

**Basava International School**  
**Yearly Examination 2018-19**  
**Set-3**  
**Class 8 English**

**Time : 3 Hrs.**

**M.M. : 80**

**General Instructions**

All questions are compulsory.

You may attempt any section at a time.

All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A**  
**(READING-18 MARKS)**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

**HABITS**

1. A recent Study of dining habits reveals how far standards have slipped. The majority of Britons no longer eat together as a family but of those who do, four out of 10 can't see anything wrong with bringing their laptops, iPads and smartphones to the table.
2. Indeed, the new social savagery is everywhere and not just at the dining table just step into the street and the communal atmosphere has gone. Most pedestrians are in their private bubbles either speaking on their mobiles or wearing headsets -- perhaps so they don't have to listen to others speaking on theirs.
3. At parties -- originally designed to promote friendship and romance - the direct experience is being intercepted by smartphones as partygoers are too busy announcing their presences at the event and checking on the progress and whereabouts of their peers. In restaurants, theatres libraries school speech days, at home en famille, people are distracted by a brightly-lit device that seems to hold the promise of something better.
4. It is a generational thing, of course The worst offenders are teenagers - in terms of the group who are the most distracted because this is the generation who never knew life when it was 'real' the continuous future. They have no experience of subtlety, nuance or considered responses -only of instant, illiterate and ill-considered ones. The gratification

teens crave is not the warm smile of affection or the approving comment from another human, but the sense of achievement they gain from electronic validation. Emails, texts and updates pinging in reassure them that they are alive and popular and abreast of rolling social news. Malachy Guinness, 28, who co-runs Bright Young Things Tuition, comes from a family famed for their exquisite manners. Says Malachy: 'My mother gets veto cross when I keep taking calls and texting but I say, the great thing about my smartphone is it allows me to work on the move. So I can either see more of you and continue working while I do so, or stay in the office and see less of you.'

5. Malachy is actually a victim rather than a beneficiary, of new technology. If it was not available people would not be, enslaved to it. We, the pitying onlookers, are victims, too. The rudeness is rarely intentional. It is not that the worst offenders do not care about the effect their intrusive shouting into mobiles, for example on trains, has on others. They often are simply unaware of it.

6. A good way to tackle such impolite gestures would be; like in a train/bus: If someone is shouting indiscretions into their phone for more than a few minutes, record it with your own phone then play it back to them. When they hear their own voice booming out at them from the seat behind they are more than startled. They get the message and bring their call to a halt.

7. The worst place to take a call is in church, second worst the theatre, the third during a speech and the fourth, in a restaurant. If you know you are likely to have an urgent call, genuinely urgent while in a restaurant, warn your companions before, put your phone on vibration and then go out to take the call in the street or lobby.

8. The real status symbol is to not answer your mobile but to have an underling do it for you. Stack up the messages and let you respond to them at your leisure, if there is a real emergency they can deal with it in the time-honoured way that real emergencies can always be dealt with.

Read the given questions and write the answers. **(8)**

- Why do most families in Britain not eat together?
- How has technology impacted the life of youngsters?
- Why does the writer use the term 'social savagery'?
- How does the present generation and working people justify electronic advancement?

Choose the word which is closest in meaning to the words given below.

- promote

- (i) to run
- (ii) to canvass for
- (iii) to break
- (iv) to take ahead
- f. intercepted
  - (i) to come in between
  - (ii) to break
  - (iii) to speak in between
  - (iv) to throw
- g. offender
  - (i) one who does good deeds
  - (ii) a sports person
  - (iii) one who commits mistakes
  - (iv) a brave person
- h. gratification
  - (i) happiness
  - (ii) sadness
  - (iii) awkwardness
  - (iv) sense of fulfillment

2.

