

Question Paper SA–II (2014-2015)
set B
CBSE Class 8th ENGLISH

General Instructions:

- The questions paper consists of sections:
- Section A – Reading 10 marks
- Section B – Writing 10 marks
- Section C- Grammar 15 marks
- Section D – Literature (Text book) 35 marks
- All questions are compulsory
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct

Section A Reading (10 marks)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Children should be educated without pressure. They should enter into adulthood free from the damaging effects of tradition and fear. Free expression of thought should be given to the children. A child once asked Krishnamurthy: “Is it your hobby to give lectures? Don’t you get tired of taking?”

- (a) How should children be educated?
- (b) What should be given to children?
- (c) What did a child question to Krishnamurthy?
- (d) How should the children enter the adulthood?
- (e) Which word in the passage means ‘harmful’

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:

Wild birds are afraid of us. They fly away when we go near them. But is easy to be friendly with any bird. You must be patient and have a plenty of time. You must not try to catch a bird or hurt it. Vikrant always feeds the birds which come to his garden. They are quite wild, but they area also hungry. He used to put some food on the top of a wall for them. They waited until he went back into the house. And then they flew down to eat the food.

- (a) Why do wild birds fly away when we go near them?
- (b) How can we friendly with the birds?
- (c) How does Vikrant develop friendship with birds?
- (d) Where did he put food?
- (e) Find a word from the extract which means 'hold'

SECTION 'B' WRITING (10 marks)

3. Write a letter to your younger brother/sister, Mohit/Mohini, advising him/her to work for exams. Sign yourself as Rajesh/Roshini.

OR

You are Navodit/Nandita living at C-1, BHEL, Haridwar. You want to open your account with SBI. Write a letter to the Bank Manager for opening Bank account.

4. You are Hemant/Hina, head boy/girl of ABC school. Your school is organizing a local tour. Draft a notice for the notice-board of the school.

OR

You are the students of DPS, Kalka. Your school has celebrated its 'Annual Day'. Write a report on 'Celebration of Annual Day' in your school.

OR

Write a paragraph on 'Any Festival'

SECTION 'C' GRAMMAR (15 marks)

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles:

- (a) boy who is playing is my brother
- (b) What beautiful flower!
- (c) Ram drives car sixty miles hour.

6. Change the following sentences into passive voice:

- (a) He helps me.
- (b) You are not solving sums.

(c) Did she steal your books?

7. From the nouns of the following words:

Attend, stop, happy

8. Choose the most appropriate option from the brackets to complete the following sentences:

- a) I (may/must/can) speak English.
- b) Walk carefully lest you (will/can/should) fall down.
- c) You (should/would/must) obey the rules of the road.

9. Arrange the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences:

- a) woman/an/id/old/grandmother/my
- b) a/wears/very/she/dress/simple
- c) not/she/look to/own comforts/her/does

SECTION 'D' LITERATURE (35 marks)

10. a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

And I started, because I had quite forgotten that this most brilliant and completely paralyzed astro-physicist, the author of A Brief History of Time, one of the biggest best sellers ever, lived here.

- (i) Who is 'I' in the passage?
- (ii) Which book had Stephen written?
- (iii) Give opposite word for 'smallest' from the passage.

b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The Cricket's song, om warmth increasing ever, And seems to one in drowsiness half lost; The grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) Which season is mentioned here in these lines?
- (iii) Who is representing this season?

11.(i) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each:

- a) Which hill station does the author describe in the lesson 'A short Monsoon Diary'?
- b) Who is Stephen Hawking?

(ii) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each:

- a) What did Mrs. Sappleton say about the open window?
- b) What does 'Project Light Brigade' refer to?

12. (i) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each (any two)

- a) How did Jody bring the fawn back home?
- b) What did the author receive in the mail?
- c) How was Ernest different from others in the valley?

(ii) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each (any two):

- a) Why had Framton's sister given him letters to introduction to people living there?
- b) What did the child do with the remaining jalebis?
- c) Why is Duttada's wife unhappy about discovery?

13. Answer any two questions from each part of the following questions:

PART (A)

- (a) Why does Jody want to bring the fawn home?
- (b) What did young Ernest wish when he gazed at it?
- (c) Why is the Kangaroo worried for the ride of Duck?

PART (B)

- (a) Why did framton rush out wildly?
- (b) How di Sir John get hold of Jemes original manuscript?
- (c) Did Sir John buy Christmas presents on December 15? How did Duttada get to know about it?

14. Concentrate on what you are good at 'shows the positive attitude of Stephen towards the life.

Justify this statement with reference to the lesson 'A Visit to Cambridge'.

OR

Edibles always attract children. The same thing happens with the boy who was going to school with fees. Comment on it in reference to the lesson 'Jalebis'.