

Question paper SA-I 2016 – 17 Set B

CBSE class 8th ENGLISH

General Instruction:

- The Question paper is divided into three sections:
- Section A: Reading 20 Marks
- Section B: Writing and Grammar 45 Marks
- Section C: Literature 25 Marks
- This question paper has 20 questions and 6 printed pages.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Write answers neatly and legibly.
- All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section-A: Reading [20]

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (8)

In acupuncture, no drug is injected into the body, so it has no adverse effects. The stimulation of acupuncture points was done so far by very thin, sharp sliver needles. The prick is almost painless. (Para 1)

But now techniques like the use of laser beams (without using needles) are being used in which there is no prick, no pain. These are readily acceptable to children and those patients who are scared of needles. For every patient, there is a separate set of needles, which is sterilized after every use, so there should not be any fear of contagion. (Para 2)

Initially, three or four sittings of acupuncture treatment are given (one course is of ten days) to control asthma and usually the patient is off medicine by that time. After this, one sitting, weekly or fortnightly, is continued for some time, so as to prevent relapse. (Para 3)

At the time of Holi or Diwali, when there is a change of season, there is a tendency of relapse, so once/twice a week sittings are given during the period of three seasons, which generally results in an almost cure in children and young patients (up to the age of 25-30 years).

Relapses are generally unusual. In older age groups, though some damage to lungs has been done due to prolonged disease and medication, yet considerable improvement is possible resulting in decrease in severity and frequency of attacks. (Para 4)

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. (5)

- a. Why has acupuncture no adverse effect on patients?**
- b. Why is acupuncture almost painless?**
- c. What is the reason for prolong acupuncture treatment?**
- d. What are acceptable to those who are scared of needles?**
- e. What happens to older patients?**

Ans. a. Acupuncture has no adverse effect on patients as no drug is injected into the body of the patients.

b. Acupuncture is almost painless for patients because the simulations of acupuncture points was done by thin and sharp silver needles.

c. Acupuncture treatment gets prolonged so that there is no change of relapse.

d. Laser Beams are acceptable to those patients who are scared of needless.

e. Some damage to lungs has been done due to prolonged disease and medication.

1.2. Find word/phrase from the passage which means the same as the following. (1)

- a. acuteness (para 3)**

Ans. severity

1.3. Choose the correct option. (2)

- a. Needles are sterilized after every use _____ .**

i to reuse them ii. to avoid infection

iii. to avoid fear iv. to keep them new

- b. _____ sitting/ sittings is/ are given to shun the setback of asthma.**

i. Three ii. Two iii. One iv. Four

Ans. ii. to avoid infection. iii. one

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (7)

Many years ago, when the art of stunting plants was quite unheard of except in remote areas of India, Buddhist monks in isolated monasteries in Tibet stunted trees like the oak, orange tree, peepal tree, watching with excitement, the tree still flowering and bearing fruit regardless of this 'deformity'. Since the trees looked so artistically beautiful, the art was learnt by some Chinese monks who taught 'Bonsai' making, an art that became most sought after in China. (Para 1)

Every garden, among plant lovers, had at least half a dozen 'bonsais'. China and India claimed rights to the art, till Japan followed, enamoured by its beauty. Today, Japan leads in Bonsai making of plants and has derived new methodologies to make the plants look aesthetic and artistic. The most beautiful is the Cherry blossom, from Sweden, that is breathtakingly attractive. The bonsai remains full grown for even more than ten years, although it needs constant pruning, watering, shaping and correct environment. The trees can be planted in colourful containers of your choice. (Para 2)

Innumerable schools have mushroomed, where the art is taught and cultivated. Best known among them is the Indian Bonsai Association. (Para 3)

India has great demand for Bonsai, and hotels, homes, garden houses, farm houses, restaurants, guest houses, invariably decorate lobby's dining halls, drawing rooms with these exotic plants. It is aptly said that, 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever'. Indeed the Bonsai lasts in one's imagination long after the plant has lived its life. (Para 4)

2.1 On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions. (4)

a. Who began to stunt trees and plants?

b. Which countries assert that Bonsai was their origin?

c. How can one take care of the Bonsai plants?

d. What is the life span of a Bonsai?