### **The Habit of Reading**

1. The habit of reading is one of the greatest resources of mankind, and we enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed. A borrowed book is like a guest in the house; it must be treated with punctiliousness, with a certain considerate formality. You must see that it sustains no damage; it must not suffer while under your roof. You cannot leave it carelessly you cannot mark it, you cannot turn down the pages, you cannot use it familiarly. And then, someday, although this is seldom done, you really ought to return it.

2. But you, own books belong to you; you treat them with that affectionate intimacy that annihilates formality. Books are for use, not for show; you should own no book that you are afraid to mark up or afraid to place on the table, wide open and face down. A good reason for marking favourite passages in books is that this practice enables you to remember more easily the significant sayings to refer to them quickly, and then in later years, it is like visiting a forest where you once blazed a trail. You have the pleasure of

going over the old ground, and recalling both the intellectual scenery and your own earlier self.

3. Everyone should begin collecting a private library in youth; the instinct of private property, which is fundamental in human beings can here be cultivated with every advantage. One should have one's own bookshelves, which should not have doors, glass windows, or keys; they should be free and accessible to the hand as well as to the eye. The best of mural decorations are books; they are more varied in 'colour and appearance' than any wallpaper, they are more attractive in design and they have the prime advantage of being separate personalities so that if you sit alone in the room in the firelight, you are surrounded with intimate friends. The knowledge that they are there in plain view is both stimulating and refreshing. You do not have to read them all. Most of my indoor life is spent in a room containing six thousand books, and I have a stock answer to the invariable question that comes from strangers. "Have you read all of these books? "Some of them twice". This reply is both true and unexpected.

4. My devotion to reading has never made me a recluse. How could it be? Books are of the people by the people, for the people. Literature is the immortal part of history; it is the best and most enduring part of personality. But book-friends have this advantage. over living friends; you can enjoy the most truly aristocratic society in the world whenever you want it. The great dead are beyond our physical reach, and the great living is usually almost the inaccessible; as for our personal friends and acquaintances, we cannot always see them. Per chance, they are asleep, or away on a journey But in a private library, you can at any moment converse with Socrates or Shakespeare or Carlyle or Dumas or Dickens or Shaw or Barrie or Galsworthy.

Complete the following table by filling in the blanks with appropriate answers. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

- a. Add two more advantages of our own Books as one is given **(2)**

We treat them with intimacy.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ ii. \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Add two more disadvantages of borrowed books as one is given **(2)**

They are mere guests in our house.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ ii. \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Complete the following statements/questions : **(1)**

Borrowed books, like guests, \_\_\_\_\_

Marking favourite passages enables us to

(i)\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

d. The authors calls books (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

e. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. (1/2×2=1)

(i) extreme carefulness to behave correctly (Para 1)

(ii) destroys completely (Para 2)

### SECTION - B

#### (WRITING - 17 MARKS)

3. You are Ankit Sharma of The Hindustan Times. You were asked to cover a train accident. Mentioning all the relevant details write a newspaper report. (5)
4. You happened to see your favourite actor at the airport while coming back from Mumbai. you were thrilled to talk to him and take his autograph. Express your feelings in a Diary Entry in about 100-120 words. (5)
5. You are the Director of Rex Travels and have organized a 10-day tour to America for \$7000, inclusive of two meals a day. Draft an advertisement for a national daily to draw people to it. (3)
6. The Hindustan Times Pace Programme is planning to hold fun-filled workshops on candle making any clay modelling for all Class VIII students on Children's Day in the school. As Keni Pinto, the Head Boy, write a notice informing students about it. Include necessary details and write the notice in not more than 50 words. (4)

### SECTION - C

#### (GRAMMAR - 20 MARKS)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. (.5×8=4)

	Incorrect Word	Correct Word
Vishnupuram is a small town at the Western	eg... at	on
Coast of India. It is not yet polluting by	(a).....	.....
too many tourism. The place is superb	(b).....	.....

for its scenic beautiful and exhilarating climate.	(c).....	.....
The fort on a hill near the beach remind us of the	(d).....	.....
time when it was built too defend the place from	(e).....	.....
foreign sea-robbers. Various article exhibited	(f).....	.....
in the museum remind us off the time when	(g).....	.....
the people of the place had trade relations to	(h).....	.....
many countries of the world.		

