

Bhavan's Tripura Vidyamandir
1st Terminal Examination: (2025-2026)

Class:- 8

Time:- 3 Hours

Name of the student:

Subject:-English

Total :- 80 Marks

Roll: Sec:

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 c) 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 a story based on the following outline given. Also add a suitable title to the story. Do not exceed 120 words. (5)

It was a bright day....you were reading a book in your lawn....suddenly a man threw a bag into your garden and ran away....you called out to him but he didn't stop....

OR

Develop a story from the given outline in about 120 words. Remember to give a suitable title to the story.

An old lady becomes blind....calls in a doctor....agrees to pay large fees if cured....doctor comes daily....starts stealing one piece of furniture dailydelays the cure....at last cures her....demands his fees....lady refuses to pay saying cure is not complete....doctor objects....lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture....

3. Draft a formal letter to the Health Officer of the Municipal Council, highlighting the unhygienic and insanitary conditions in your locality and requesting necessary action. Do not exceed 120 words. You are Aliya Singh/ Ayan Singh. (5)

OR

Your friend, Vinayak is fond of reading good books. Write a letter to him, in about 120 words, inviting him to visit the Book Fair which is going to be held in your city in December. You are Rohan/Roshni, living at H-15, Vallabh Colony, New Delhi.

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. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the adverb in each bracket. Don't forget to use articles where necessary. (1X5=5)

- (i) They hiked _____ (long) than they'd expected to do.
(ii) Ignorant people are always the ones who speak _____ (loud).
(iii) You think they're bad, the ones in my class behave _____ (bad).
(iv) These children are so _____ (bad) behaved!
(v) She swam _____ (far) away from the shore than she should have.

7. Read each sentence, then add the correct punctuation mark and label is as declarative, interrogative, imperative or exclamatory. (1X5=5)

- (a) Do you know when I woke up _____
(b) Mom said, 'Why are you rushing _____'
(c) I ran back home _____
(d) Oh, I forgot to pick up my Maths book _____
(e) 'Now, run fast _____'

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) Name the poet of the poem 'Tiger'.
- (iii) What is the name of the younger brother of Chuskit?
- (iv) What is Robert William Service often being called as?
- (v) What is the full form of "Wi-fi"?
- (vi) What does the word "Avva" mean in Kannada language?
- (vii) Name the experimental school founded by Rabindranath Tagore.
- (viii) Who is the writer of "Growing Up Pains"?
- (ix) What is the meaning of the word 'boomerang'?
- (x) What was sent by the grandmother to her friend in "Henry: A Chameleon"?
- (xi) How old is Chuskit?
- (xii) What is the name of the tiger in the poem "Tiger"?
- (xiii) When was Ruskin Bond born?
- (xiv) Who used to take care of the bear?
- (xv) Where was the grandfather visiting a friend in "Henry: A Chameleon"?

10. Answer the following questions:

(2X7=14)

- (a) According to the poet of the poem 'Courage', what foolishness had the blossom done?
- (b) How did the tiger rule the forest?
- (c) Why did the residents of the area hurl stones at the chameleon?
- (d) What concerns did the teachers have with regard to Chuskit coming to a 'normal' school?
- (e) How did the lady react when she saw the bear following her in the forest?
- (f) What do you understand from the statement- 'I cannot remember my mother'?
- (g) How did the poor transport system affect life in the village as mentioned in 'How I Taught my Grandmother to Read'?

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

(3X2=6)

(i) *But though I pass before my time,
And perish in the gale and grime,
Maybe you'll have a little rhyme
To spare for me.*

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What does the word 'gale' here refer to?
- (c) Why will the speaker perish?

(ii) *Stop dreaming, Chuskit. You know you cannot go to school. I have told you this many times. Learn as much as you can at home.*

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What does the speaker want Chuskit to stop dreaming about?
- (c) Why can she not go to school?