

# Class VIII Session 2025-26

## Subject - English

### Sample Question Paper - 7

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

#### General Instructions:

- Attempt all questions.

#### Reading (20 Marks)

1. **Read the following passage 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, destroy 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 of these
- The word unique means the same as
  - ordinary



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

2. **Read the following poems carefully: (1 x 5 = 5)**

[10]

WHOSE woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods filled up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

- i. In the last stanza of the poem there is a repetition of the line; 'And miles to go before I sleep.' The poet has repeated the line to
  - a. make the poem interesting
  - b. emphasize his responsibilities
  - c. attract the readers
  - d. express the idea of the poem more forcefully.
- ii. When the poet says 'But I have promises to keep'; he means that
  - a. he has to make his life successful
  - b. he has certain duties which he must discharge
  - c. he has to follow what he has said to his friends
  - d. he has to make people happy.
- iii. The woods are covered with
  - a. snow
  - b. yellow leaves
  - c. sand
  - d. fallen trees.
- iv. Who gives the harness bells a shake?
  - a. Horse
  - b. Poet
  - c. Horse-rider
  - d. Elephant.

v. The word queer means

- a. sometimes
- b. familiar
- c. strange
- d. abnormal.

### Writing (20 Marks)

3. Suppose you are Shashi Joshi of Class VIII studying in Springfield Public School, Jamshedpur. You have lost a bag of books during the lunch break. Write a notice for the School Noticeboard. [5]
4. Develop a story on the given outlines : [5]
- The farmer had four sons—brothers kept quarrelling—farmer wanted to teach a lesson—gave them one stick each to break—easily broke—gave a pile of sticks—could not break—learnt a lesson.
5. Write a paragraph in 80-100 words on the topic **A Visit to a Fair**. [5]
6. You are Suresh of 25, Nehru Nagar, Hyderabad. Write a letter to your friend Vinaya describing your birthday party. [5]

### Grammar (20 Marks)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been provided. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. [5]

		Incorrect	correct
For a last three centuries	e.g.	a	the
the findings of science has had	(a)	_____	_____
a marked impact at society	(b)	_____	_____
but people on a whole have	(c)	_____	_____
not understood just how	(d)	_____	_____
our world had being affected	(e)	_____	_____
nor have they cared.			

8. Fill the blanks with correct preposition: [5]
- i. My father works \_\_\_\_\_ an office.
  - ii. My uncle lives \_\_\_\_\_ a mansion \_\_\_\_\_ a village a few miles from Mumbai.
  - iii. James was brought up \_\_\_\_\_ a farm but later he was sent to work \_\_\_\_\_ a shop in a small town.
  - iv. His father is the manager \_\_\_\_\_ the local bank.
  - v. How long have you been \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi?
9. Arrange the following groups of words into a sentence : [5]
- a. He / chosen / leader / a / was / as
  - b. The / girl / playing / toys / with / her / is
  - c. Sonam / of / our / class / is / the / monitor
  - d. Dishonesty / a / man's / career / ruins
  - e. At / the / door / there / is / a / man
10. Change into Indirect speech: [5]
- i. The teacher says, The English teacher is unwell today.



- ii. The teacher said, The earth revolves around the sun.
- iii. The manager said, The job has finished.
- iv. Vinay said, Lata sings a sweet song.
- v. The teacher said, the students are making a noise.

### Literature (20 Marks)

11. How did kanga fix the interview with Hawking? [3]
12. Why did Bepin Babu worry about what Parimal Ghosh had said? [3]
13. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:** [3]
  - (a) **Children's stomachs are like digestion machines.** What do you understand by that? Do you agree? [1]
  - (b) How many people were swept away along with Meghna? How many of them survived? (The Tsunami) [1]
  - (c) Name the train which Velu boarded. [1]
  - (d) When did the writer begin work on the old roll-top desk? [1]
14. **Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:** [6]
  - (a) Identify two ways in which the British earned profits from India. (**Glimpses of the Past**) [2]
  - (b) Sum up the main ideas of the author's Monsoon Diary in about 100 words. [2]
  - (c) What is the poet's advice to parents of school-going kids? [2]
  - (d) The other boy asked Ranji to 'explain' himself. [2]
    - i. What did he expect Ranji to say?
    - ii. Was he, in your opinion, right or wrong to ask this question?
15. **Answer any ONE of the following questions in 80-100 words each:** [5]
  - (a) Describe how dog, horse and ox turned against the man. [5]
  - (b) Under what circumstances did Velu become a ragpicker? [5]



# Solution

## Reading (20 Marks)

1.
  - i. cure various diseases of the brain, muscles and tissues
  - ii. It strengthens our digestive system
  - iii. almonds, figs, grapes, dates, apples and oranges
  - iv. all of these
  - v. unusual
2.
  - i. (d)
  - ii. (b)
  - iii. (a)
  - iv. (a)
  - v. (c)

## Writing (20 Marks)

### SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL, JAMSHEDPUR

10th August, 20XX

#### NOTICE

#### School Bag Lost

I have lost my school bag yesterday on 9th August in the school ground during the lunch break. The bag is brand new and yellow in colour. It has a picture of Micky Mouse on its front. It contains my books, notebooks, lunch box and a colour box. Anyone who finds it is requested to return it to me. A good treat is promised.

Shashi Joshi

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- 3.
4. **United We Stand, Divided We Fall**

There was a farmer. His name was Charan Das. He had four sons Ramesh, Deepak, Jagat, and Ravi. They all kept on quarrelling with one another. Charan Das was very worried as he was getting old. He thought that if his sons will not live unitedly, they will waste the entire wealth. He planned to teach them a lesson. He called his sons to him and gave them one stick each asking them to break it. The boys were surprised at this and could easily break the stick given to them. Then the farmer gave them each a pile of four sticks and asked them to break, no one could do it.

