Glimpses of the Past. [2]
- (b) What changes does the arrival of monsoon bring in Mussoorie? [2]
- (c) What is the mood of the school boy? [2]
- (d) How did Ranji and Suraj become friends? [2]
15. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:** [5]
- (a) Describe the tone of the second encounter between the boy and the halwai. [5]
- (b) What were the reasons behind the changes that were seen in the Giant? [5]



Solution

Reading (20 Marks)

1.
 - i. a seasonal reversal of wind direction
 - ii. Inter-tropical Convergence Zone
 - iii. difference between the trends of annual temperature over land and sea
 - iv. solar heating
 - v. the air can no longer hold moisture resulting in precipitation
2.
 - i. (b)
 - ii. (b)
 - iii. (d)
 - iv. (b)
 - v. (a)

Writing (20 Marks)

NOTICE

Win Rs. 1000 in Geography Quiz Contest

St Anthony's School is holding an Inter-School Geography Quiz Contest within a fortnight. The first prize carries Rs. 1000 and a Trophy.

Interested Geography students should see me immediately.

26 August 2019

Vikram Kumar

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The Blind Lady and the Greedy Doctor

Once a rich lady became blind. She called in an eye-specialist. The doctor promised to cure her within a fortnight. She agreed to pay a large fee. The doctor operated upon her eyes and bandaged them.

The doctor came every day. He gave her some medicine and removed some furniture. This went on for 14 days. On the fifteenth day, the doctor removed the bandages and said, "Now, you can see. Please pay my fees." The lady was cured. Her eyesight had been restored, but she was shocked to see that all the pieces of costly furniture were missing. She refused to pay the fees on the plea that she could not see her furniture in her room, which meant that her sight had not been restored.

The doctor filed a suit against her for not paying his fees. The court heard both the parties. On knowing the reality, the judge dismissed the doctor's case. He was charged with theft and sentenced to prison for swindling and stealing.

- 5.

The Recess Period

The recess period has great importance in the school timetable. Both the teachers and the students eagerly wait for it. As soon as the recess bell goes, the students rush out of the class-rooms. There are much noise and laughter. Some students go to water taps, Some bring refreshment packets with them. They do justice with them. Some prefer to remain in the classroom and copy home-task. Some rush to the playground. Some go to the library to read newspapers. The teachers also enjoy the recess period in their own way. After twenty minutes the recess is over. The students come back to their classes. Once again it is calm and quiet in the school.

6. 15/14, Malviya Nagar

New Delhi

28th August 2019

My dear brother,

Namaskar, I got a parcel from you today with words on it 'Birthday gift'. What a pleasant surprise! The contents in the pack further thrilled me. It carried a beautiful table alarm clock and a booklet of thoughts of great men. Now I will be able to rise early with the help of the alarm clock and derive inspiration from the invaluable thoughts.

Thank you so much for these marvellous gifts. You have always been a guiding force for me. I can ensure that I shall always endeavour to rise to your expectations.

Yours affectionately,

Chandresh.



Grammar (20 Marks)

7. i. crossed, sat, ii. was turning, knocked, iii. slipped, injured, iv. was reading, v. died.

8.	Incorrect	Correct
	(a) of	from
	(b) sets	set
	(c) younger	youngest
	(d) climbing	climb
	(e) to	of

9. i. One's control over self is exercised self-control.
ii. It is the power of having one's emotions and mind under control.
iii. It clears the mind and strengthens will power.
iv. It elevates our character.
v. It gives us freedom, peace, bliss, and joy.
10. i. She asked me who had taught me English.
ii. He asked his mother why she had not washed his school dress.
iii. The mother asked the child if he had his breakfast.
iv. Anil asked his sister how she had fared in the interview.
v. The policeman asked me if the thief had stolen my watch.

Literature (20 Marks)

11. i. It was Cricket's heart. It felt very happy.
ii. He sang day and night.
iii. The weather was fine.
12. i. It is natural for a bird to sing joyfully.
ii. A child in school is being compared to a caged bird.
iii. The phrase 'Tender wing' refers to the simple and playful nature of childhood.
13. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- (i) The boy realised that God hadn't put money in his bag. All that he had in his bag were a few textbooks and notebooks, one pencil, one sharpener and an Id card his mamu had sent him last year.
 - (ii) Sixty visitors and only two water buffaloes died at the Yala National Park.
 - (iii) Velu had walked for most of the first day to Kannur and then got on the train to Chennai.
 - (iv) The author had bought a very old roll-top desk. Inside its drawer, there was a secret drawer. The author found the letter inside it.
14. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:
- (i) Three reasons that helped the British to subdue Indian princess were the short-sightedness of Indian Princess taking help of British rulers to help them against their rivalries and the superstitious beliefs of the Indians.
 - (ii) The arrival of the monsoon brings mist. This conceals the hills from view. It also makes the birds silent. There is a general melancholy in the atmosphere.
Unlike the winter rain, the monsoon rain is warm and humid. The plants and the earth love it. Flowers appear after a good rain. Then some new birds also appear. A very significant among them is minivet. These bright coloured birds flit silently among the leaves. There is a bird called Drongos. These are aggressive birds.
The coming of monsoon is a signal of the arrival of many unwanted insects. In Mussoorie, several thousands of leeches appear.
 - (iii) The school boy is unhappy.
 - (iv) Suraj put his arm lovingly around Ranji and said, "we are friends now, yes?" They looked at each other with honest, unflinching eyes, and at that moment, love and understanding were born. "We are friends", said Ranji.
15. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:
- (i) The boy had bought jalebis for everyone from the halwai that made the halwai very happy. The next day he did not have the money to pay the fees, so the boy left the school after the recess and came back when the school was going to get over to walk down home with the other children. On his way home the halwai asked him if he wanted to buy jalebis



again and this upset the boy even more. He felt like telling him that he wanted to roast his liver and eat, instead. The boy was full of regret and anger due to non-payment of fees and this was reflected in their second meeting.

- (ii) The reasons behind the Giant's transformation were a few, yet they were profound. The Giant saw that the spring had arrived in every other garden except his. He, however, failed to comprehend why spring was not arriving in his garden. His garden was under perpetual winter and his garden was not replaced by spring, then summer or autumn. Then one day he saw a small boy in one part of his garden and there he saw the tree had blossomed. Now he understood that because he was being selfish and not allowing the children to play in his garden, spring too was not there. He finally understood that real beauty was to be found in children who played in his garden, and he allowed the children to come to his garden anytime they wished. Thus, from a selfish giant he became a loving one.

