

**Sample Question Paper 2018-19**  
**English**  
**Class – VIII**

**Time allowed: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 80**

**General Instructions:**

**I.** The question paper is divided into three sections :

SECTION A :	Reading	20 MARKS
SECTION B :	Writing and Grammar	30 MARKS
SECTION C :	Literature	30 MARKS

**II.** All questions are compulsory.

**III.** You may attempt any section at a time.

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

**SECTION-A**  
**(Reading)**

**[20 Marks]**

**Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions: -**

**(5)**

King Alphonso got down from his horse. He went to help the mule- driver. Both of them pulled and pushed until they succeeded in getting the mule on the firm ground. By this time they were covered with mud. A number of people had collected by this time and they stood by watching. Then someone recognized the King. People began to whisper to each other that it was the King himself who had helped the mule-driver. When the mule-driver heard this, he was very frightened. He turned to him and begged for his forgiveness. Alphonso told that he had done his duty as a man. He may be a king but as a man he should help those who are in some difficult. The King thus put to shame all those passers-by who would not help.

- How did King Alphonso help the mule-driver?
- Why was the mule-driver frightened? What did he ask from the King?
- What was the response King gave to the people? How did he put to shame the passers-by?
- Write the similar word of "Recognize"

**Q2. Read the passage and answer the questions given below: -**

**(2×5) = 10**

**A.** Papaya is the healthiest fruit with a list of properties that is long and exhaustive. Papaya favours digestion as well as cures skin irritation and sun burns. You can munch on it as a salad, have it cooked or boiled or

**Q10.**

**(3)**

- a) Ausable was a secret agent. He is talking to Fowler, a reporter
- b) Ausable is different from other secret agents as he is very fat. Moreover, he lives in a room where there is no environment of romantic and thrilling adventure.
- c) 'Accent'.
- d) German, French and American.

**Q11.**

**(3)**

- a) (b)
- b) (b)
- c) (b)
- d) (a)

**Q12.**

**(2×5=10)**

- a) Jody looked after the fawn like a mother. He made it drink milk with his fingers dipped in milk. This is how a mother feeds her baby. Jody was glad that he had found the fawn.
- b) At first cobra lily appears with the arrival of the monsoon. When the cobra seeds begin to turn red, it indicates the rains are coming to an end.
- c) Very few animals were killed in the tsunami. Perhaps they feel the tremor much before humans do. Secondly, the animals have sixth sense. They can guess the coming disaster and so run away to safer places/higher ground. The idea that the animals are gifted with the sixth sense is more believable. They move fast to get over the crisis.
- d) Ernest and the poet together went to a meeting place. Ernest addressed the gathering. His words had power and his thoughts had depth. They were the words of life, a life of good deeds and selfless love. The poet was convinced that Ernest – was much nobler than him. Ernest's face had such a grand expression that he declared that Ernest bore the likeness of the Great Stone Face.
- e) The British and the German soldiers belonged to different camps. They were enemies in war time. But after all they were human beings and therefore they had similar feelings. They shared the festive spirit of the Christmas. They got over hatred and played games, feasted and drank like good friends. Both hated war. Both were anxious to go back to their families at the end of war.

Q13.

(10)

Dear Diary,

It is been a long time since I talked to you. Today I am feeling great and honoured as I have been chosen as student of the year in my school. This is one thing which appear really cool to me. I always wanted to achieve this pretty thing and today I have accomplished my ambition. As you know, I had really worked hard to accomplish this huge task and had suffered many difficulties. But as they say, 'when end is good everything is good'.

just drink it up as milkshake or juice. The most important of these virtues is the protein-digesting enzyme in the milky juice or latex. The enzyme is similar to pepsin in its digestive action and is said to be so powerful that it can digest 200 times its own weight in protein. It assists the body in assimilating the maximum nutritional value from food to provide energy and bodybuilding materials. Papain in raw papaya makes up for the deficiency of gastric juice and fights excess of unhealthy mucus in the stomach, dyspepsia and intestinal irritation. The ripe fruit, if eaten regularly corrects habitual constipation, bleeding piles and chronic diarrhoea. The juice of the papaya seeds also assists in the above-mentioned ailments. The juice, used as a cosmetic, removes freckles or brown spots due to exposure to sunlight and makes the skin smooth and delicate. A paste of papaya seeds is applied in skin diseases like those caused by ringworm. The black seeds of the papaya are highly beneficial in the treatment of cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcoholism, malnutrition, etc. A tablespoonful of its juice, combined with a hint of fresh lime juice, should be consumed once or twice daily for a month. The fresh juice of raw papaya mixed with honey can be applied over inflamed tonsils, for diphtheria and other throat disorders. It dissolves the membrane and prevents infection from spreading.

- a) What is the one most important virtues of pepsin?
- b) How is it possible to overcome intestinal irritation?
- c) How can throat disorders be cured?
- d) Why papaya is called a versatile fruit?
- e) What is meant by 'The juice can be used as a cosmetic'?

