

Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi
Practice Paper
CLASS-VII (2022 -23)
ENGLISH – Language and Literature

Time allowed: 2.30 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- i. This question paper is divided into four sections:
Section A: Reading: 16 marks
Section B: Writing: 12 marks
Section C: Grammar: 14 marks
Section D: Literature: 18 marks
- ii. All the questions are compulsory
- iii. Marks are indicated against each question

Section A: Reading

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow (Any 4)

4*2 marks = 8 marks

Saeeda's mother had been ailing for a long time – fever, cough, body-ache and painful joints. Treated by a variety of physicians for weeks, she often showed signs of improvement but soon relapsed into her old, sick self, one complaint substituted by another. Though weak and colourless, she was forbidden normal food and was under strict orders to remain perpetually confined to her small, dingy room with doors and windows fastened, deprived of sunshine and fresh air.

When she became critical, her relatives and neighbours persuaded her to consult a specialist even though his fee was likely to be high. Life is more precious than money, they said. Saeeda's mother was poor but she heeded their advice and sold a few trinkets to pay the doctor's fee and the cost of medicine.

The doctor came in a few days and examined her and prescribed effective but costly medicine. To the question as to what she should eat he said, "Anything you wish to eat – chapatti, vegetables, milk and fruits in addition to all this," he added emphatically, "leave this dark hovel and occupy a bigger room with doors and windows open. Sit in the sun every morning from eight to nine. Sunshine and fresh air," he concluded, "are more important than medicine."

- a. Saeeda's mother was suffering from _____ and _____.
 - i. fever and painful joints
 - ii. cough and sneezing
 - iii. bodyache and vomiting
 - iv. vomiting and cough
- b. What was Saeeda's mother forbidden?
 - i. Sunlight and Milk
 - ii. Fruits and Air
 - iii. Fresh air and Sunlight
 - iv. Milk and fruits

c. Saeeda's mother was told to eat _____ and _____.



- i. Option 1
 ii. Option 2
 iii. Option 3
 iv. Option 4
- d. In the context of the above passage, which statement is NOT correct?
 i. Saeeda's mother was suffering from fever, cough and joint pains.
 ii. The doctor examined Saeeda's mother and prescribed effective medicine.
 iii. The doctor advised her to sit in the sun every morning.
 iv. Money is more precious than life.
- e. Arrange the statements in a correct sequence.
 I. She was treated by many physicians but all in vain.
 II. Gradually, her condition became critical.
 III. Saeeda's mother was suffering from fever, cough, body-ache etc.
 IV. She was forbidden normal food.

- i. ii. iii. iv.

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (Any 4)

4*2 marks = 8 marks

A Bull and a Lion once entered into a quarrel. As usually happens, it started with a small argument over a trifle. But, soon they were at each other, the Bull using his horns and the Lion attacking with his teeth and claws, started fighting. However, as the battle progressed, the Bull saw that he was not really a match for the Lion. Since prudence is the better part of valour, the Bull decided to flee. The Bull saw a cave, so he entered it to escape the Lion hot on his chase.

The Goatherds used that cave to shelter their flocks in stormy weather. It happened that one of the Goats had been left behind in the cave. When this Goat saw the Bull intrude into 'his' cave, he lowered his head and butted the Bull with his horns. The Lion was still prowling outside the entrance to the cave, waiting for the Bull. So, the Bull submitted to the Goat's insult. At least, for the time being.

"Don't think", warned the Bull, "that I have tolerated your rude treatment because I can possibly be afraid of you. As soon as that Lion leaves, I shall teach you a lesson you won't forget the rest of your life!"

- a. Who were fighting over small matter?
 i. Goat and Lion
 ii. Bull and Lion
 iii. Bull and Goat
 iv. Lion and Dog

- b. What was the lion attacking with?
- Teeth and claws
 - Claws and Hands
 - Teeth and Hands
 - Head and Claws
- c. The Bull entered the _____ to get protected from the _____.
- House , Goat
 - Cave, Goat
 - House, Lion
 - Cave, Lion
- d. On seeing the Bull into the cave, _____ lowered his head and butted it with his _____.
- Lion, horns
 - Goat, Paws
 - Goat, horns
 - Lion, Claws
- e. Choose the synonyms of the word: 'prowling'
- Creep, Rush
 - Roam, Creep
 - Rush, Roam
 - Rush, Ignore

Section B: Writing

Q3. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics: 1*6 marks= 6 marks

- The teacher I like the most
- The School Library

Q4. Write a story on the basis of the Verbal Inputs/Visual Inputs given below: (any one)

1*6 marks= 6 marks

i.