8. Complete the newspaper report by choosing the correct answer from the options given below : (.5 × 4=2)

Union cabinet clears nuclear deal

Union cabinet (a).....(approved / has approved / will approve) the landmark civilian nuclear co-operation agreement with USA on March 25.

The deal, which (b).....(allow/has approved/will approve) the landmark civilian nuclear technology to India, still (c).....(require/required/is requiring/has required) the nod from the left parties who (d).....(are/were/have been) bitterly critical of the deal.

9. Rearrange jumbled words to form sensible sentences (4)

- love/of others/good manners/and/win the/respect
- when/best/they can/one is/be learnt/young
- like/strangers/person/even/is/respectful/a/who
- sure/in life/they/passport/are a/for success

10. Choose the correct determiners (5 × 6=3)

- I saw her....days ago. She was with her cousins.
  - a few
  - few
  - a lot of
- Have you watched...these films?
  - any of
  - some of
  - any
- I had... money at that time and it was hard for me to survive.

- (a) none
- (b) none of
- (c) a lot of

iv. The accident was terrible. He had... luck that he survived.

- (a) many
- (b) much
- (c) a lot of

v. We arrived late so...us were tired.

- (a) all of
- (b) none of
- (c) some

vi. Slow down, we have... time.

- (a) a few
- (b) plenty of
- (c) lot of

11. Choose the correct prepositions (3)

i. We regret that we cannot comply.....your request.

- (a) to
- (b) of
- (c) with

ii. On the way we came\_\_\_\_\_an old beggar.

- (a) with
- (b) across
- (c) along

iii. He is addicted.....gambling.

- (a) with
- (b) for
- (c) to

iv. I was amazed.....her stupendous ignorance.

- (a) with
- (b) of
- (c) at

v. We must be grateful for the blessing that God has bestowed.....us.

(a) with

(b) for

(c) on

vi. We were stunned..... her performance.

(a) We were stunned.....her performance.

(a) by

(b) in

(c) at

12. Combine the following sentences using conjunctions. **(4)**

a. He will not spend his money. He will not invest it.

b. He has to come in time. He will not be able to see me.

c. He is very ill. The doctors do not expect him to recover.

d. Tom was down with flu. He could not attend the class.

#### **SECTION - D**

#### **(LITERATURE - 25 MARKS)**

13. Explain with reference to the context **(3)**

i. "There is something for all of us here."

(a) What does the line speak about?

(b) What is the tone of the speaker?

(c) Who is the speaker?

ii. "They clicked their tongues. **(3)**

With every movement that the  
scorpion made his poison moved in  
Mother's blood, they said."

(a) Who are "they" in the above extract?

(b) What did "they" attribute the mother's suffering to?

(c) Why did it appear to the neighbours that they should get the scorpion?

iii. "But still as a sack the old soul lies **(3)**

And never a sound hears she."

(a) Who has been called a sack?

(b) Why can't she hear anything?

(c) Name the figure of speech used in the first line.



14. Answer any five questions in about 40-50 words. **(2×5=10)**

- a. What comparison has been made with Yang's hugging the school walls?
- b. What is the poetry of earth made of? Which are the two representative voices of the seasons?
- c. What signs do we find in nature which show that the monsoons are about to end?
- d. What contrast does the poet create in the poem "Sympathy" through the images of nature?
- e. Do you think it is odd that the speaker just stands and watches his/her mother suffer from the scorpion's sting? Give reason.
- f. "So we have come to cash this cheque". Which cheque is Dr. King talking about? What will the cheque give them?

15. Answer the following in about 100-120 words

Which qualities of Mr. Holmes surface from the lesson 'The Red Headed League'? **(6)**

**Or**

"I was looking at the most beautiful man in the world". What made the writer Kanga say this?