



Purnata International School

Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Zundal

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Student's Name :		Grade	VIII	Roll No.	
Date :	10-9-20	Time	3 hrs.	Subject	ENGLISH
Teacher's Sign.				Total Marks	80

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

1. All the Questions are Compulsory Questions.
2. All the Parts of Questions must be attempted at one Place.

Section – A [Reading]

Q-1 Read the given passage carefully and answers the following questions: [10 marks]

India has a large number of historical buildings. These buildings stand as evidence of our art and culture. A visit to any of the historical building is both informative and exciting. It fills one's mind with the details of the past rulers, their style of living, their dress, food habits as well as the architecture of their time. Most of the historical buildings were built during the Mughal period. No history book can teach so much about a historical building as we do learn after seeing it. The Taj Mahal is one such magnificent historical building. It was built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz at Agra. The Taj is built of white and yellow marble, is like a dream monument. There are cypress trees, flowers and fountains in the area surrounding it. It is built on the bank of the Yamuna river. The Taj looks beautiful in the moonlight. Everybody who visits the Taj Mahal is enhanced by its beauty.

Tick the correct option -

1. Which country has a large number of historical buildings?
a) India b. China c. Pakistan
2. The Taj Mahal looks beautiful in
a) Sunlight b. darklight c. Moonlight
3. How is the visit to any of the historical building ?
4. During which period these buildings built ?
5. Name the bank of the river where Taj is built
6. Fill in the blanks – Taj was built in the memory of _____.
7. Complete the sentence – _____ Taj Mahal is enhanced by its beauty.
8. Find out any two adjectives from the passage.

Q-2 Read the given poem carefully and answers the following questions: [10 marks]

INDIAN WEAVERS

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?

Blue as the wing of a bluebird wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage-veils of a queen.
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.
-Sarojini Naidu

1. Tick the correct answer –

(a) What do the weavers weave in the early morning?

- (i) a bright blue cloth
- (ii) a dull grey cloth
- (iii) a soft white cloth
- (iv) a red coloured veil

(b) The _____ is purple and green coloured.

- (i) dress of the weavers
- (ii) dress of a newborn child
- (iii) queen's marriage veil
- (iv) the robe of a king

(c) What do the weavers weave in the chilly moonlight?

- (i) a garment light as a feather
- (ii) a garment meant to cover a dead man
- (iii) a garment to keep away the chill
- (iv) a garment to wrap a newborn child in

2. Write any two pair of rhyming words .

3. Who weaves in the moonlight ?

4. Find out the word from the lines which means –

i) shining (6th line)

ii) quill (11th line)

5. How was the moonlight ?

6. Make plural form of - i) child

ii) marriage

7. Make sentence - moonlight

Section – B [Writing]

Q-3 You are Rajat, receive a phone call from your father's office in his absence and have the following conversation with the speaker. Write a message , for your father as you have to go for your tuitions. Put the message in a box.

[5 marks]

Mr Gupta : Hello, is this 25258654?

You : Yes. May I know who's calling?

Mr Gupta : I am Suresh Gupta. Can I talk to Mr Mahajan?

You : I am afraid Daddy is not at home. Do you have any message for him?

Mr Gupta : Yes, Please tell him that the meeting fixed for tomorrow i.e. 15th June has been cancelled

You : Ok Anything else.

Mr Gupta : Please tell him that we shall let him know as and when the next date for the meeting, is fixed

You : Ok uncle, I shall tell Daddy when he comes back.

Q-4 You are Shivam. Write an Invitation letter to a friend for inviting him to a birthday party. [5 marks]

Q-5 You are Vaishali Sharma/ Vaibhav Sharma, the Vice Head Girl/Vice Head Boy of Puna International School, Ahmedabad . Your school is organising an inter class Drawing and Painting Competition for classes V to VIII. Draft a notice, words inviting the students to participate. Give all necessary details. [5 marks]

Q – 6 Given below is an outline of the story given in the form of phrases. Fill in the blanks to create the complete story. [5 marks]

Son falls into bad company..... disobeys his parents loses interest in studies father decides to bring the son back to the right path gives him a few apples places a rotten apple among the good ones after a few days the good apples also become rotten son understands that one rotten apple spoils all the apples tries to mend his ways gets transformed..... moral.

Section – C [Grammar]

Q- 7 Underline the verb phrases in the sentences – [2 marks]

- a) The lunar mission Chandrayaan -1 was launched by India.
- b) Widespread water has been detected on the surface of moon.

Q-8 Fill in the blanks with a, an or the – [2 marks]

- a) Dad and I stopped at _____ petrol station to get some fuel in _____ car.
- b) We were planning to go on _____ trip. _____ tank was almost empty.

Q- 9 Fill in the blanks with -ing , -ed , or -en form of the word in brackets – [2 marks]

- a) We enjoyed the _____(refresh) breeze on the beach.
- b) The father was upset by his child's _____(annoy) behaviour.

Q- 10 Identify the underlined non-finite verbs as *gerunds or participles* – [2 marks]

- a) Teaching has been Ms Sen's profession for years.
- b) Roasted peanuts are my favourite.

Q- 11 Fill in the blanks with suitable present forms of the verbs in brackets – [2 marks]

- a) Samantha _____ (wash) her clothes every weekend in the hostel.
- b) The ants in that corner _____(try) to carry the moth to their nest.

Q – 12 Fill in the blanks with the suitable forms of verbs *be, have and do* – [2 marks]

- a) _____ you know where I had kept my book?
- b) Where _____ you working these days ?

Q-13 Fill in the blanks with suitable *determiners or adjectives*. [2 marks]

- a) The panelist gave _____ (some / an) advice on time management.
- b) Life teaches us _____(many / much) lessons.

Q-14 Use the *infinitive form* of the verbs in brackets at the correct places . [2 marks]

- a) Learning is my desire. (dance)
- b) I would like these flowers. (plant)

Q- 15 Write the questions beginning with the right forms of *be, do or have* for the statements:

[2 marks]

- a) Diving suits are one –piece waterproof suits.
- b) Scuba diving is safe if you follow the rules of the sport . . .

Q 16 . Rearrange the words to make sentences with adjectives in the correct position. [2 marks]

- a) a theorem it was difficult
- b) incomplete submit not do work

Section – D [Literature]

Q-17 Give meaning for each word: [0.5x 4= 2 marks]

- a) Shelter b) Basement c) Giant d) Squashy e) Symptoms

Q- 18 Make sentences – [4 marks]

- a) Complain b) Fainted c) Loudspeaker d) Heartbeat

Q- 19 Reference to context –

[3 marks]

“Come and hire me”, I cried While in the morning

I was walking on the stone – paved road

Sword in hand the king came in his chariot.

He held my hand and said, “I will hire you with my power,”

But his power counted for naught, and he went away in his chariot.

i) “The king sword in the hand” suggests?

a) wealth b) Power c) More power than wealth.

ii) Who said “I will hire you with my power”?

iii) Find out any two nouns and make sentence.

Q-20 Answer the following questions in short –

[1 x 8 = 8marks]

- a) What is REGULATION III?
- b) Velu travelled without a ticket. Why?
- c) Which rules did he break as a school boy?(**Hafeez Contractor**)
- d) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?
- e) Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October '58?
- f) Who is the speaker in the poem “The last Bargain”?
- g) What is the logic of geography about the populated land?
- h) How does the poet describe Macavity?

Q-21 Answer the question in detail –

[3 marks]

Why had Velu run away from home? What would you do if you are in a situation of Velu?

[OR]

Why do Jim and Hans think that games or sports are good ways of resolving conflicts? Do you agree?