Ans. a. Buddhist monks

b. China and India

c. The bonsai remains full grown for even more than ten years, although it needs constant pruning, watering, shaping and correct environment. The trees can be planted in colorful containers of your choice.

d. ten years

2.2. Find word/phrase from the passage which means the same as the following. (2)

a. isolated (para 1) b. fascinated (para 2)

Ans. a. remote, b. enamoured

2.3. Answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. (1)

a. Who are the leaders of manufacturing the Bonsai plants?

i. The Japanese

ii. The Indians

iii The Chinese

iv. The Swedish

Ans. i. The Japanese

3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow: (5)

I build walls:

Walls that protect,

Walls that shield,

Walls that say I shall not yield

Or reveal

Who I am or how I feel.

I build walls:

Walls that hide,

Walls that cover what's inside,

Walls that stare or smile or look away,

Silent lies,

Walls that even block my eyes

From the tears I might have cried.

I build walls:

Walls that never let me

Truly touch

Those I love so very much.

Walls that need to fall!

Walls meant to be fortresses

Are prisons after all.

3.1 Answer the following questions briefly: (3)

a. Why is it not a good idea to build these walls?

b. When walls act as protection, they hide _____. (Complete the line).

c. Find word(s) which means the same as 'surrender'. (Stanza 1)

Ans. a. They act as prison and keep loved ones.

b. (strong) feelings

c. yield

3.2. Answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices. (2)

a. The walls in the poem are made of _____ .

i. blood and flesh ii. hidden feelings and thoughts

iii. bricks/ physical material iv. cement and tiles

b The poet uses walls as a/ an _____ (Identify the poetic device).

i metaphor

ii. alliteration

iii simile

iv. Personification

Ans. ii. Hidden feelings and thoughts

iv. Personification

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (45)

4. You are Rahul/Rachna, the Sports Secretary of RJ Public School, Ajmer. Write a notice in not more than 50 words asking students interested in Hockey to give their names for selection for the school Hockey Team. Give details of trial, selection, etc. (5)

Ans. Notice Writing (5)

The format should include: NOTICE / TITLE, DATE, and WRITER'S NAME WITH DESIGNATION. (1 Mark)

Content (2 Marks)

Expression (2 marks)

5. It is the best day of your life. You have scored a whopping 98.2% marks in your examinations, but all your friends have forgotten to congratulate you on your success. You have mixed feelings about the day and decide to pen down your feelings. Write your diary entry in about 100 words. (5)

Ans.

Diary Entry (5)

Format (1 Mark)

Content (coherence, cohesion, content, lexical resources, word limit) (4 Marks)

6. The problem of obesity is affecting the younger generation due to excessive intake of

junk food. Obesity can lead to serious health issues like diabetes and hypertension.

Write an article on ‘Obesity in Generation Y’ in 125 words. (7)

Ans. Article Writing (7)

Format: (Title and writer's name) (1 Mark)

Content (4 Marks)

Expression, grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling, Coherence, relevance of ideas and style (2 Marks)

7. You recently went to watch the IPL match between Delhi Daredevils and Mumbai Indians at Ferozshah Kotla Ground in Delhi. Write a letter to your friend sharing your experience in about 100 words. (8)

Ans. Letter (8 Marks)

Format (2 Marks)

Content (4 Marks)

Expression, grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling, Coherence, relevance of ideas and style (2 Marks)

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb given in the brackets. (3)

A burglary (a).....(take) place last night in the house of Mr. Khanna. After a few hours, a policeman (b).....(visit) his house and (c).....(find) how the thieves (d).....(manage) to (e).....(enter) the house. He also (f).....(enquire) the entire family what they were doing at that time.

Ans. took, visited, found, managed, enter, enquired

9. Complete the passages using suitable conjunctions. (2)

Mr. Puri has a car of his own (a)..... does not drive it. His sons, Mihir (b)..... Kabir often asks him to start driving to nearby places (c) that he may not face any problem when they are away. But Mr. Puri (d) drives himself nor does he allow his sons to drive.

Ans. but, and, so, neither

10. Complete the passages using ‘some’ or ‘any’. (3)

When Mr. Singh entered his office, (a) of his workers were busy talking to each

other. Hardly (b) work was done. So, Mr. Singh called his peon in his cabin. He brought (c) files which were still incomplete. He asked his peon to give him (d) water. The peon replied that there wasn't (e)..... He, then, asked his secretary to give him (f) information about the new proposals.

