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MID TERM (2021-22)
CLASS VIII (ENGLISH)
PART-1

Marks- 25

Time: 40 minutes

General instructions:

All questions are compulsory. Each question carries 1 mark.

Q1) Read the passage given below and answer the questions. (8 Marks)

(1) Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

(2) This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

(3) This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.

(4) The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

(5) But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

(6) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office!

(i) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?

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| (a) On Dal lake | (c) On Pari Mahal |
| (b) Near centaur | (d) None of the above |

(ii) What is special about the seal used in the post office?

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| (a) Design of a houseboat on the Dal Lake | (c) Design of a chinar tree on the Dal Lake |
| (b) Design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake | (d) All of the above |

(iii) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?

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| (a) Chief Postmaster | (c) Delivery agent |
| (b) Postman | (d) The Peon |

(iv) The two rooms of the post office are used for _____

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| (a) Cleaning | (c) Dancing |
| (b) Cooking | (d) An Office and a museum |

(v) The post office is beneficial to the locals _____ .

- (a) Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination
(b) For taking photos
(c) For Sleeping during night

(d) None of the above

(vi) What is the greatest fear that the post office has?

(a) Floods

(b) Earthquakes

(c) Tsunami

(d) All of the above

(vii) How is the post office a big boon to the people?

(a) You do not need fan

(b) You need air conditioning

(c) You do not need heater

(d) None of above

(viii) The flood came in the year _____ in Kashmir valley.

(a) 2021

(b) 2015

(c) 2016

(d) 2014

Q2) Choose the correct Option. (7 Marks)

1) You can obtain the answer _____ adding the date of birth to this figure.

a) To

b) By

c) On

d) In

2) Will my mother have baked the cake? (Change into passive voice)

a) Will the cake have baked by my mother?

b) Will the cake has being baked by my mother?

c) Will the cake be baked by my mother?

d) Will the cake have been baked by my mother?

3) What is the synonym of "contrary"?

a) Opposite

b) Hope

c) Enemy

d) Active

4) He _____ in the States but he still does not have a command over the English language.

a) have been living

b) has been living

c) have lived

d) living

5) Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

P: the invention of the turbine by

Q: Frank Whittle in England and Hans Von Ohain

R: the beginning of jet transport

S: in Germany in 1939 signalled

a) PQSR

b) PQRS

c) SQR P

d) SRQP

5) Statement 1: You've met Linda, but I have sister who you haven't met, called Margaret.

Statement 2: The embassy website has general information about visas. travel information can be obtained by calling the free phone number.

a) Another, other

b) Other, another

c) Another, a

d) This, the

6) No one bakes as delicious cakes as Ted's mother. (Change the statement into question)

a) Does anyone bake delicious cakes as Ted's mother?

b) Does anyone bakes delicious cakes as Ted's mother?

c) Did anyone bake delicious cakes as Ted's mother?

d) Do anyone bake delicious cakes as Ted's mother?

7) I think he needs to ____ his lifestyle.

a) Alter

b) Affect

c) Effect

d) Cast

Q3) Read the extract and answer the given questions. (3)

You may seek him in the basement, you
may look up in the air—
But I tell you once and once again,
Macavity's not there!
Macavity's a ginger cat, he's very tall and thin;
You would know him if you saw him, for his eyes are sunken in.

1) The great difficulty is that Macavity

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| (a) is easily found | (c) is a ginger cat |
| (b) is very difficult to be found | (d) is tall and thin. |

2) Ginger in the passage is

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| (a) a thing that Macavity likes | (c) the colour of Macavity |
| (b) something which resembles Macavity | (d) the breed of Macavity |

3) The word 'sunken' in the passage means

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| (a) deep-set | (c) floating |
| (b) drowned | (d) attractive |

Q4) Choose the correct option. (7)

Q1) What would he die of, if the ant didn't help him?

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| (a) Starvation and famine | (c) Starvation and poverty |
| (b) Starvation and sorrow | (d) Starvation and weakness |

Q2) What is the relationship between Bepin Choudhury and the speaker?

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| (a) Master – slave | (c) Friends |
| (b) Teacher – student | (d) Brother |

Q3) Which Englishman reported the plight of India to England?

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| (a) Babington Macaulay | (c) William Jones |
| (b) General Bentinck | (d) Simon John |

Q4) Who is the poet of the poem, "The Last Bargain"?

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| (a) Rabindranath Tagore | (c) S.D. Sawant |
| (b) T.S. Eliot | (d) None of the Above |

Q5) Why did the Autumn not give golden fruit to the Giant's garden?

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| (a) There were no children | (c) There was a notice board |
| (b) There were huge walls | (d) The Giant was too selfish |

Q6) "They got up and walked out of the room, shaking their heads, and they left September very ____."

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| (a) Relieved | (c) Anxious |
| (b) Satisfied | (d) Uneasy |

Q7) What did the Principal warn Hafeez about?

- (a) He would not allow him to join if didn't do good in entrances
(b) He would not allow him to join if didn't do good in French
(c) He would not allow him to join if didn't do good in German
(d) He would not allow him to join if didn't do good in Architecture

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General instructions: All questions are compulsory.

Q1) Read the following conversation carefully: (4 Marks)

Rosy : Hello ! Is it 9035022565?

Rehana : Yes, please. Who's it there?

Rosy : I'm Rosy, a friend of Roma. Where is she?

Rehana : Oh! Sorry. Actually she has forgotten her mobile here. She has gone to the market. Can I help you, please ?

Rosy : Oh, sure. In fact, I wanted to convey her that today's music classes shall be suspended because the teacher is not well. Instead it will be held on Sunday. So she should remember it.

Could you please pass this message to her?

Rehana: Oh! Sure. Thank you.

Rosy : Thank you too.

As Rehana is going to her dance classes she needs to reproduce the message for Roma. Write the message on her behalf with every detail.

Q2) Parents today are facing a major problem with their children. They waste most of their time on Facebook and other social networking sites, with the result that their studies and other important activities are neglected. Write an article on this in 120 to 150 words (6 Marks)

Or

You are Rohit Sharma, monitor of class VIII in SM Arya Public School, Faridabad. Write a letter to your Principal asking him to arrange for special coaching in Science. Give reasons why you need this. (6)

Q3) 'Understanding nature and its inhabitants' can reduce casualties in disasters. Comment. (The Tsunami) (5 Marks)

Or

Imagine you are the camel. Write a diary entry describing his feelings on being reprimanded by the Djinn. (5 Marks)