

**Model Test Paper for General Students**

**Session 2024-25**

**Class VIII**

**English**

**Time: 3hrs**

**M.M:80**

**Section-A (Reading Skills)**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (5×1=5 marks)**

Be like a flower. One must try to become like a flower: open, frank, equal, generous and kind. So you know what it means?

A flower is open to all that surrounds it: nature, light, the rays of the sun, the wind etc. It exerts a spontaneous influence on all that is around it. It radiates joy and beauty. It is frank. It hides nothing of its beauty and lets its fragrance flow frankly out of itself. What is within and what is in its depths, it lets to come out so that everyone can see it. It is equal, it has no preferences. Everyone can enjoy its beauty and its perfume without rivalry. It is equal and the same for everybody. There is no difference or anything whatsoever.

Then generous: without reserve or restriction, it gives away the mysterious beauty and the very own perfume of nature. It sacrifices itself entirely for our pleasure even its life. It sacrifices to express this beauty and the secret of things gathered within itself. And then, kind: it has such a tenderness, it is so sweet, so close to us, so loving. Its presence fills us with joy. It is always cheerful and happy. Happy is he who can exchange his qualities with the real qualities of the flowers. Try to cultivate in yourself their refined qualities.

**i) Which attributes does a flower contribute?**

- (a) frank                      (b) generous                      (c) open                      (d) all of these

**ii) What does a flower radiate?**

- (a) joy                      (b) beauty                      (c) sadness                      (d) joy and beauty

**iii) What does a flower give without any restriction?**

- (a) fragrance and beauty                      (b) generosity and kindness  
(c) equality and attractiveness                      (d) frankness and honesty

**iv) The writer talks about.....**

- (a) Rose flower                      (b) Lotus flower                      (c) Lily flower                      (d) all flowers

**v) What is the antonym of 'rivalry'?**

- (a) competition                      (b) contention  
(c) co-operation                      (d) battle

2. Look at the poster and answer the questions that follow: (5×1=5 marks)



- i) What is the poster about?
  - a) good manners    b) active listener    c) active speaker    d) discipline
- ii) Whom should we wait to stop before speaking?
  - a) distractions    b) listener    c) speaker    d) hands
- iii) How should we keep our hands and feet while listening?
  - a) straight    b) still    c) nod    d) back
- iv) We should repeat back what is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) ignored    b) asked    c) understood    d) heard
- v) An active listener ignores distractions. ( True/ False)

**3. Read the following conversation carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5×1=5 marks)**

**Shopkeeper:** Welcome to our shopping mall, sir.

**Customer:** Thank you.

**Shopkeeper:** How can I help you, sir?

**Customer:** I want a good watch for a gift.

**Shopkeeper:** Ladies' or gents'.

**Customer:** A Lady's watch, please.

**Shopkeeper:** Please have a look at this showcase. You can see all kinds of ladies' watches.

**Customer:** Thank you, please show me the third one.

**Shopkeeper:** Of course, here it is. It is one of the best quality watches, sir.

**Customer:** Do you have any warranty for this watch?

**Shopkeeper:** Yes sir, we give two year warranty on this product.

**Customer:** What's the price?

**Shopkeeper:** One thousand rupees only.

**Customer:** That's too much.

**Shopkeeper:** Not at all. It's a genuine Swiss watch.

**Customer:** All right, pack this one.

**Shopkeeper:** Ok sir, I'll pack it for you.

**Choose the correct answer:**

**i) Where does the customer go to buy the watch?**

- a) a watch shop    b) a super market    c) a shopping mall    d) an exhibition

**ii) What type of watch does the customer want?**

- a) gents' watch    b) lady's watch    c) both a & b    d) none of the above

**iii) The shopkeeper gives \_\_\_\_\_ warranty on the product.**

- a) four year    b) two year    c) three year    d) one year

**iv) What is the price of Swiss watch?**

- a) one thousand rupees    b) two thousand rupees  
c) one hundred rupees    d) two hundred rupees

**v) What is the synonym of the word 'genuine'?**

- a) good quality    b) expensive    c) original    d) fake

### Section-B (Literature)

**4. Answer any three of the following questions: (3x2=6 marks)**

- (i) What was the cruel announcement made by the despotic leader? (The Aged Mother)
- (ii) How did Harry help the sage? (The Old Sage and the Brothers)
- (iii) Where is Chandigarh situated? What is it known for? (The Punjab: A glimpse)
- (iv) Which puppy was chosen by the little boy and why? (Charge for Love)
- (v) Who was able to smash the glass ceiling? How? (Smashing the Glass Ceiling)

**5. Give the meanings of any four of the following words in Punjabi/Hindi: (4x1=4 marks)**

journey, melodious, intention, merchant, disciple, charitable

**6. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: (3x1=3 marks)**

- (i) Sri Guru Arjun Dev was \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sikhs.
- (ii) Marco Polo set out on his first voyage at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Marco Polo visited the holy city of \_\_\_\_\_.