Ans. some, any, some, some, any, some

11. Change the following sentences into the passive voice. (4)

a. The masons were building the house.

b. Mother was making a cake.

c. She wrote an award-winning novel.

d. The terrorists blew up the bridge.

Ans. a. The house **was being built** by the masons.

b. A cake **was being made** by mother.

c. An award-winning novel **was written** by her.

d. The bridge **was blown up** by the terrorists.

12. Complete the passages using suitable modals. (1)

Sagar : (a)..... I use your phone Parth? My parents are out of town and (b)..... not be back until evening. So, I need to know where the house keys are.

Ans. May, might/will

13. Fill in the blanks using the correct word. (1)

I was (a).....(high/highly) impressed by her talent. I expect her to rise very (b)(high/highly).

Ans. highly, high

14. Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject. (3)

Neither my elders nor my parents (a)..... (was/were) at Delhi, so the (b) (could/would) not attend the PTM, Presence in these meetings (c) (is/are) useful. I (d)..... (know/am knowing) my parents have never

(e)..... (missed/attended) such meetings because they (f).....
(know/knew) their importance.

Ans. were, is, were, are, don't, knows

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

a. After dinner, she continued her homework until late at night. (do)

b. Tom stopped up his washing on the way home. (pick)

c. Tell me your plan. I'm interested about it. (hear)

d. The drama has won several awards. (amaze)

e. Most of Hong Kong people don't like meat. (freeze)

f. I think you should take up because you have a melodious voice. (sing)

Ans. to do/doing, to pick, to hear/in hearing, amazing, frozen, singing

SECTION C: LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT [20]

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

And shouted but one more aloud,

"My father, must I stay?"

While o'er him fast, through sail and shroud

The wreathing fires made way,

a. Name the poem and the poet.

b. What does the word 'shroud' mean?

c. Explain 'wreathing fires made way'.

d. Who was the speaker talking to?

Ans. a. Casabianca

b. a piece of cloth to cover the dead

c. Circling fires began to cover the deck.

d. The speaker was talking to his father who was dead already.

17. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (8)

a. What did the old man dream about? How did Muko's spirit help him again?

b. Describe Swami's thoughts as he lay in his father's office.

c. How did the narrator describe the traveller who he felt had seen in Bard field?

d. How does the father sense his son's concern?

Ans. a. The old man dreamt about Muko's spirit visiting him and guiding him about the treasure. By telling the old man to make a mortar and a petel from the tree above his grave.

b. Swami was mighty afraid of the spiders and other dreadful things out of his imagination.]

c. Swami was mighty afraid of the spiders and other dreadful things out of his imagination.]

d. when the boy asked how long before he would die?

18. Write meanings of the following words. (2)

a. procession:

b. purgative:

Ans. a. a large group of people

b. medicine to cleanse the system.

19. Answer the following questions in 60-80 words. (6)

a. Describe the seven stages of life as mentioned in the poem.

b. Does the story bring out that kindness and goodness are eventually rewarded? Give reasons for your answer. ('The Old Man Who Made the Withered Trees Blossom')

Ans. a. Shakespeare considers the world a stage and men and women actors on the stage of life. They play seven roles according to their age. The first stage, as described by the poet, is the infant who is being carried by a nurse. The infant cries and vomits all the time. Later, that infant grows into a schoolboy, not willing to attend school which is the fourth stage of a man's life. The third stage is that of a lover who is lost in his thoughts of love. The lover writes poetry to his lady's beauty. In the fourth stage, as he grows older, he joins the army and becomes a soldier. He is physically fit and is aggressive, short-tempered and ambitious

in nature. The fifth stage shows that with maturity and wisdom, the family man becomes a judge. He is a fair, healthy man full of wisdom. His look is authoritative and he advises people. The sixth stage is about the man who has grown old and is seen in a pantaloons and spectacles. His authoritative voice has grown weak and his voice trembles as he talks. The last stage is about the senile man who loses his teeth, his vision and his hearing. After this, the man part in the play ends and he exits from the stages of his life forever.

b. answers may vary

20. Answer the following questions. (5)

a. Name the Bennet sisters.

b. Who does Bingley find attractive and why?

c. How does Jane describe Bingley to Elizabeth?

Ans. a. Elizabeth, Jane.

b. Mr. Bingley dances with Jane, and describes her to Darcy as the most beautiful creature he has ever seen.

c. She says he is sensible, good humored, lively, and has fine manners.