

Subject- English
Sample Paper for DA Students
Session 2024-25
Class VIII

Time: 3 hrs.

M.M.80

1. Objective Type Questions:

i) **Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: 4q*2m=8marks**

Of all the trees of southern Asia, the banyan is unique, not only for the manner of its growth but for the area of shade it provides from the burning sun. Its close relationship with man has evolved over the years to make the banyan a popular meeting place, a focal point of worship and a source of practical materials for commerce. Known as 'the strangler fig' because of its unusual manner of growth, the banyan is an epiphyte or air plant that has its birth in the branches of a host tree and lives on airborne moisture and nutrients. Banyan seeds are deposited by birds, bats or monkeys in the rich soil collected in the crevices of host-tree branches. As the banyan grows, it sends aerial roots down the trunk of the supporting tree. In time, the roots that reach the ground choke the host tree by preventing its trunk from enlarging. The two best-known species of banyans are the Indian, one of the world's largest tropical trees; and the Chinese, a smaller species with fewer aerial roots.

Choose the correct option for the following questions:

1. Why is the banyan called the 'strangler fig'?

- (a) because it chokes the host tree
- (b) because it chokes other trees
- (c) because it chokes the drains
- (d) Any of these three

2. In what ways is the banyan tree unique?

- (a) It is unique in the manner of its growth.
- (b) It is unique in terms of the area of shade it provides.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Neither (a) nor

3. The banyan tree is a popular meeting place because.....

- (a) it provides cool shade
- (b) it provides sweet fruit
- (c) it provides a focal point of worship
- (d) none of these three

4. The antonym of the word 'enlarging' is.....

- (a) enhancing (b) following (c) contracting (d) forgiving

- ii) Look at the following poster carefully and answer the questions given below:
4q*2m=8marks



- i. What is the poster about?
a) trafficking b) traffic rules c) school dresses d) directions
Ans. traffic rules
- ii. What should you do while driving?
a) drive in your lane b) drive after drinking c) drive rashly d) disobey rules
Ans. drive in your lane
- iii. Road safety is no
a) protection b) rules c) accident d) space
Ans. accident
- iv. What does Delhi Traffic Police wish?
a) safe driving b) fast driving c) rash driving d) continuous driving
Ans. safe driving

iii) Vocabulary from the chapters:

4q*2m=8marks

- a) Match the correct antonyms for the given words.
- | | |
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| blunt | request |
| order | decline |
| | sharp |
- b) One Word for Many
A person who eats too much is called _____.
i) glutton ii) audible iii) catalogue iv) polyglot
- c) What is the meaning of the idiom 'add insult to injury'?
i) avoiding the main topic

- ii) happens very rare
- iii) it's up to you to take the next step
- iv) to worsen an unfavourable situation
- v) **Choose the correct suffix for the word 'correct'.**
 - i) -or ii) -ion iii) -ment iv) -ty

iv) Multiple choice questions from grammar related to the chapters: 6q*2m=12marks

a) Select the correct verb to fill in the blank.

Oil and watermix.

- i) do not
- ii) does not
- iii) ought not
- iv) all of the above

b) Change the below sentence into interrogative form.

He may help you.

- i) May he help you.
- ii) May he help you?
- iii) may he help you?
- iv) May he help you!

c) Fill in the blank with correct determiner.

I borrowed books from him.

- i) some ii) this iii) much iv) that

d) Correct the given sentence.

The iron is useful metal.

- i) The iron is a useful metal.
- ii) Iron is an useful metal.
- iii) Iron is the useful metal.
- iv) Iron is a useful metal.

e) Fill in the blank with present perfect form of verb.

Someone (break) the window.

- i) had broken
- ii) have broken
- iii) has broken
- iv) has been broken

f) Change the voice.

Rama lost his book.

- i) His book were lost by Rama.
- ii) His book were being lost by Rama.
- iii) His book was lost by Rama.
- iv) His book was being lost by Rama.

v) Multiple choice questions from the chapters:

6q*2m=12 marks

a) The narrator realized how changes.

- i) people ii) technology iii) environment iv) work
- a) The despot ordered that people should present him with a rope of
i) straw ii) ash iii) grass iv) plastic
- c) The mother and her young ones were a painful picture of
i) misery b) happiness c) love d) anger
- d) Where is Anandpur Sahib situated?
i) on the left bank of Sutlej river
ii) on the right bank of Sutlej river
iii) on the bank of river Ravi
iv) on the bank of river Beas

d) Who according to the poet will always be the lucky ones?

- i) Those who have friends
- ii) Those who are kind
- iii) Those who love books
- iv) Those who are rich

e) What was the name of book on Marco Polo?

- i) The Journeys of Marco Polo
- ii) The Voyages of Marco Polo
- iii) The Adventures of Marco Polo
- iv) The Travels of Marco Polo

2. Write answers to any four questions out of six. (Prose)

4q*3m=12 marks

- a) What were the two features of Bell Computer that were being advertised on TV?
(Value of Money)
- b) Which states have benefitted from the Bhakra-Nangal Project?
(The Punjab: A Glimpse)
- c) Which puppy was chosen by the little boy and why?
(Charge for Love)
- d) How did the police counsel Seema and Bhavya?
(Safety While Driving)
- e) Who accompanied Marco Polo during his visits?
(Marco Polo)
- f) What did Harry ask for?
(The Old Sage and the Brothers)

3. Write answers to any two questions out of four. (Poetry)

2q*3m=6marks

- a) What happens to the single-use plastic after it is thrown?
(The Earth Needs You)
- b) What does the poet mean by 'twists and turns'?
(Don't Quit)
- c) What is the condition of the books?
(We Who Love Books)
- d) Who are being referred to as 'Defenders of Borders'?
(My Dear Soldiers)

4. a) Letter Writing:

5 marks

Write a letter to your friend informing him about your brother's marriage and inviting him.

or

Write an application to the Principal of a school asking for exemption from examination.

b) Paragraph Writing- A School Picnic

5 marks

or

Story- The Moneylender and His Purse

c) Newspaper Headlines-

4 marks

- i. Cyclone Hits Odisha: Hundreds Killed
- ii. Gold Rises Further

or

Notice Writing- Your school is organising a trip to Delhi and Agra. You are the Secretary of the tour organising committee. Draft a notice asking the students to give their names to you.