**B.** An old man was once ploughing his fields, when the king of the country, who was an idler, happened to ride that way. Attracted by the bent figure of the old man, he drew up the reins of his horse and called out to him. The old man quickly ran to the king and prostrating himself before him, begged to know what his sovereign Lord demanded of him. Curious to know his age, the king asked him if he had known his father the late king. "Yes," said he, "I knew him and his father, my Lords grandfather and. "Then you are over seventy five years of age," interrupted the King. "May be" quickly replied the old man, "but my lord will permit me to say that I am but seven years now." Ah! Ah! What is it you say? "Seven years, only seven years!" cried the King in surprise. "So it is, my Lord," replied the old man. "Counting only the number of years I have lived for the good of others. Of what benefit is it to others to live a life of slothfulness and ease?" The King was deeply touched by the wise words of the old man and thanking him, rode off. From that day onwards the King was a different man altogether.

- a) What was the old man doing in his field?
- b) What kind of a king was he?
- c) How did the king make out that the old man was more than seventy-five years of age?
- d) Why did the old man feel that he is only seven years old

- e) Pick out the word from the passage, which means the same as: "A lazy person".

**Q3. Read the passage and answer the questions given below: -**

**(5)**

The tree was young and strong and it took a long time to kill. It took two workmen with axes, two days including tea breaks. Which without conscious irony, they took in the shade of the leafy branches of the tree they were chopping down. It was a Gulmohar I had planted 13 years ago, along with several other saplings, when Bunny and I moved into the National media centre. The NMC is built on a little over 22 acres and many hundreds of the local babul trees that used to cloak that part of the Haryana countryside like smoke from evening chullas must have been cut down to make way for the brick and cement of our colony. I'm not a tree hugger but still felt that some restitution was due. So Bunny and I planted several saplings. The two Gulmohars at the rear were foot high saplings when we put them in the floor window, flooding the room with afterglow and screening from view the ugly scars of new construction in what had once been open fields behind our house. I felt the smugness of satisfaction, of having done the right thing. I'd given back, in however small a way, a little bit of what we take away from the earth every day, everywhere. Righteousness invites its own revenge. The roots of one of the trees had spread, crushing the sewage system. The handyman gave us the choice of either cutting down the tree or its roots would endanger the foundations of the house.

- What is the irony in the first para?
- What did the author decide to do?
- What sort of feelings evoked in the author when he visualises newly grown Gulmohar trees?
- Why did the writer had to get free felled?
- What is meant by 'being righteous'?

**SECTION-B**  
**(Writing & Grammar)**

**[30 Marks]**

- Q4.** You are the head girl of your school and you need to inform the students about the painting competition to be held in school. Draft a notice in about 50 - 70 words. (10)

**OR**

Imagine yourself as Himani or Adarsh residing at Allahabad. You are staying in hostel. Your school fees are yet to deposit. Write a letter to your father asking him to send the money as early as possible to avoid any penalties.

- Q5.** Write a short paragraph in about 80 words on any of the following topics:

**(10)**

- The importance of trees
- The importance of good habits

**Q6.** Convert the following into reported speech. (3)

- Reena said, "I am very beautiful"
- She said, "The earth moves around the sun"
- Mahesh said to Ramesh, "I went to the railway station yesterday"
- Jay said, "I have two pencils in his pocket"
- Ram said to Rahim, "Where do you live?"

**Q7.** Fill in the blanks with can, could, may, might and must. (3)

- ..... I use a calculator in the class?
- The back door.....not be open.
- I thought that he.....help you to get in.
- The rebellion.....lead to many deaths
- As a child Sheena.....sing well.

**Q8.** Read the headlines given below and then complete the sentences that follow: (4)

- Illegal construction pulled down. In view of its 'clean up' operation a multi-storeyed building \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ yesterday.
- Ban on smoking in public places. The government has announced that smoking \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with immediate effect at all.
- Bomb explosion, hundreds affected. Hundreds were seriously injured when several \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ simultaneously in a crowded market yesterday.
- Elections in J & K have been \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

### SECTION-C (Literature)

**[30 Marks]**

**Q9.** Read the extract below and answer the following the questions. (3)

They look like black mountains standing in front of me across the sky. I knew I could not fly up and cover them, and I did not have enough fuel to fly around them to the north or south.

- What are 'they' here?
- Explain the figure of speech used in the above extract?
- Which word in the passage means the same as 'sufficient'?
- Did the writer have enough fuel?

**Q10.** Read the extract below and choose correct answer the following: (3)



Ausable was, for one thing, fat very fat and then there was his accent Though he spoke French and German passably, he had never altogether lost the American accent he had brought to Paris from Boston twenty years ago. "You are disappointed," Ausable said wheezily over his shoulder.

- Who is Ausable? To whom is he talking?
- How is Ausable different from others of his class?
- Which word in the above passage means the same as "the tone of speaking some particular language"?
- Name the languages mentioned in the passage.

**Q11.** Read the extract below and write the answers of the following questions:

(4)

When I set out for Lyonesse,  
A hundred miles away,  
The rime was on the spray,  
And starlight lit my lonesomeness  
When I set out for Lyonesse  
A hundred miles away

(I) How far was Lyonesse?

- miles
- Hundred miles
- One and half miles
- Two hundred miles.