- An old farmer on death bed ---- sons idle ---- tells them of treasure hidden in fields ----- sons dig ---- no treasure found ---- sow the field ---- rich harvest ----- learn a lesson.

Section C: Grammar

Q5. Fill the blanks by choosing the correct options . (Any 4) 4*1 marks = 4 marks

- a. The dogs _____ messed up the trash bin.
i. has
ii. have
iii. am
iv. was
- b. _____ ox owned by Gopal fell ill and died.
i. A
ii. An
iii. The
iv. X
- c. There _____ ten children in a class.
i. are
ii. is
iii. am
iv. was
- d. I bought _____ (a, an, the) umbrella yesterday.
i. a
ii. an
iii. the
iv. X
- e. My mother _____ (are, is, am) a wonderful chef.
i. are
ii. is
iii. were
iv. am

Q6. Fill the blanks with correct degree of Adjective. (Any 4) 4*1 marks = 4 marks

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
a. easy	_____	easiest
b. _____	happier	happiest
c. good	better	_____
d. _____	bigger	biggest
e. difficult	_____	most difficult

Q7. Match the words in bold with words opposite in meaning:(Any 3)

3*1 marks = 3 marks

Column A	Column B
a. a shallow lake	i. clean
b. a costly dress	ii. blunt
c. dirty clothes	iii. deep
d. a sharp knife	iv. cheap

Q8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: (Any 3)
3*1 marks = 3 marks

- a. I _____ him at the bus stop everyday. (meet)
- b. Sameer _____ for a walk now. (go)
- c. I _____ the school last month (join)
- d. Rakesh _____ for a walk everyday in the morning. (go)

Section D: literature

Q9. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (Any 2)

2*1 marks = 2 marks

The king turned round and saw a bearded man running towards them. His hands were pressed against his stomach, from which blood was flowing. When he reached the king he fainted and fell to the ground. The king and the hermit removed the man's clothing and found a large wound in his stomach. The king washed and covered it with his handkerchief, but the blood would not stop flowing. The king re-dressed the wound until at last the bleeding stopped.

- a. The king saw a _____ running toward him.
- b. _____ is a person who lives in solitude.
- c. State the sentence whether it is True/ False.

The king and hermit did their best to save the life of the wounded man.

Q10. Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow: (Any 2)

2*2 marks = 4 marks

There's a dusty old window around at the side
With three cracked panes of glass,
I often think there's someone staring at me
Each time that I pass,
I'll peep through that window one day.

- a. Name the poem and the poet of the given stanza.
 - i. The Squirrel, Mildred Bowers Armstrong
 - ii. The Shed, Frank Flynn
 - iii. Mystery of the Talking Fan, Maude Rubin
 - iv. Trees, Shirley Bauer
- b. The window of the shed was _____ and _____.
 - i. Clean , two cracked glass panes
 - ii. dusty , two cracked glass panes
 - iii. Clean , three cracked glass panes
 - iv. dusty , three cracked glass panes
- c. "I'll peep through that window one day." What quality does the poet wish to highlight?
 - i. Brave and Fearful
 - ii. Fearful and Rough
 - iii. Brave and Courageous
 - iv. Doubtful and Fearful

Q11. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words: (Any 4)

4*3 marks = 12 marks

- a. “There is only one time that is important and that time is ‘Now’.” Justify the statement with reference to any real world situation of your life.
- b. According to the poet Mildred Bowers Armstrong, the squirrel “wore a question mark for tail”. Describe it.
- c. In the chapter “Three Questions”, who was the bearded man and why did he ask for the king’s forgiveness?
- d. Why did the king forgive his enemy who swore revenge on him?
- e. “I know that there isn’t really a ghost.” Was the speaker of the poem “The Shed” sure that there was no ghost? Justify your answer.