



P A 1 Paper (2021- 22)					
Student's Name :		Grade	VIII	Roll No.	
Date :		Time		Subject	ENGLISH
Teacher's Sign.				Total Marks	25

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

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

[READING]

Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. (4 Marks)

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his family. He would miss the pay cheque, but he needed to retire. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said 'yes', but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior material. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer handed over the key of the house to the carpenter— "This is your house, my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame ! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently! Now he had to live in a poorly built house. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day

at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

Answer any 4 of the following Questions:

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1. What did the carpenter tell his employer?
2. What favour did his employer ask from the carpenter ?
3. What surprise did the employer have for the carpenter ?
4. Why was the surprise a 'shame' for the carpenter?
5. Which word in the first paragraph means the same as 'art of skill of a workman' ?

Q2. Read the given poem and answer the questions that follow. (4 Marks)

Oh! Defenders of borders
You are great sons of my land
When we are all asleep
You still hold on to your deed.
Windy season or snowy days
Or scorching sun's sweltering rays
You are there guarding all the time awake
Treading the lonely expanses as Yogis.
Climbing the heights or striding the valleys
Defending the deserts and guarding the marshes
Surveillance in seas and by securing the air
Prime of your youth given to the nation!!
Wind chimes of my land vibrate your feat
We pray for you brave men!!
May the Lord bless you all!!

– **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**

Answer any 4 of the following Questions:

- 1 The poem is dedicated to.....
- 2 What do they sacrifice for the nation?
- 3 Which figure of speech is used in the last line of the second stanza ?
- 4 What does Dr. Kalam express through the last two lines ?
- 5 "Scorching' in the poem means.....

[WRITING]

Q3 Read the following telephonic conversation between Neerja and Soham. Soham is about to leave home and will not be able to meet Rohit .She leaves a message for him. Write the message ,using not more than 50 words: (4 Marks)

- Neerja:** : It is Neerja here. Soham , Do you know India International Trade Fair has 2021 has started. I plan to visit it today.
- Soham:** : Oh! It is a wonderful idea. But why not make it tomorrow?
- Neerja:** : No. Tomorrow I am busy. Let's make it today. Surinder is coming with me . You bring Rohit with you.
- Soham :** : He is not present at home at present. But rest assured that he will be happy with us. He had expressed a desire to visit it earlier.
- Neerja:** : Then it is settled. Please wait for us at Gate No. 3 at 1:30 pm today . In case you reach earlier then wait for us. If we reach earlier then we shall look for you.
- Soham:** : Fine it shall be all right. We shall reach in time.
- Neerja:** : All right bye till then.
- Soham:** : Bye

GRAMMAR

Q 4 A. Underline the noun phrase in the sentences – (5 Marks)

a) The big black dog is very friendly.

B Underline the verb phrase in these sentences –

a) International space missions have found evidence of ice on Mars.

C. Underline the adverb phrase in these sentences –

a)The train moved quite slowly as it neared the station.

D Add a suitable *pre modifier* to expand each noun phrase.

a) The confident little girl was awarded a scholarship

E Underline the postmodifier in the sentence.

a) Boys sitting in that corner helped me fill the form.

LITERATURE

Q5 Give the meaning of any one of the following word ; (1 Mark)

a) trenches

b) tremor

Q 6 Make sentence of any one of the following word (1 Mark)

a) stroke

b) triggered

Q 7 Answer the following questions in short (4 Marks)

a) Why did the author go to Bridport?

b) What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the ‘humph’?

c) How do you think her geography teacher felt when he had heard what Tilly had done in Phuket?

d) What tasks, do you think, were assigned to the dog and the ox?

Q 8 Answer the following questions in short (2 Marks)

a) What is Connie’s Christmas present? Why is it “the best Christmas present in the world”?

b) Why do you think the desk had been sold, and when?