

Class VIII Session 2025-26

Subject - English

Sample Question Paper - 6

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- Attempt all questions.

Reading (20 Marks)

1. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:** [10]

It was Betty's birthday. She was six, so there was to be a doll's tea-party and a cake with six candles.

And that was why Billykin was wearing a big blue bow.

He was a little, fat, roly-poly kitten, and though he was proud of his bow, he found it rather a nuisance. For it dipped in his milk, when he tried to wash his face, it got in his mouth, and he did not like the taste of it. Then he went out in the garden, but there was a strong wind, and it caught the bow, which stuck out on each side of Billykin's head like two blue wings. He tried to climb a tree, but the bow caught in a twig, and he could not get loose, though he struggled hard. So he mewed and mewed until Betty heard him.

"Oh ! Billykin", she said, "how you have messed your beautiful blue bow."

- How old was Betty?
- What was there in the party?
- What was Billykin wearing?
- What happened when he went out in the garden?
- What happened when he tried to climb a tree?

2. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x5=5)** [10]

Fame is a food that dead men eat,

I have no stomach for such meat.

In little light and narrow room,

They eat in the silent tomb.

With no kind voice of comrade near

To bid the feaster be of cheer.

But friendship is a noble thing,

Of friendship, it is good to sing.

For truly when a man shall end,

He lives in the memory of his friend,

Who doth his better part recall,

And of his fault make the funeral.

- By the expression 'Fame is a food that dead men eat' we mean -
 - fame is enjoyed only after death
 - fame is enjoyed during the lifetime



- c. fame is something like a food
 - d. fame dies with one's death.
- ii. Friendship is a noble thing because -
- a. a man cannot live without friends
 - b. real friends are very helpful
 - c. a man always remembers the good qualities of his friend after his death
 - d. it enhances dignity of mankind.
- iii. Friendship is better than fame because in friendship -
- a. when a man dies he lives in the memory of his friend
 - b. a man always regards his friend
 - c. enmity never comes
 - d. a man is always happy in the company of his friend.
- iv. In the last line of the above poem, the poet wants to convey that -
- a. one should believe in friendship
 - b. the faults of a man are highlighted by his friend after his death
 - c. the faults of a man are forgotten by his friend after his death
 - d. one should not run after fame and friendship.
- v. The word **recall** means -
- a. forget
 - b. come close
 - c. help
 - d. remember.

Writing (20 Marks)

3. You are Kiran/Kabir, School Captain of Sumer Model School, Rohtak. Write a notice informing the students about a debate competition to be held on 25th September. [5]
4. **Given below is an outline of the story given in the form of phrases, develop readable stories:** [5]
The mice in a house_____afraid of the cat_____hold a meeting_____ one proposes to tie a bell round the cat's neck_____all agree_____ who is to bell the cat? No mouse offers_____the cat appears_____all run away.
5. Write a paragraph in 80-100 words on the topic **An Incident I Can't Forget.** [5]
6. Write a letter to your parents telling them about your well-being. You are Girish/Garima of class 7th. [5]

Grammar (20 Marks)

7. **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
Theophil Eshley was an artist of	e.g.	of	by
profession. He is very good at his	(a)	_____	_____
work, and could painted any	(b)	_____	_____
subject he could think from,	(c)	_____	_____
but circumstances have forced him	(d)	_____	_____



to specialise to pictures of cows.

(e)

8. **Fill in the following blanks with the correct tense of the verbs given in brackets. (Past Tense)** [5]

- i. Mohan _____ already _____ his breakfast. (take)
- ii. If she _____ for the examination she would not have failed. (prepare)
- iii. The bell _____ before I reached the school. (go)
- iv. The patient _____ before the doctor arrived. (die)
- v. She _____ not _____ the place before her husband permitted her. (leave)

9. **Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences:** [5]

- i. all the pupils / English / in our school / learn
- ii. the owner / lives / is / in a large house / and / very rich
- iii. Some people / as it / travelling / them sea-sick / dislike / makes / by sea
- iv. to walk / a long way / is / ten miles
- v. The Rose / And / Crown / High Street / situated / are / in / the

10. **Change into Direct speech:** [5]

- i. He requested him to wait there till he returned.
- ii. He inquired of me if I knew the way.
- iii. Ali asked me when I would return.
- iv. He asked me whether I played football.
- v. The teacher said that he was busy then.

