

Vikas Bharati Public School
Session 2024-25
Class: VIII
Subject: English
SAMPLE PAPER

Time: 2 hrs 30 mins

M.M: 60

- Note: 1. This question paper contains 5 printed pages and 16 questions.
 2. This question paper contains three sections- Reading, Writing & Grammar and Literature.
 3. All questions are compulsory.*

1.		Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:	(1x8=8)
		<p>1. Nature offers some of the most beautiful sights on Earth. One of these wonders is the coral reef, often referred to as the "rainforest of the sea." Coral reefs are underwater ecosystems made of coral polyps held together by calcium carbonate. These reefs support a diverse range of marine life, from tiny plankton to large predators like sharks. Coral reefs not only protect coastlines from erosion but also provide livelihoods to millions of people through fishing and tourism.</p> <p>2. However, coral reefs are under threat due to climate change, pollution, and overfishing. Rising ocean temperatures and acidification lead to coral bleaching, which weakens the ecosystem. Scientists and environmentalists worldwide are working to conserve coral reefs, emphasizing the need for sustainable practices and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Preserving these natural wonders is crucial for maintaining marine biodiversity and supporting global ecological balance.</p>	
i		What are coral reefs made of?	
		<p>a) Algae calcium carbonate</p> <p>b) Sand</p> <p>c) Coral polyps and d) Plankton</p>	
ii		Why are coral reefs called the "rainforest of the sea"?	
		<p>They are dense like rainforests.</p> <p>b) They support a wide variety of marine life.</p> <p>c) They produce oxygen.</p> <p>d) They grow quickly.</p>	
iii		How do coral reefs benefit humans?	

	<p>a) By providing fresh water.</p> <p>b) By protecting coastlines and supporting livelihoods.</p> <p>c) By creating new landmasses.</p> <p>d) By supplying minerals.</p>	
iv	What leads to coral bleaching?	
	<p>a) Rising ocean temperatures and acidification.</p> <p>b) Increased fishing activities.</p> <p>c) Formation of calcium carbonate.</p> <p>d) Growth of plankton.</p>	
v	What do scientists emphasize for coral reef conservation?	
	<p>a) Increased tourism.</p> <p>b) Sustainable practices and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>c) Creating artificial islands.</p> <p>d) Planting more trees.</p>	
vi	Which statement best describes the importance of coral reefs?	
	<p>a) They are only important for marine predators.</p> <p>b) They play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance.</p> <p>c) They are essential for farming.</p> <p>d) They are natural attractions with no other purpose.</p>	
vii	The synonym of "diverse" is _____.	
	a) Similar b) Varied c) Limited d) Dull	
viii	The antonym of "conserve" is _____.	
	a) Preserve b) Destroy c) Support d) Save	
2.	Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:	(1x7=7)
	1. In a small, serene town, there lived a musician named Aria. Known for her exceptional talent with the violin, she brought joy to everyone around her. Every	

		<p>morning, she would sit by the town square and play enchanting melodies, attracting people of all ages.</p> <p>2. One day, a stranger passed through the town and stopped to listen. Deeply moved by Aria’s music, he revealed himself to be a renowned composer. Impressed by her talent, he invited her to perform in a grand concert in the city. At first, Aria hesitated, worried about leaving her beloved town. However, with the encouragement of the townspeople, she agreed.</p> <p>3. The concert was a grand success, earning Aria widespread recognition. Yet, she remained humble and returned to her town, continuing to share her music. The stranger’s visit changed her life, but it didn’t change her love for her roots.</p>	
i		<p>Where did Aria play her music?</p> <p>a) In the city’s concert hall b) By the town square</p> <p>c) Inside her home d) In the marketplace</p>	
ii		<p>Who was the stranger that stopped to listen to Aria?</p> <p>a) A fellow musician b) A renowned composer</p> <p>c) A traveler d) A townspeople</p>	
iii		<p>What was Aria’s concern about performing in the city?</p> <p>a) She was unsure of her talent.</p> <p>b) She didn’t want to leave her town.</p> <p>c) She had no support from the townspeople.</p> <p>d) She feared the grand concert.</p>	
iv		<p>How did the townspeople react to Aria’s invitation?</p> <p>a) They discouraged her.</p> <p>b) They were indifferent.</p> <p>c) They supported and encouraged her.</p> <p>d) They asked her to stay.</p>	
v		<p>What does the word “serene” mean in the passage?</p> <p>a) Noisy b) Calm</p> <p>c) Chaotic d) Busy</p>	
vi		<p>Which word best describes Aria after the concert?</p>	

