

Class:- 8

Time:- 3 Hours

Name of the student :

Subject:- English

Total :- 80 Marks

Roll: Section:

Reading Section (10 Marks)**1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: (10)**

Every moment of life is precious. Time is the essence of life. It is the wealth given to us by Nature. Everyday all of us get 24 hours; nothing less, nothing more. Now, it is up to us how we use it. People who know how to make the best use of every moment easily open the doors of success in their lives and those who misuse time get failures one after the other. There is a saying that, "Spent time and spent words cannot come back." Everybody is tied by the limits of time; even God respects the boundaries of time. Work wins appreciation only when it gets completed in a requisite time frame. Beyond the time allotted, work loses all its utility however good may have been its quality. Just as falling of rains after the crops have dried up have no use; likewise, when the time is past the deadline, the work loses its importance and value.

When iron is hot it can be cast into whichever shape we want. Once it gets cold nothing can be made out of it, however, much we may beat the same. In the same way, a person who has learnt to wisely use his time and has understood how to cast himself according to the need of the time has actually learnt the true mantra of life. Shakespeare wrote in one of his plays, "I wasted time, and now doth time waste me." It is true that a person who wastes even a little bit of time loses wonderful opportunities that he could have otherwise availed of by utilizing that time. All the great leaders have one thing in common. They wisely utilize every moment of their time. When other people are busy in wasting time in laziness, great men are busy in making plans for the future. There is no person in history who wasted his time and still managed to achieve greatness. Therefore, there is great need to manage time wisely. "Careful Time Management" refers to careful planning of time and sincere execution of this plan. This is the only mantra to attain success in any endeavour. A simple change in outlook and some modification in one's daily routine can result in a big jump forward towards greater achievements.

Choose the correct option:

- (i) What is the essence of life? (1)
(a) Knowledge (b) Time
(c) Food (d) None of the above
- (ii) The kind of work that loses its utility is _____. (1)
(a) Scientific work (b) Beyond the time allotted
(c) Work with extra knowledge (d) No work

- (iii) What is needed for careful time management? (1)
 (a) A source of entertainment (b) Careful planning of time
 (c) Sincere execution of the plan (d) Both (b) & (c)
- (iv) According to the passage, when does the work lose its importance and value? (1)
 (a) When time passes the deadline
 (b) When different people adapt complex concepts
 (c) When the work is done by expert
 (d) All of the above
- (v) What kind of people opens the doors of success of their life? (1)
 (vi) What is the one thing common in all the great leaders? (1)
 (vii) Who has learnt the true mantra of life? (1)
 (viii) What kind of person cannot be found in history? (1)
 (ix) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as "limitations" (para 1) (1)
 (x) Find out a word from the passage which means the opposite to "complicated" (para 3) (1)

Writing Section (10 Marks)

2. Write an article on the topic "Drinking Water" in 100-120 words. (5)
 OR

Write an article on "Value of Discipline". Do not exceed 120 words.

3. Your friend Abhinav lives at A-405, Vijaylaxmi Apartment, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi – 06. An international book fair is going on in your city. Write a letter inviting him to come and stay with you and visit the book fair. You are Pulkit/Nikita (Word limit: 100-120 words) (5)

OR

Write an application to the principal of your school to allow you to sit for the exam again as you missed your exam due to your sick health. Do not exceed 120 words.

Grammar Section (25 Marks)

4. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences. (1X5=5)
- (i) Shankar brought the history book _____ his view.
 a. illustrated b. to illustrate c. illustrating
- (ii) He was _____ by the contradictory reports.
 a. confused b. confusing c. to confuse
- (iii) _____ stand-up comedy well, one has to practice regularly.
 a. to do b. done c. doing
- (iv) Koyal felt _____ after such a long journey.
 a. exhausted b. exhausting c. to exhaust
- (v) _____ difficult concepts in Maths is a skill.
 a. to explain b. explained c. explaining

5. **Identify and underline the phrase in these sentences.** (1X5=5)
- (a) She hopes to win the first prize
 - (b) Beyond a doubt, this man is honest.
 - (c) He speaks like a born orator.
 - (d) She always drives with care.
 - (e) Did you enjoy watching the movie?
6. **Place the adverbs in their usual position in these sentences.** (1X5=5)
- (i) He was sorry. (extremely)
 - (ii) The room was big. (quite)
 - (iii) The child is crying. (still)
 - (iv) Leave this place. (at once)
 - (v) You are speaking. (too fast)
7. **Change the voice of the verb from active to passive in the following sentences (1X5=5)**
- (a) A greengrocer sells vegetables.
 - (b) Rabindranath Tagore wrote the Gitanjali.
 - (c) We have forgotten our war heroes.
 - (d) Aryabhatta invented the number zero.
 - (e) Boys like action heroes.
8. **Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners.** (1X5=5)
- (i) Can you pass me _____ salt, please?
 - (ii) The doctor advised me to eat _____ apple every morning.
 - (iii) _____ coat is this?
 - (iv) _____ member at the meeting received a copy of the report.
 - (v) _____ sun rises from the east.

Literature Section (35 Marks)

9. **Answer the following very short questions.** (1X15=15)
- (i) Who brought Henry at home?
 - (ii) What is the meaning of the word 'astonished'?
 - (iii) Name the poet of the poem "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa TS".
 - (iv) What kind of freedom is mentioned in "I Dream a World"?
 - (v) Name the principal of the nursery school in "Henry: A Chameleon".
 - (vi) How many grandchildren does King Dheema have?
 - (vii) Name the writer of the story "A Wise Lady".
 - (viii) Name the Marathi film which is made inspired from Sindhutai Sapkal.
 - (ix) What is the meaning of the word 'boomerang'?
 - (x) What was sent by the grandmother to her friend in "Henry: A Chameleon"?
 - (xi) What was the nickname of Sindhutai Sapkal?
 - (xii) Who has slipped into the rain water tank in "The Lumber Room"?
 - (xiii) Name the poet of the poem "I Dream a World".
 - (xiv) Who was Kamlibai married to?
 - (xv) What is the blessing talked about in the poem "The Blind Boy"?

10. Answer the following questions:

(2X7=14)

- (a) Why did the woodcutter protest when the king proposed for him to get married to his youngest daughter?
- (b) According to the poet of "I Dream a World", what are the two things that have a negative impact on people?
- (c) Why did the residents of the area hurl stones at the chameleon?
- (d) Why had the people gathered for in "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa TS"? Who do you think the speaker is?
- (e) What is it that takes the joy out of a summer morning?
- (f) *Haribai began to go along with Nandu and together they got a bigger haul of wood.* What does this tell us about Haribai's character?
- (g) Why do you think the grandmother didn't mention that the chameleon was her?

11. Answer the following questions with reference to the context.

(3X2=6)

- (i) *I don't mean only external sweetness
but internal sweetness.*

*Miss Pushpa is smiling and smiling,
even for no reason but simply because she is feeling*

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What fact mentioned by the speaker in these lines would be likely to offend someone?
- (c) What do you think the speaker mean by 'simply because she is feeling'?

- (ii) *Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.*

- (a) Which place is the poet referring to?
- (b) What is meant by 'saps the soul'?
- (c) How does avarice blight the day?