Literature (20 Marks)

11. Did Kanga consider Hawking brave? How? [3]

12. Study the sentences in the columns below: [3]

A	B
I saw this movie yesterday.	I have seen this movie already.
Bepin Babu worked here for a week last year.	Bepin Babu has worked here since 2003.
Chunilal wrote to a publisher last week.	Chunilal has written to a publisher.
I visited Ranchi once, long ago.	I have visited Ranchi once before.

Compare the sentences in the two columns, especially the verb forms. Answer the following questions about each pair of sentences.

- i. Which column tells us that Bepin Babu is still working at the same place?
- ii. Which column suggests that Chunilal is now waiting for a reply from the publisher?
- iii. Which column suggests that the person still remembers the movie he saw?
- iv. Which column suggests that the experience of visiting Ranchi is still fresh in the speaker's mind?

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

- (a) What did Munna do when he got into the mood for some fun? [1]
- (b) Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand? [1]
- (c)
 - i. Where did the girl lead Velu to? [1]
 - ii. What did they get to eat?
- (d) For how long do you think Connie had kept Jim's letter? Give reasons for your answer. [1]



14. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:** [6]
- (a) How did Ram Mohan Roy try to put confidence into Indians? [2]
 - (b) Name the flowers that you come across in the lesson. [2]
 - (c) 'A cruel eye outworn' (stanza 2) refers to: [2]
 - i. the classroom which is shabby/noisy.
 - ii. the lessons which are difficult/uninteresting.
 - iii. the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.Mark the answer that you consider right.
 - (d) What, according to you, makes the two adversaries turn into good friends in a matter of minutes? [2]
Explain it as you have understood it.
15. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:** [5]
- (a) How do we get to know which task was assigned to which animal? [5]
 - (b) Is Velu a smart boy? Which instances in the text show that he is or isn't? [5]



Solution

Reading (20 Marks)

1.
 - i. Betty was six years old.
 - ii. There were tea and a cake with sue candles in the party.
 - iii. Billykin was wearing a big blue bow.
 - iv. When he went out in the garden, there was a strong wind and it caught the bow, which stuck out on each side of his head like two blue wings.
 - v. When Billykin tried to climb a tree, the bow got caught in a twig and Billykin could not get loose, however hard he tried.
2. (i)- (a) fame is enjoyed only after death
(ii) - (c) a man always remembers the good qualities of his friend after his death
(iii) - (a) when a man dies he lives in the memory of his friend
(iv) - (c) the faults of a man are forgotten by his friend after his death
(v) - (d) remember

Writing (20 Marks)

SUMER MODEL SCHOOL, ROHTAK

NOTICE

5th September, 20XX

DEBATE COMPETITION

All the students of classes IX-XII are hereby informed that a debate competition is to be held on 25th September, 20XX in the school amphitheater. The topic of the debate is 'Is social media useful for school going students?' Students have to speak either in favor or against the concerned topic. The time limit will be 3-4 minutes. The first prize winner will get a gift voucher worth Rs. 3000/-. Those who are interested to participate may submit their names to the school captain by 18th September.

Kiran

School Captain

- 3.
- 4.

Belling the Cat

Once the mice living in a certain house were very unhappy, for a cat killed and ate many of them. So they decided to unite and do something about the cat.

They held a meeting to see how they could get rid of the cat. One mouse said they should leave the house and find another, but others did not agree as they were all comfortable in the house and wanted to stay there only. Another said that they should not come out of their holes but that would have been a cowardly thing to do so that suggestion too was rejected.

Then a young mouse stood up and said, "Let us tie a bell around the cat's neck. Then when the cat comes, we shall hear the bell and can get out of its way". All the mice shouted agreed and said "Good!" They all thought it was a very good plan indeed. Now an old mouse stood up and said, "The plan is, no doubt, good, but who will tie the bell around the cat's neck?" The tying of the bell was a difficult thing to do and nobody volunteered to do it.

Suddenly the cat appeared, and all the mice ran into their holes and all the bravado showed was for no avail. Thus the saying "Who will Bell the Cat" came into being which means who will do a difficult thing readily.

- 5.

