

SA-I (CLASS-VIII)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs

MM : 80

General Instructions :

- i) **Read the questions carefully.**
- ii) **Number the answers as given in the question paper.**
- iii) **Write the answers in a neat and clear handwriting.**
- iv) **Write the answers in complete sentences.**

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (7)

It is almost impossible to escape from advertisements. Hoardings stare down at us from the sides of the roads : crude neon signs wink above shops : Jingles and slogans assault our ears. In magazines, pictures of washing machines and custard powders take up more room than the letter press. All these are twentieth century developments which have grown side by side with the spread of education and technical advances in radio and T.V.

Advertising assaults not only our eyes and ears but also our pockets. Its critics point out that in this country 1.6% of the national income is spent on advertising and this advertising actually raises the cost of products. When a house wife buys a pound of flour, 5% of what she pays goes to some advertiser or other, even if she has not bothered to ask the shopkeeper for a particular brand. If she buys a named brand of aspirin, upto 29% of what she pays may represent the cost of advertising the name.

These amounts seem a great deal to pay for the questionable benefits of advertising, but there are a few things to be said in its favour - some things cost less. Newspaper, magazines, commercial radio and television - all carry advertisements. The money they receive from the advertisers help them to lower the cost of production. In this way, we get information and entertainment at lower prices than would otherwise have to be charged. Therefore, what we lose on the swings we gain on the roundabouts. Apart from this very important consideration, advertising to some extent ensures that a product will maintain its quality. It also gives rise to competition among manufacturers, which gives the customers a wider choice. Competition may even succeed, in some cases, in reversing the influence of advertising and causing a reduction in price.

- (a) Give two evidences to prove that advertisements have invaded our lives completely. (2)
- (b) How advertisements raise the cost of the product? (1)
- (c) Why are newspapers sold at low cost? (1)
- (d) How do the customers get a wide choice in the market? (1)
- (e) Complete the sentence : Our ears are assaulted by _____ and _____. (1)
- (f) Find the word from the passage which means same as the phrase 'get free from'. (1)

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : (6)

One evening after work
groping in the mailbox
for messages, letters from nowhere,
my fingers encountered
sprigs, twigs and eggs.
A bird had nested
right inside my mailbox.
Annoyed, I cleared it all
except for the eggs.
Later in the evening
A squall had me out
hastily gathering, clothes left drying.
In the garden, hopping
in clumsy hurry, was a parrot
balancing in its beak
twigs and slender sticks
heading for my mailbox
laboriously to rebuild
the cosy nest I had wrecked.
My vision blurred in the heavy showers.
The message I had missed
Quite clearly I read
In the incongruous nest
hidden in the wooden box.
A slow persecution
through a denuding of its habitat
leading no room to nest.
Except in wooden postboxes
nailed to concrete walls.

- (a) Why was the poet annoyed on finding a nest in his mailbox? (1)
(b) What did the poet do to make space for the mails? (1)
(c) Which action of the parrot moved the poet? (1)
(d) The birds are forced to look for space in human habitation because _____. (2)
(e) Find the word from the passage which mean the same as the phrase 'searching something in dark'. (1)

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q3. You are Anuj/Anuja of M.K. Road, New Delhi. You recently attended a literary camp in your school under the campaign 'Each One Teach One'. Write a letter to your elder brother who lives in a hostel about your experience of teaching. (5)

- Q4. You recently visited your distant relative in a village and found a sharp contrast between urban and rural life. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings on advantages of living in a city. (5)
- Q5. Design a poster urging people to preserve the glory of their city by keeping it clean and green. (4)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q6. Complete these sentences with correct determiners : (4x½=2)
- There is not _____ space left in the bus.
 - Would you like to have _____ tea?
 - _____ plate on that table is dirty.
 - I can buy _____ these dresses.
- Q7. Replace the underlined words with correct adverbs : (4x½=2)
- I like to eat chocolate once in a while.
 - Attempt all the questions with a lot of care.
 - The work which you gave me is not completely done.
 - We should participate in this competition with a lot of enthusiasm.
- Q8. Change the voice of the following sentences : (3x1=3)
- Sana is learning the lesson.
 - The competition has been won by Simran.
 - The books are being kept by Aditya.
- Q9. Rearrange the given words to form meaningful sentences : (2x1=2)
- insert / machine / you / in order / a / operate / to / need to / coin / this
 - participate / event / all / this / students / can / in / great / the
- Q10. Fill in the blanks with abstract nouns : (2x1=2)
- It was her _____ to be a pilot. (ambitious)
 - Girls have a _____ for pink dresses. (fascinating)
- Q11. Complete the sentences by adding correct question tags : (3x1=3)
- You will go to attend the party today, _____?
 - It is not going to be a great function, _____?
 - These children were late to school, _____?
- Q12. Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the given verbs : (4x½=2)
- Rahul _____ (go) to the market when it _____ (start) raining.
 - The students who _____ (late) to school _____ (get) punishment.
- Q13. Fill in the blanks with collective nouns : (2x1=2)
- Siya who belonged to a (a) _____ of singers, sings well and now she has decided to learn dance too. Soon she is going to join a (b) _____ of dancers.
- Q14. Add principal clause to make compound sentences : (2x1=2)
- _____ so I bought a new notebook.
 - My mother cooked delicious food and _____.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (A) "Here is my lens, Watson. See what information it can provide you." (3₁ = 3)
- (a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
 - (b) What does the word 'it' refer to?
 - (c) Why does the speaker want to extract any information out of it?
- (B) "I'll tell you that soon. Will you leave your son here to help us and go over the next house and stay there till I call you?" (3₁ = 3)
- (a) Identify the speaker in the above lines.
 - (b) What does the listener want to know?
 - (c) Why does the speaker want to send the listener to the next house?

Q16. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2₁ = 4)

- (a) What was Dr. Raman's principle and why did he break it?
- (b) 'Bob and Jimmy grew up together like good friends still they were different from each other.' Explain this statement.

Q17. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2₁ = 4)

- (a) What unexpected desire did grandma express after her recovery and who fulfilled her desire?
- (b) In the poem 'Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead' what attempts were made to make the lady cry after her husband's death?

Q18. Answer the following question in 80-100 words : (5)

How had masterjee helped Salim when he was young and how did Salim reciprocate his kind gesture?

OR

Sherlock Holmes brought James Ryder to his house and extracted truth about the blue carbuncle. How did he do so?

Q19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (2)

At the time of air-raid Mr. Chips proved that he was a good teacher. How did he handle the class at that time of crises?

Q20. Answer the following question in 70-80 words : (4)

It's rare to find a person as genius as Einstein. Elucidate this statement.

OR

Mr. Chips was considered a legend in Brookfield. Which qualities of his helped him to get this status?

Q21. Answer the following question briefly : (3)

Which dimension did the traveller discover and describe the model of the machine he used for his experiment.

Q22. Answer the following question in 80-100 words : (5)

The time traveller had expected future people to be more active and dynamic but on the contrary, he found them weak and lazy. Why had they become like this?

OR

Describe the White Sphinx and its surroundings in your own words.