

**Model Test Paper**  
**Session 2025-26**  
**Class VIII**  
**English**

**Time: 3hrs**

**M.M:80**

**Section-A (Reading Comprehension)**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

**(5×1=5 marks)**

Gandhiji's first 'Satyagraha' in India was in Champaran, in Bihar. The peasants of that district were being cruelly treated by the British indigo planters. Gandhiji left for Champaran to find out the truth. The news that a Mahatma had arrived to inquire into their sufferings attracted thousands of peasants who flocked to Champaran to have his darshan. The Government got alarmed and Gandhiji was asked to leave the district. He refused and was asked to appear before the magistrate. Later, the case was withdrawn. Gandhiji lived with the peasants for some time in order to learn about their hard lot. But, he also taught them to be free and to stand on their feet. At last, he succeeded in securing justice for the poor peasants.

**i) Gandhi ji left for Champaran to find out\_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) the truth
- b) the peasants
- c) the magistrate
- d) none of the above

**ii) Who were cruelly treated?**

- a) The British indigo planters
- b) Gandhiji and his followers
- c) The peasants of Champaran
- d) The peasants all over India

**iii) Why was Gandhiji asked to leave?**

- a) because his life was in danger
- b) because the Government was alarmed
- c) because he had lost his energy to unite the peasants
- d) all of the above

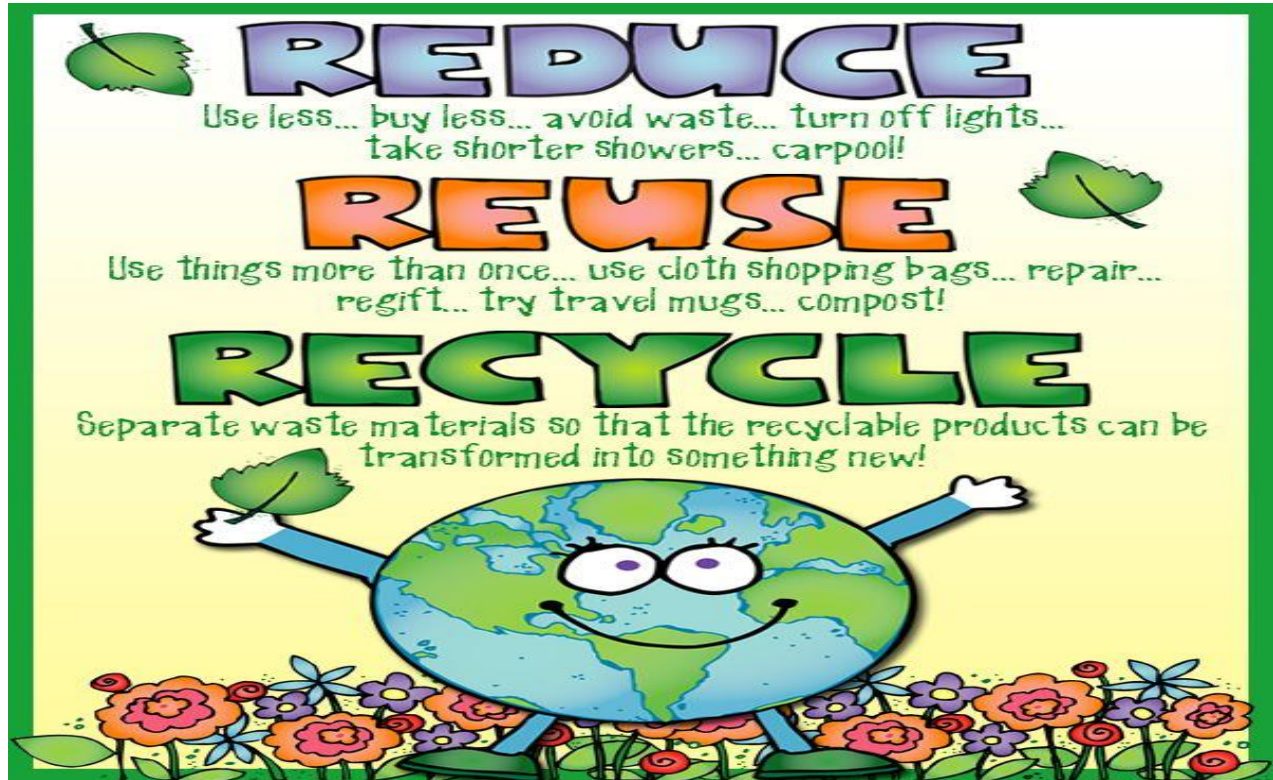
**iv) When refused, Gandhiji was asked to appear before \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) the peasants                      b) the public
- c) the planters                      d) the magistrate

**v) Gandhiji's first Satyagraha was a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) success                      b) failure                      c) false show                      d) none of these

2. Look at the poster and answer the questions that follow: (5x1=5 marks)



i) What is the poster about?

