

Subject: ENGLISH

Class: 8th

Term: 2nd

Maximum Marks: 40

Time: 2 ½ Hours

(Section A) Literature

1. Answer any Four of the following questions in 20- 30 words.

- What is written on the stone tablet beside the polo ground near the Silk Route?
- What was the reason of Brutus's anxiety?
- Why must we avoid use of polythene and What is the alternative to its use?
- Why does the poet seek a girl under the wrinkles of his mother's face? (Wrinkles)
- Explain the phrase- 'wasp in the voice'? (Meeting Poet's)
- The poet feels sorry for the old beggar, why? (summer and Winter)

(4x1^{1/2} = 6 marks)

2. Answer any one of the following questions in 40-60 words:

- a) Who are the creatures present in the trial? Who introduces them?
- b) What, according to Alice, is the first wise thing that the king has said that day?

(1x3=3 marks)

(Section B) Reading Comprehension

3. Read the following prose passage and answer the questions given at the end:

Polythene bags are cheap and easy to carry. They are therefore widely used as packing bags. Most people also find them easy to dispose of after use as they are very light and can be easily thrown away. While they were rarely found during the 1960s and 70s, their usage has increased at an alarming rate since they became popular during the 1980s.

According to media reports, in Srinagar, it is calculated approximately that about two lakh polythene bags are used every day for purchase, storage and transport of various goods like vegetables, milk, milk products, meat, sweets, confectionery, bakery items and fruits.

Questions:

- Do you think Polythene bags are commonly used as packing bags? (Yes/No)
- Polythene bags are very light and..... . to get rid of.
difficult b. easy c. both (a) & (b) d. None of these
- The usage of polythene has greatly increased since..... . (Fill in the blank)
- Polythene bags easy to carry than other kinds of packing bags.
(True/False)
- Use the word “various” in your own sentence.
(1x5 = 5)

4. Read the following poetic passage and complete its paraphrase by filling up the blanks with appropriate words:

*But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthroned in the heart of kings,
It is an attribute to God Himself;*

The poem talks about the quality of _____ which cannot be thrust upon someone. It is _____ in the _____ of those in authority. It is the _____ of the creator _____.

OR

Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow:

*But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthroned in the heart of kings,
It is an attribute to God Himself;
And earthly power doth then show like God's
When mercy seasons justie.*

Questions:

- i. Mercy is above power or authority. (True/False)

ii. Mercy is an.....of the creator itself. (Fill in the blank)

iii. Which poetic device is used here?

iv. Name the poem and its poet.

iv. Use the word “earthly” in your own sentence.

(1x5 = 5 marks)

(Section C) Writing Skills

5. Write a paragraph on Covid-19 by using the given clues:

1. Respiratory infection
2. Chest disease and fever
3. Restlessness and headache

OR

6. Write a short paragraph about the preventive measures to avoid the infection of covid-19 (04 marks)

Your brother is ill and has been hospitalized. Write a letter to the Principal/Headmaster of your school and request him/her to grant leave for three days in order to take care of your brother.

Or

Your neighbours throw garbage at the bottom of electric poles instead of garbage bins installed in the locality. It is not only adding to environmental pollution but also may give birth to severe health problems in your locality.

Write a letter to the editor of a local daily and highlight the pros and cons of this serious issue. (02 marks)

7. Write a dialogue between two cousins about the virtual classes during the lockdown period in the pandemic. (02 marks)

8. Your father has recently got a promotion. Make a diary entry of your day's activities of the day your family informally celebrated your father's promotion in the form of a family outing.

(02 marks)

9. Write an e-mail to your cousin, inviting him to your brother's marriage function.

(01 mark)

(Section D) Grammar

10. Do as directed:

A. Use the appropriate forms of the verbs supplied within brackets:

- (i) My brother _____ plays in Arabic nowadays. (write)
(ii) We _____ the work by Sunday. (complete) (02 marks)

B. Change the narration:

- i. They said, "We are going for picnic tomorrow."
ii. He said, "Do you know him?" (02 marks)

C. Supply appropriate modals:

- i. I wish you _____ tell me earlier.
ii. You _____ obey the rules. (02 marks)

D. Supply appropriate prepositions:

- i. Please do write _____ me soon.
ii. He comes _____ a big family. (02 marks)

E. Supply conjunctions:

Everybody likes him _____ he is nice and helpful. (01 marks)

F. Combine the two sentences using a relative clause:

We bought a car. It runs very fast. (01 marks)

(Note: A student who attempts 24 marks has proportionately attempted 40 marks and accordingly the marks proportion will be raised as per 40% discretion in syllabus)