An Incident I Can't Forget

I had to go to Jaipur for an interview. I boarded a bus to Jaipur. I took a seat. I kept my bag on it and got down to drink water. When I returned, I found that the bus had left. I was utterly nonplussed. Another bus to Jaipur was to start after twenty minutes. I went to the driver. I told him the whole story. He was a kind man. He at once started the bus. He drove at a fast speed. Soon he overtook the earlier bus. He signalled the other driver to stop. I went to the bus and found my bag safe. I thanked both the bus conductors and drivers. I gave one hundred rupees to the driver and the conductor of the second bus. I can never forget this incident.

6. XYZ School,
Delhi
December 16, 20xx
My dear Father



I am doing good and have no problem in the hostel. The only issue was the food served here, which has now improved a lot. You will be glad to know that I have done all the papers with my best effort and I hope to get a good score. I feel it is all due to your support and guidance.

Recently, I have started taking interest in cricket and some other games. If I will excel in any of them, I have a plan to take advanced coaching for the same.

Rest all is fine. Hope you too are healthy and fine. Give any regards to mother.

Yours affectionately,

Girish

Grammar (20 Marks)

7.	Incorrect	Correct
	(a) is	was
	(b) painted	paint
	(c) from	of
	(d) have	had
	(e) to	in

8. i. had, taken, ii. had prepared, iii. had gone, iv. had died, v. had, left.

9. i. All the pupils in our school learn English.
 ii. The owner is very rich and lives in a large house.
 iii. Some people dislike travelling by sea as it makes them sea-sick.
 iv. Ten miles is a long way to walk.
 v. The Rose and Crown are situated in the High Street.

10. i. He said to him, "Please wait here till I return".
 ii. He said to me, "Do you know the way?"
 iii. Ali said to me, "When will you return?"
 iv. He said to me, "Do you play football?"
 v. The teacher said, "I am busy now."

Literature (20 Marks)

11. Yes. Kanga considered Hawking very brave. Hawking had a decaying body. He was almost completely paralysed. Yet he had decided to live creatively. This was certainly very brave of him.
12. i. Column B (Bepin Babu has worked here since 2003)
 ii. Column A (Chunilal wrote to a publisher last week)
 iii. Column B (I have seen this movie already)
 iv. Column B (I have visited Ranchi once before)
13. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- (i) Munna started giving the Jalebis to the children of the neighbourhood. He spent all the four rupees on buying jalebis and distributing them among children.
 - (ii) Tilly was from England. She along with her family members had come to Thailand to celebrate Christmas.
 - (iii) i. The girl led Velu to a marriage hall.
 ii. They got some food from the garbage bin. It was leftover food.
 - (iv) Connie must have kept Jim's letter for life-long. This could be well-understood from the fact that she told the narrator how she used to read the letter every day and to feel Jim's presence always around her.
14. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:
- (i) Ram Mohan Roy was a learned man from Bengal. He asked Indians not to despise themselves. He said that India had a great culture. He assured them that they were capable of greater achievements.
 - (ii) The flowers we come across in this lesson are - Wild balsom, dehlias, begonias, ground orchids, cobra lilies, etc.
 - (iii) iii. the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.
 - (iv) Ranji and Suraj, two adversaries, turned into good friends in a few minutes for a couple of reasons. Both were tired of fighting. Both needed each other's help, guidance and support. Suraj wanted to learn diving from Ranji. While Ranji liked the idea of becoming a strong wrestler with the help of Suraj.
15. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:



- (i) The horse had to trot, and he had a saddle on his back when he asked the camel to trot like the other animals. This means that the horse was being used for carrying things from one place to another. The dog had a stick in his mouth when he came to meet the camel and it asked the camel to fetch things like it. This shows that the dog was assigned the task of fetching things. The ox, similarly came with a yoke on his neck, asking the camel to plough like it, indicating that he had been tasked to plough the field. Thus, the tasks the other animals asked the camel to do, told us what they were assigned.
- (ii) Yes. Velu seems to be a smart boy. He makes a determination to leave his village and could stand his father's beating. When he reached Chennai, the girl, who was a ragpicker, tried to help him. Initially, he thought of not taking her help. However, he was smart enough to realize that he was very hungry and did not know where to go. Therefore, he followed the girl. He knew how to read Tamil. When the girl told him to eat the banana that she found in the garbage, he refused at first. However, he quickly realized that he was very hungry and therefore, ate it. Even though found the place and even the girl very strange, he continued to walk along with her. He tried to understand why she collected rubbish. He knew that he had not come to the big city to collect rubbish, however, he adjusted to the circumstances and decided to do the same work till he found a better job.

