
Question Paper FA-I 2016–2017 Set A
CBSE Class 8 ENGLISH

General Instructions:

- This question paper contains 5 questions.
 - All the questions are compulsory.
 - Marks for each question are indicated against it.
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SECTION - A (READING)

1. Read the passage carefully: (5)

Ravana's Teachings

1. When Ravana was attacked by Rama and was about to die, Rama asked his brother Lakshmana to approach the Lanka king to learn something about the world, which no other person except for the learned Ravana could teach. Lakshmana obeyed his brother's orders and stood near the dying Ravana's head. But Ravana didn't say anything and Lakshmana returned to Rama.
2. Rama then told Lakshmana that whenever one wants to learn something from a person, one should never stand near his head, but at his feet. Lakshmana went back to Ravana and this time he stood near his feet. Ravana then told him a couple of secrets that would make anyone's life successful.
3. The first thing Ravana told Lakshmana was that one should complete all auspicious task as soon as possible and keep putting off any inauspicious task. The second thing he taught Lakshmana was never to underestimate one's enemy. He said that he had made this mistake by ignoring the monkeys and as a result, had lost in the battle against them.
4. The third thing he told Lakshmana was about another valuable secret – never to reveal one's secret to anyone in the world. However, Ravana did not pay heed to his advice earlier. He spilled the beans to Vibhishana and that was his biggest mistake.

On the basis of your reading and understanding of the passage, choose the correct

answer from the options given below:

a. One of the secrets shared by Ravana with Lakshmana that could make anyone's life successful was that _____.

i one should be lazy and avoid a task given.

ii one should complete all auspicious task as soon as possible and keep putting off any inauspicious task.

iii. one should underestimate one's enemy.

b. "He spilled the beans to Vibhishana and that was his biggest mistake."

'He' refers _____.

i. Rama

ii. Ravana

iii. Lakshmana

c. 'Did not pay heed to his advise' is an example of:

i. phrasal verbs

ii. proverb

iii. idiom

d. Find out a phrase from the passage which means the same as 'to give away a secret'

i. Did not pay heed to his advise.

ii. He spilled the beans

iii. Never underestimate one's enemy.

e. Find out a word from the passage which means the same as "conducive to success "

i. Inauspicious

ii Auspicious.

iii. Underestimate

Ans. a) One should complete all auspicious task as soon as possible and keep putting off any inauspicious task

b) Ravana

c) idiom

d) He spilled the beans

e) Auspicious.

SECTION – B (WRITING)

2. Your school is planning to hold a Tree Planting Day where the Municipal Commissioner of your area will be the Chief Guest. As member of the Environment Club you have been asked to put up a notice informing students about the event. Draft the notice in about 50 words. (5)

Ans. Format -1

Expression – 1

Content -2

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. (3)

a. Could you bring me _____ books I left in the garden?

b. _____ sun rises from the east.

c. The doctor advised me to eat _____ apple every morning.

d. There aren't _____ students in the library.

e. He was _____ English poet.

f. She gave a cookie to _____ child.

Ans. a) those d) many

b) The e) an

c) an f) each

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

4. Answer with reference to the context. (1x3=3)

Yet beautiful and bright he stood,

As born to rule the storm;

A creature of heroic blood,

A proud, though childlike form.

a. What is the name of the poem and poet?

b. Who is the protagonist of the poem?

c. What are the qualities of the boy?

Ans. a) Casabianca, Felicia Dorothea Hemans

b) The protagonist of the poem is a young boy who is standing on the deck of a burning ship waiting for instructions from his father.

c) Despite the conditions around him, the boy exhibits courage by standing there waiting for instructions from his father.

5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (4)

a. The kindness of the old couple was reflected in their concern for Muko. Explain.

b. What led Muko to his tragic death?

Ans. a) The kind couple fed Muko with titbits of fish from their own chopsticks and all the boiled rice it wanted. The old lady also made a cushion of blue crepe for Muko.

b) When the greedy couple did not find anything but a dead kitten, they got furious at Muko. The unkind old man kicked and beat him to death