- a) Environment Awareness      b) Pollution Awareness
- c) Waste Management          d) All of these

ii) What are the 3Rs mentioned in the poster?

- a) Remember, Recall, Refresh      b) Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- c) Reading, Writing, Arithmetic    d) Read, Research, Recall

iii) We should take ..... showers.

- a) longer      b) lesser      c) shorter      d) more

iv) What can be reused?

- a) cloth shopping bags      b) paper shopping bags
- c) plastic shopping bags    d) all of these

v) Find out the antonym of the word 'mix' from the poster.

- a) repair      b) waste      c) separate      d) showers

## Section-B (Literature)

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

- (i) Where did the farmer hide his mother ? (The Aged Mother)
- (ii) Why did the farmer summon his sons ? (The Old Sage and the Brothers)
- (iii) What does Seema read on the Internet? (Safety While Driving)
- (iv) Which features of the Chinese cities impressed Marco Polo ? (Marco Polo)
- (v) What help did Paramjeet seek from Geet at the end of the story? (Smashing the Glass Ceiling)

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

tangles, impression, snatched, familiar, blunder, publishing

### 5. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: (3x1=3 marks)

- (i) The farmer had \_\_\_\_\_ fields and three \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Marco Polo visited the holy city of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Geet had gone \_\_\_\_\_ after marriage.

### 6. Make sentences of any four of the following words. (4x1=4 marks)

obsessed, snapped, hardest, shrine, handful, translated

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

- i. What harm does it do to the oceans, rivers and trees?(The Earth Needs You)
- ii. Who according to the poet will always be the lucky ones? (We who Love Books)
- iii. What do these great sons sacrifice for the nation? (My Dear Soldiers)

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

And you never can tell just how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

- i. Name the poem and its poet.
- ii. What do you understand by 'sticking to the fight when hardest hit'?
- iii. What should not be done when things seem worst?

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

**9. Vocabulary:**

**(5×1=5 marks)**

**(i) One word substitution:**

one who practises one of the fine arts

**(ii)** Write the **noun** form of the word 'revise'.

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

**(iv)** Write the meaning of the **phrasal verb**: hold up

**(v)** Use the given **idiom** in a sentence: blessing in disguise

**10. Do as directed:**

**(10×1=10 marks)**

**(i) Change the following Exclamatory sentence into Assertive sentence.**

How beautiful the scenery is!

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

They are extremely rich.

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

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

But I had \_\_\_\_\_ idea of all this.

**(iv) State whether the verb in the following sentence is transitive or intransitive.**

Their team won the match.

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

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

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

I am looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) you.

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

Time and tide \_\_\_\_\_ for none. (wait, waits)

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

Reema \_\_\_\_\_ (not stand) first in the last test.

**(ix) Change the voice.**

The girls are making chairs.

**(x) Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition.**

It is extremely hot \_\_\_\_\_ the month of June.

11. Write a letter to your cousin to tell him about the new mobile phone that you are going to buy. **(7 marks)**

**Or**

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

**12. Write a paragraph on any one of the following: (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-journeyback-reached home-a day worth-remembering

**Or**

**Hints:** School a temple of learning-library the most useful place-a big library in my school-more than 50,000 books-kept subject wise-story books and comics-newspapers and magazines-librarian very helpful and kind-enjoy going to the library

**13. Write a story on any one of the following: (4 marks)**

‘Destiny of a Donkey’ or ‘The Moneylender and His Purse’

14. Draft a notice on any one of the following.

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. **(4 marks)**

**Or**

You have lost a bag in your school. Write a notice about the loss giving the particulars of the bag. Also announce a reward for the finder.

(b) Explain **any two** of following newspaper headlines in 10-15 words each. **(2x2=4 marks)**

(i) PM Launches New Education Policy

(ii) Earthquake Rocks Nepal

(iii) Gold Rises Further

**15. Translate any three of the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi: (3x1=3 marks)**

(i) Do not litter.

(ii) The old man built a house.

(iii) Why are you making a noise?

(iv) I must go to sleep now.

(v) Work hard lest you should fail.

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

**(3x1=3 marks)**

(i) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਤੇ ਮਾਣ ਹੈ। / मुझे आप पर गर्व है।

(ii) ਸ਼ਾਬਾਸ਼ ! ਤੁਸੀਂ ਬੁਹਤ ਵਧੀਆ ਕੀਤਾ। / शाबाश ! आपने बहुत बढ़िया किया।

(iii) ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਰਹੇ ਹੋਣਗੇ। / छात्र पढ़ रहे होंगे।

(iv) ਤੁਸੀਂ ਝੂਠ ਕਿਉਂ ਬੋਲਿਆ ? / आपने झूठ क्यों बोला ?

(v) ਜਮਾਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੌਣ ਸੀ ?/ ਕੜਾ ਮੇਂ ਕੌਨ ਥਾ ?