

**Question paper SA-II,
2011-2012
CBSE Class 8th English Course B**

SECTION - A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (5)

Just from the childhood, parents start encouraging their children to be more ambitious, to be more competitive and to get more marks in the exams. We expect our children to be the best doctors, to be the best engineers and to be the best businessman Nobody likes his children to be a good painter, a good mechanic, a good carpenter, a good artist, this hurts Our own ego that our children have become painter, carpenter and artist and others children are doctors and engineers is not letting our children to do their best.

Questions:

- (a) What is the ambition of the parents for their children? (1)
- (b) What do the parents want their children to become (1)
- (c) What hurts the parents? (1)
- (d) Nobody likes his children to be a..... (1)
- (e) Find word in the passage which mean the same as- 'having strong desire to achieve something. (1)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (5)

Far away on a lonely island, there lived a wise old man and his daughter The man was Jatashankar, a magician. The daughter was Roopmati, a lovely, young girl of sixteen. They lived in a cave, one half of which was used for Jatashanker's study. It was here that he kept his books and studied magic most of the day. He knew so much of the art of magic that he was able to command the spirits of the island to obey him. These spirits obeyed him gladly because they were grateful to him for having rescued them from the power of the wicked Ugranarayan, who had treated them cruelly,

Questions:

- (a) Who lived on the lonely island? (1)
- (b) What was the name of the magician? (1)
- (c) Why did the spirits obey the magician (1)

- (d) Ugranarayan was a wicked person. Why? (1)
(e) Give a word from the passage which is opposite of: (1)
(i) ugly (ii) kind

SECTION - B (Writing)

3. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics: (7)

- (a) A Visit to a Fair
(b) The season I like most
(c) Road Safety

4. Write an application to the Principal of your school, apologizing for your misbehavior in the class. You are Amit/Amita of D.A.V. School. (7)

OR

You are Ankur/Ankita of 152-B, Saket Nagar. Write a letter to your younger brother/sister advising him/her to work harder for his/her upcoming exams.

5. You are Varun/Varuna of VIIIIC. You celebrated Republic Day in your school. Write a report on the celebrations of Republic Day. (4)

OR

Complete the story below on the basis of the hints given below:

A fox sees a crow with a piece of cheese - wishes to have it-praises the crow -- asks it to sing-crow sings-piece falls down-fox runs away with it.

SECTION-C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in brackets: (3)

- (a) The earth..... (move) round the Sun.
(b) He..... (meet) the Principal tomorrow.
(c) My friend(reach) home before it started raining.

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals: (1 ½)

- (a) We.....obey our elders (will/should/can)
(b) you live long (might/can/may)

(c) She dance very well. (will/can/could)

8. Complete the sentences using appropriate preposition: (1 ½)

- (a) The frog jumped..... the water. (in/into/on)
- (b) What is the time..... your watch? (in/at/by)
- (c) The bus ran.....the pedestrian. (above/over/on)

9. Change the narration: (3)

- (a) She said to me, "I am a student."
- (b) Teacher said to the student, "Open the book."
- (c) Mother said to Rani, "What are you doing?"

10. Arrange the jumbled words to make proper sentences: [3]

- (a) like/boys/to/chess/play/the
- (b) at/lot/there/rush/station/was/of/railway/the
- (c) flying/the/sky/in/the/kites/are

SECTION-D (Literature)

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

There is another summit. It is within yourself. It is your own mind. Each man carries within himself his own mountain peak He must climb it to reach a fuller knowledge of himself. It is fearful and unscalable. It cannot be climbed by anyone else. You yourself have to do.....

Questions:

- (a) Name the lesson.
- (b) What does each man carry within himself?
- (c) Why must he climb it?
- (d) Find a word from the passage which means "which cannot be measured."

12. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

(The years hurried on, and brought white hairs upon the head of Ernest, and made wrinkles across his forehead and furrow in his cheeks. He was an old man. But not in vain had he grown old; more numerous than the white hair on his head were the wise thoughts in his mind. And Ernest had ceased to be obscure.

Questions:

- (a) Name the lesson.
- (b)- Give two physical characteristics of Ernest.
- (c) What did white hair indicate?
- (d) Choose the word from the passage which means “unknown.

13. (a) How does Jody's mother react when she hears that he is going to bring the fawn home? (4)

OR

- (b) Mention a few things that can happen when there is endless rain for days together.

14. Answer any three questions in about 30-40 words each: (3 X 3 = 9)

- (a) Did the prospect of meeting Stephen Hawking make the writer nervous? If so, why?
- (b) How did Jody bring the fawn back home?
- (c) How was Earnest different from others in the valley
- (d) Where do snakes and rodents take shelter? Why?

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (any one) (3)

The poetry of the earth is never dead:

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun

And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run

from hedge to hedge about the new mown mead,

that is the grasshopper's he takes the lead

in Summer luxury.

Questions:

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What is never dead?
- (c) Where do the birds hide?

OR

But to go the school in a summer morn,

Oh it drives all joys away;

Under a cruel eye out worn,

the little ones spend the day,

in sighing and dismay,

Questions:

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What does the child not like?
- (c) How does the children a in the school?

16. Answer any two questions in 30-40 words: (2 x 1 = 2)

- (a) Why is the child in the poem The School Boy not a happy child?
- (b) What will duck do to make the Kangaroo comfortable?
- (c) What change did the visit to Lyonesse bring about in the poet?

17. Answer any four questions from the following: (4 x 1 = 4)

- (a) What makes Ranji superior over others?
- (b) Why does Duttadasay, "I almost wish I had not discovered the comet."?
- (c) What was the consequence of buying jalebies with the fees money
- (d) Why did Mr. Framton bolt out at the end of the story?
- (e) Why did her aunt keep the window open every evening according to Vera?