

**Question Paper SA –I
(2014-2015)
CBSE Class 8th ENGLISH**

General Instructions:

- The questions paper consists of sections:
 - Section A – Reading 15 mark
 - Section B – Writing & Grammar 25 mark
 - Section D – Literature 20 mark
 - All questions are compulsory
 - You may attempt any section at a time.
 - All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct
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SECTION A [READING]

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

Choose the best alternative. One of the most famous monuments in the world, the Statue of Liberty carefully, was presented to the United States of America by the people of France. The great statue which was designed by the sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, took ten years to complete. The actual figure was made of copper supported by a metal frame work which had been specially constructed by Eiffel. Before it could be transported to The United States, a site had to be found for it and a pedestal had to be built. The site chosen was an island at the entrance of the New York Harbour. By 1884, a statue which was 151 feet tall, had been erected in Paris. The following year, it was taken to pieces and sent to America. By the end of October 1886, the statue had been put together again and it was officially presented to the American people by Bartholdi. Ever since then, the great monument has been a symbol of liberty for the millions of people who have passed through New York Harbour to make their homes in America.

(i) Who presented the Statue of Liberty and to whom?

- a) Spain to France
- b) English to U.S.A.
- c) France to America

d) None of the above

(ii) This great statue was designed by

- a) Mussolini
- b) Robert Clive
- c) Auguste Bartholdi
- d) None of the above

(iii) Where was it made and in which year?

- a) Spain in 1880
- b) Britain in 1900
- c) France in 1884
- d) None of the above

(iv) Where was it established?

- a) at the entrance of London
- b) at the entrance of New York Harbour
- c) at the entrance of Paris
- d) at the entrance of Washington

(v) What is the height of the statue?

- a) 200 feet
- b) 150 feet
- c) 151 feet
- d) 151 m.

2. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow:

TEA

The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch today, from the remotest corner of Ladakh to Buckingham palace, tea is synonymous with cheer. It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on a perfect cup of tea. Though for tea drinkers the brew is addictive, the preferred method of preparation and taste differs from person to person and region to region. Today many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. An innovation is the tea-bag that is easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways of brewing tea. Green tea is popular in China and the Far East.

In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. It is an olive coloured liquid served in porcelain cups. Morocco, green tea is infused with freshly plucked mint. Some scientists believe tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride. Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhea. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood. A welcome thought for inveterate tea drinkers.

(i) Based on your reading of the passage, fill in the gaps in the sentences given below with suitable words and phrases. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Tea was drunk in Asia

(a)..... Before it was introduced in Europe. Though each person likes his or her (b)..... of tea, all tea-drinkers are (c) _____ a new and convenient way of making tea is (d) In China, (e) And (f) people enjoy drinking green tea.

(ii) Write any three benefits of drinking tea? (3)

(iii) Find the opposite of the word 'modern' from the passage? (1)

(iv) What is the new innovation with regard to tea? (1)

(v) What is the way of treating guests in Japan? (1)

(vi) Find the word from the passage, which means, "mix with"?

SECTION –B (Writing and Grammar)

3. You are Varun of class VIII A. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to change your section from A to B. (4)

4. Write a letter to your father, seeking his permission to join an educational tour organized by your school to historical city of Agra during Autumn Break. (5)

5. You are Rajesh Kumar, Secretary of the cultural club of your school. The school is celebrating its annual cultural day on 25 October. Draft a notice informing the members of the students council about the meeting you are conducting to take decisions on some important matters regarding the conduct of the programmes. (6)

6. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences (2)

- (i) An honest /the fruits / will / enjoy / man/ of labour
- (ii) policy/ favorable /small / for/ businessmen/ the new/ is not

7. Fill in the blanks with correct determiners by choosing from the bracket.[3]

- (i) seat in the hall was occupied. (any, each, all)
- (ii) We met interesting people in the train. (any, many, every)
- (iii) The country should not tolerate Anti-national activity. (no, any many)
- (iv) names have you given to the twins? (what, which, who)
- (v) The national food is what the people of particular country eats most often. (a, an, the)
- (vi) persons can keep secret. (few, many, much)

8. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs from the bracket.[21/2]

- 1. Neither Ram nor his brother present. (was, were, have)
- 2. Yesterday a Blueline Bus (ran, was running, run) over a boy who the road. (cross, crossed, was crossing)
- 3. The king was (knew, know, known) for his bravery.
- 4. He (has not coming, do not came, did not come, has not come)

9. Fill in the blanks with correct modals (3)

- a) How they beat an innocent child? (would, should could)
- b) He to speak so rudely (ought not, should not, must not)
- c) I do as I like. (will, shall, may)
- d) fortune smile on you! (shall, may, can)
- e) The judge Deliver correct judgement. (may, shall, must)
- f) you lend me some money? (can, shall, could)

SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

10. Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow [4]

“There was something in there. I reached in and took out a small black tin box”.

- a) Where was the black tin box found?
- b) Why did the narrator open the box?
- c) To whom was the letter addressed?
- d) Name the chapter from which this line is taken?

11. Do any four [4]

- a) Why did Tily's family come to Thailand?
- b) Mention two things that are not clear from the height and clear from the height?
- c) What all you know about Bepin Choudhary's behavior?
- d) Name any two popular leaders who led the revolt against the British in 1857?
- e) Who was Chunilal? What did he want form Bepin Babu?
- f) What are the three qualities that played a major role in the author's clim (Summit Within)

12. Do any four [4]

- a) What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?
- b) Why had Velu run away from home?
- c) Why is the Giant called selfish?
- d) What did Hafeez Contractor have nightmares about?
- e) Why did the bird refuse to be taken out in her cage?
- f) Why did Velu decide to follow the 'Strange' girl?