		a) Proud b) Humble c) Arrogant d) Indifferent																
vii		What is the theme of this passage? a) The value of humility and staying true to one's roots. b) The power of music to change lives. c) Overcoming fears and embracing opportunities. d) All of the above.																
SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)																		
3.		Imagine yourself to be school prefect. Design a poster encouraging students to maintain cleanliness in the school premises.	(3)															
4.		You are Rahul/ Ragini, a reporter working with The Hindustan Times. Draft a newspaper report in not more than 80 words describing the inauguration of a museum in Delhi.	(3)															
5.		Draft a classified advertisement to sell an old bicycle in a local newspaper. Ensure to include essential details such as the condition, price and contact information.	(4)															
6.		Edit the given passage. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Passage</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Incorrect</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Correct</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plastic has become one of the most useful materials in the modern world. However, it have also caused significant environmental damage by polluting oceans and harming marine life.</td> <td>a) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>b) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>c) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>d) _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Passage	Incorrect	Correct	Plastic has become one of the most useful materials in the modern world. However, it have also caused significant environmental damage by polluting oceans and harming marine life.	a) _____	_____		b) _____	_____		c) _____	_____		d) _____	_____	(4)
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7.	a)	Fill in the blank with the antonym of the word given in bracket. He looks very __. (tired)																
8.		Choose the correct option.	(1)															
	a)	The _____ looked beautiful. (veil / vale)																
9.		Replace the underlined words with an Adverb and rewrite the sentence.	(1)															
	a)	There was a vacancy and they appointed her _____ (on a temporary basis).																
10.		Complete the sentences using similes.	(2)															
	a)	Though he is lean, _____.																
	b)	The children fought _____.																
11.		Fill in the blanks with -ing, -en or -ed form of the verb given in the bracket and identify whether it is a gerund or a participle.	(2)															
	a)	The _____ vase was thrown in the dustbin. (break)																
	b)	She is good at _____ (sketch)																
12.		Convert the following sentences into Indirect Speech.	(2)															

	a)	Ronit said, "I did not talk to him yesterday."	
	b)	Aman said, "Mahatma Gandhi is called the Father of the Nation."	
13.		Convert the following sentences into Passive Voice.	(2)
	a)	Pay the bill?	
	b)	Please pass the newspaper.	
		SECTION C (LITERATURE)	
14.		<p>Read the given lines carefully and answer the questions</p> <p>"Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity, He's broken every human law, he breaks the law of gravity. His powers of levitation would make a fakir stare, And when you reach the scene of crime—Macavity's not there!"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is Macavity, and what makes him unique? 2. What does the poet mean when he says Macavity 'breaks the law of gravity'? 3. How does Macavity manage to escape from crime scenes? 4. Find a rhyming word for 'stare' from the stanza. 	(1X4=4)
15.		Attempt any Five of the following questions in 30-40 words.	(2x5=10)
	a)	What is the significance of the final stage in the poem?	
	b)	Describe the character of the 'Pret' in the story.	
	c)	What role does Dr. Grimesby Roylott play in the story?	
	d)	How does the contrast between the young soldier's words and his actual condition create an emotional impact?	
	e)	Why did Mrs. Packletide want to hunt a tiger? How does this reflect her personality and her rivalry with Loona Bimberton?	
	f)	How does Ruskin Bond blend supernatural elements with lightheartedness to make the story 'Pret in the House' entertaining?	
	g)	Describe Helen Stoner's situation when she approaches Sherlock Holmes for help. What fears does she have, and how does she explain the mysterious circumstances surrounding her sister Julia's death?	
	h)	Saki is known for his use of satire. How does <i>Mrs. Packletide's Tiger</i> mock human vanity, pride, and social competition?	
16.		Attempt the following questions in 40-50 words.	(3x2=6)
	a)	How does Shakespeare compare human life to a theatrical performance? What does this comparison suggest about the nature of human existence?	
	b)	Explain the significance of the 'speckled band' in the story. How does Holmes unravel its true meaning, and how does it lead to the final resolution of the case?	