**7. Make sentences from the following words.(any four) (4x1=4 marks)**

injured, abolish, excited, sermon, delight, qualification

**8. Read the following stanza and answer any two questions. (2x2=4 marks)**

Familiar friends, these timeless tales  
Have been with me since I was ten,  
And as I turn their pages once again  
I feel and love their old refrain.

- i. Name the poem and its poet.
- ii. What do you understand by the phrase 'timeless tales'?
- iii. How does the poet feel when he touches and feels the pages of his books?

**9. Answer any two of the following questions: (2x2=4 marks)**

- i. How do these great sons serve their motherland? (My Dear Soldiers)
- ii. What is the condition of the books? (We who Love Books)
- iii. What happens to the single use plastic after it is thrown? Where does it end up? (The Earth Needs You)

**Section-C**  
**(Vocabulary, Grammar, Translation and Composition)**

**10. Vocabulary:**

**(6x1=6 marks)**

**(i) One word substitution:**

A man who does not know how to read or write

**(ii)** Give the **synonym** of 'large'.

**(iii)** Give the **antonym** of 'absent'.

**(iv)** Add the right **prefix or suffix** to the word-paid

**(v)** Write the meaning of the following **phrasal verb**: look down

**(vi)** Use the given **idiom** in a sentence: Turn over a new leaf

**11. Do as directed:**

**(12x1=12 marks)**

**(i) Read the sentence below and state which type of sentence it is.**

Please help me.

**(ii) Choose the correct option to determine which part of speech the underlined word belongs to.**

She plays football.

a) noun (b) verb (c) adverb (d) pronoun

**(iii) Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.**

I have \_\_\_\_\_ work to do.

**(iv) Underline the helping verb and encircle the main verb in the following sentence.**

They have participated in the race.

**(v) State whether the verb in the following sentence is Transitive or Intransitive.**

She has invited her friends.

**(vi) Fill in the blank with the appropriate degree of the adjective given in the bracket.**

Gold is \_\_\_\_\_ than silver. (expensive)

**(vii) Fill in the blank with the appropriate non-finite form.**

You needn't \_\_\_\_\_ (say) anything.

**(viii) Pick out the gerund in the following sentence.**

Stealing is a crime.

**(ix) Select the correct verb from the bracket to fill in the blank.**

All the players in my team \_\_\_\_\_ done well. (has, have)

**(x) Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb. (Present Continuous or Present Simple)**

She always \_\_\_\_\_ (remember) my birthday.

**(xi) Change the voice.**

Mohan did not sing a song.

(xii) State whether the underlined word is an adjective or an adverb.

She dressed elegantly.

**12. Letter Writing:**

**(7 marks)**

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

**Or**

Write an application to your Principal asking for exemption from examination.

**13. Write a paragraph on 'A School Picnic' using the hints given below:**

**(5 marks)**

Hints: Picnic-look forward to-all excited-woke up early-packed food-reached in time-teachers accompanied-bus started-enjoyed-reached the spot-took swings-high spirits-took lunch-great fun-journey back-reached home-a day worth-remembering

**Or**

**Story Writing:** 'Destiny of a Donkey'

**14. Notice Writing:**

**(4 marks)**

You are Akshay Khanna. You are the Sports Captain of your school. Your school is organising sports day in a week's time. Write a notice for the students to be put up on the notice board to inform them about the date, time and venue of the sports day in 50 words.

**Or**

**Newspaper Headlines:**

Explain the following newspaper headlines in 10-15 words each.

(a) PM launches New Education Policy

(b) Earthquake Rocks Nepal

**15. Translate any three of the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi:**

**(3x1=3 marks)**

(i) Avoid bad company.

(ii) I am not feeling well today.

(iii) Where will you go now?

(iv) Someone has called me.

(v) Work hard lest you should fail.

**16. Translate any three of the following sentences in English.**

**(3x1=3 marks)**

(i) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਤੇ ਮਾਣ ਹੈ।

(ii) ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਪੱਕਾ ਮਿੱਤਰ ਕੌਣ ਹੈ?

(iii) ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਜਨਮਦਿਨ ਮਨਾਇਆ।

(iv) ਤੁਸੀਂ ਝੂਠ ਕਿਉਂ ਬੋਲਿਆ?

(v) ਕੂੜਾ ਨਾ ਖਲਾਰੋ।