He told his sons that this shows that if they will fight, they will be alone and easily cheated by others but if they will stay together they can never be cheated, rather they will be strong and do good business. The sons realized their mistake and promised never to quarrel with one another but stay united. This made them happy.

5. **A Visit to a Fair**

Village fairs are generally held to celebrate the advent at a season. Last year I had a chance to see the Baisakhi Fair. There were a great life and activity in the fair. The villagers came in gala dresses. They were in their best spirits. They came in carts or on cycles. Some walked on foot singing folk songs. As the day advanced the crowd began to swell. There were shops of all kinds. They had a roaring business. Bangle-sellers and shops selling eatables attracted a lot. Jugglers and snake charmers provided much fun and laughter to the visitors. Every bit of the fair had its own charm.

6. 25, Nehru Nagar

Hyderabad

26 August 2019

My dear Vinaya

Thank you for the good-wishes card on my birthday. The card was really beautiful. However, I missed you.

Anyway, my parents held a party on the occasion. All my relatives and friends came to wish me a happy birthday.

Everybody liked the birthday cake. There was a special program of dance and music. We enjoyed ourselves till late in the evening.

My uncle from England gave us a surprise visit. My parents were very glad about it. My uncle brought with him a special gift from London. I will show you the same when you come here.

With love



Yours affectionately  
Suresh.

### Grammar (20 Marks)

7.	Incorrect	correct
	(a) has	have
	(b) at	on
	(c) on	as
	(d) understood	understand
	(e) being	been
	(f) have/cared	did/care

8. i. in, ii. in, in iii. at, at iv. of, v. in.

9. a. He was chosen as a leader.  
b. The girl is playing with her toys.  
c. Sonam is the monitor of our class.  
d. Dishonesty ruins a man's career.  
e. There is a man at the door.

### 10. Indirect speech:

- i. The teacher says that the English teacher is unwell today.  
ii. The teacher said that the earth revolves around the sun.  
iii. The manager said that the job had finished.  
iv. Vinay said that Lata sings a sweet song.  
v. The teacher said that the students are making a noise.

### Literature (20 Marks)

11. Kanga called Hawking and requested the scientist's assistant to arrange the interview. He asked for ten minutes but he got half an hour.
12. Parimal Ghosh told Bepin Babu many intimate details of his life. Thus, it appeared that the man knew him well. There seemed no reason why he should tell a lie. Above all Parimal Ghosh, being an actor, played his part very well. He seemed to be a meek person speaking only what he knew. So Ghosh was successful in creating a doubt in the mind of Bepin Babu. Yet he could not recollect his Ranchi visit. So Bepin Babu was worried about what Parimal Ghosh had said. He wondered if he really had a lapse of memory.
13. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 30-40 words each:
- (i) It means that children have the capacity to digest a lot of things that they overeat. I partly agree with the statement and not completely.
  - (ii) Her parents and seventy seven other people were swept away along with Meghna. Only Meghna survived.
  - (iii) The train that Velu boarded was Kanyakumari Express.
  - (iv) The writer began work on the old rolltop desk on Christmas Eve.
14. Answer any THREE of the following questions in 50-60 words each:
- (i)
    - The taxes on farmers were heavy and they decided that British goods should not have import duties.
    - They removed import duties for British goods and collected more tax from farmers.
  - (ii) The writer was in Mussoorie, a hill station in Uttarakhand. The first day of monsoon brought mist. The birds got silent and the hills became invisible. On June 25, came the early monsoon rain. He described the hill station as 'A paradise that might have been' to a school boy. With the onset of the monsoon one could see leopards and leeches and the colourful minivet birds. There was no dearth of insects for the birds to eat. On August 2, it rained heavily and nonstop. The roofs began to leak. The rain stopped on August 3. The sunlight fell on the hills and the song birds began to sing. On August 12, there was heavy downpour and mist for more than a week. Everything was damp. Meanwhile wild flowers began to appear. August 31 saw the greenery at its peak. Snakes and rodents came out of their flooded holes and hid in roofs or godowns. Winter rain, hailstones and snow came on October 3. The author couldn't go outside and he felt very lonely in his room. Late March saw the end of winter. He also used to receive a cheque in the mail.
  - (iii) The poet calls upon the parents to let their kids grow and play joyfully in early years. They should not restrict their natural activities.



(iv) i. The other boy, Suraj, expected Ranji to say 'sorry'.

ii. Suraj was a bully. He was wrong to prevent Ranji from using the pool. The pool was common property.

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

(i) The world was new. Animals had begun to work for the man. However, the camel refused to work. He lived in the desert. He refused to come near the man.

On Monday morning the horse went to the camel. He asked him to trot as he did. "Humph", said the camel and the horse went away. In the same way, the dog came and went away. The ox asked the camel to plough. He was also sent back with a "Humph".

The three animals went to the man and complained. Man said he was helpless. Then he said that the three of them must work double-time. It was to do the camel's share of work. This made all three of them very angry.

(ii) Velu was an eleven year old boy. He ran away from home because he was very unhappy with his economic condition at home. He came to Chennai where he met Jaya, a girl of his own age. Jaya was carrying a big sack on her back. She was picking up plastic cups and putting them into the sack. Seeing Velu in a miserable condition she took pity on him and got food for him. She brought Velu to her hut, which was built out of wood, plastic and sheets. She gave him a pair of old shoes, a sack and a stick. He wondered what work she wanted him to do. She told him that he was now a ragpicker like her. He too now had to collect things from waste materials. Velu was alone in that big city. He had no option and therefore accepted the job of a ragpicker.