(II) What lit the poet's lonesomeness?

- Moonlight
- Starlight
- Torch
- Lamp.

(III) What was the weather condition there?

- It was hot
- Rime was on the spray
- It was raining
- It was dry

(IV) Pick out the meaning of "Rime"

- Frost
- Raindrops
- Sunshine
- None of these.

**Q12.** Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following in 30-40 words:

(2×5=10)

- How did Jody look after the fawn, after he accepted the responsibility for doing this?
- What is the significance of cobra lily in relation to the monsoon season, its beginning and end?
- What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the tsunami? Which idea do you find more believable?
- What made the poet proclaim Ernest was the Stone Face?
- Mention the various ways in which the British and the German soldiers become friends and find things in common at Christmas.

**Q13.** You have been selected as the student of the year in your school. Write a diary entry in about 70-80 words, expressing your feelings about the same.

(10)



**Solutions of Sample Question Paper 2018-19**  
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**Section A (Reading)**

**20 Marks**

**Q1. (5)**

- i) By pulling and pushing until they succeeded in getting the mule on the firm ground.
- ii) By knowing that the person who helped him is King and he asked for forgiveness
- iii) The king said he fulfilled his duty as a man who should help others during difficult times. In this way, he put all passers to shame
- iv) identify

**Q2. (2×5)=10**

- A**
- a) it can cure constipation
  - b) by eating raw papaya or its juice
  - c) by drinking juice of ripe papaya with honey.
  - d) because it can be eaten, drunk and also used externally
  - e) as papaya juice can be used to make the skin look more attractive

- B**
- a) was ploughing fields
  - b) king was idler
  - c) because the old man was known to king's father and grandfather
  - d) because he was only counting number of years he has lived for the good of others
  - e) idler

**Q3. (5)**

- a) The workmen chopped the tree that gave them shade
- b) Author decided to plant saplings 13 years back along with his friend
- c) Sense of satisfaction
- d) the sewage system was damaged
- e) doing things the correct way

**SECTION-B**  
**(Writing & Grammar)**

**[30 Marks]**

**Q4. (10)**

**Notice**

All students of this school are informed that a painting competition cum exhibition will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec'18 between 10 am to 1 pm at our school premises. Entry is free and registration forms are available at the Principal office. There are total five prizes for the winner students which will be

given by the guest of honour. Interested students can contact me in cultural secretary office before 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Head Girl

By Order of Principal Office

OR

Dec 01, 2018

My dear Dad,

I hope this letter finds everybody at home in the best of health and happiness. I am doing well here. You might have received my progress report from the school. You must be pleased to know that I have secured first position in the half yearly exams. I assure you that I will maintain this position till the annual examinations. As you know, my fees for the next quarter are due and kindly send me Rs. 15,000 by draft at the earliest. If the fee is not paid in time, I may be debarred from attending my classes.

Convey my respect to mom and lots of love to golu.

Your loving son/daughter.

**Q5.**

**(10)**

- (a)** Trees play an important role in an ecosystem by maintaining ecological balance and equilibrium. Trees release oxygen which we need for our life. They also absorb the carbon-dioxide. Trees hold the soil in which they grow. As a result the fertile top soil is held securely; otherwise it may get drained or washed away in water such as during rains and floods. Trees are the natural habitat for many wildlife species that includes mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. Trees play a vital role in climate. A micro-habitat formed by planting trees can create a green and natural area, and a micro-climate that is healthy for all the life forms, including man, that inhabit the area. Essential oils derived from tree (example: eucalyptus, almond, camphor, etc.) are used in medicinal and aroma industry. Seeds, nuts and fruits are food sources for humans and animals. Thus, trees play an important role in our life. Felling of trees disturbs the eco-system. We should preserve trees and plants with great care.
- (b)** Good manner means having polite or well-bred social behavior by the people. Having good manners in life matters a lot for living a social life. It should be inculcated especially in children from childhood.

Behaving in well or bad manner is the most important part of the human nature and life. Good manners help us in getting respect and dignity in the society whereas bad manners defame us. Good manners help us to develop good habits which improve the physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being (thus overall development of the society) of person. A well behaving man, having all the good manners, is becomes the important citizen in the society as he never hurts the feelings of others. Good habits are an indispensable part of our lives. They should be developed from an early age. Good habits lead to a better life and more happiness. A person having good habits is never dejected. Good habits help us earn respect and hence everyone should cultivate good habits.

- Q6.** (3)
- Reena said that she was very beautiful
  - She said that the earth moves around the sun
  - Mahesh told Ramesh that he had gone to railway station the previous day
  - Jay said that he had two pencils in his pocket
  - Ram asked Rahim where he lived
- Q7.** (3)
- Can
  - must
  - might
  - May
  - could
- Q8.** (4)
- was pulled down
  - will be banned
  - bombs exploded
  - postponed
- SECTION-C**  
**(Literature)**
- [30 Marks]**
- Q9.** (3)
- They' are storm clouds.
  - The figure of speech used here is simile. The storm clouds are compared to black mountains using 'like'
  - 'Enough' means 'sufficient'.
  - No.