

**Bhavan's Tripura Vidya Mandir**  
1<sup>st</sup> Periodic Assessment : (2025-2026)

**Class: 8**  
Time: 2 Hours

**Subject: English**  
Total: 50 Marks

Name of the student: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading Section (5)**

**(A) Read the passage carefully:**

Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.

All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals. Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride.

It gives a sense of fulfilment. It means all-round development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life but success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.

One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.

**Answer the following questions:**

(1X5=5)

- 1) According to the passage, who are remembered for their achievements?
  - a) Wealthy men
  - b) Educated people
  - c) Great men
  - d) Businessmen
- 2) Success comes to those who are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Intelligent and rich
  - b) Sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed
  - c) Educated and proud
  - d) Social and clever
- 3) What plays a big role in turning dreams into reality?
  - a) Mere desires
  - b) Capability, capacity and resources
  - c) Good looks
  - d) Anger and frustration
- 4) Find out the synonym of the word 'inspiration' from the passage.
- 5) Find out the antonym of the word 'sincerity' from the passage.

**Writing section (5)**

**B) Answer any one of the following**

(1X5=5)

Write a story based on the following lines in 120 words :

I was walking with my dog last night, when I saw a strange light. I wondered if it could be UFO

Use the following clues to write your story :

- Strange light in the sky
- A large flying saucer
- Alien creature
- Strange features
- Suspicious moments
- Your reaction in the conclusion

Or

Arjun found an old map in the attic of his grandfather's house which hinted at a hidden treasure in the forest. Determined to find it he prepared for a journey that would test his courage and resourcefulness.

**Clues**

- a) Description of the ethics and how Arjun found the map
- b) His reaction and participation for the adventure
- c) Challenged he faced in the forest
- d) How we used his courage and intelligence to overcome the difficulties
- e) Discovery of treasure, what it was and conclusion

**Grammar section (15)**

**1. Change these sentences as instructed. Remember not to change the meaning. (1X3=3)**

- a) This is a beautiful place. (change to exclamatory)
- b) Who does not know her. (change to affirmative)
- c) They will come to your party. (change to interrogative)

**2. Correct the errors in the use of pronouns. (1X3=3)**

- a) He called mine yesterday
- b) This clothes are us
- c) We send each another Christmas cards

**3. Choose the correct verb form. (1X3=3)**

- a) She usually----- to the gym in the evening.
  - i) goes
  - ii) is going
  - iii) has gone
  - iv) will go
- b) He-----a book every evening.
  - i) reads
  - ii) is reading
  - iii) has read
  - iv) will read
- c) He-----the newspaper at the moment.
  - i) reads
  - ii) is reading
  - iii) has read
  - iv) will read.

**4. Correct the following sentences: (1X3=3)**

- a) Wings of fire are written by Dr Abdul Kalam
- b) Measles are a dangerous disease.
- c) The politician and statesman are chief guest of the function

**5. Complete the sentences with the future perfect continuous tense of the verbs given in the brackets.**

- a) I ---- (sleep) for 3 hours by 11:00 p.m. (1X3=3)
- b) We ---- (live) here for 13 years next month.
- c) I ---- (read) in the library for three and half hours by the time she comes.

**Literature section (25)**

**1. Answer the following question in one word or a sentence (1X5=5)**

- a) Name the writer of the Kashi yatra.
- b) Name the composition for which Rabindranath Tagore was awarded with Nobel prize.
- c) How old is Samir?
- d) What was the bears favourite fruit as mentioned in the story?
- e) Where does Samir want to go for party?

**2. Answer the following questions in brief (2X7=14)**

- a) How did gran daughter show her love and appreciation towards her grandmother?
- b) What did the lady promise the bear if he behaved well?
- c) What do you understand from the statement – "I cannot remember my mother"
- d) How does the poet feel the presence of his mother?
- e) How does Samir feel about the growing distance between him and his parents?
- f) Why was the bear put on the chair on Sunday?
- g) What was the grandmother's desire? How was it fulfilled?

**3. Answer the reference to the context : (1X6=6)**

**1) "That's it ! Happy are we, now that we have, from fear, been set free."**

- (a) Who is we in the above line? (b) Who is the speaker? (c) What happened after this?

**2. "Many times I rubbed my hands over the page wishing they could understand what was written. But I knew it was not possible. If only I was educated enough. I waited eagerly for you to return."**

- (a) Who is they? (b) For whom was the speaker waiting? (c) Where has the other person gone?