

Class: 8th
Term 2nd 2023
English

Series-B

Maximum Marks: 40

Time: 2 ½ Hours

(Section A) Reading Comprehension

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

The next day was dark and cloudy. There had been thunder and lightning all night long with terrible storms of wind, and the whole earth had shaken and trembled. (Caesar was begged by his wife, Calpurnia, not to go to the Capitol that morning. She had had a most frightening dream, in which Caesar's statue, which stood in the marketplace, had poured forth blood, and the Roman people came smiling to wash their hands in it) She told him, "Someone saw a lion in the market place, and graves opened and gave up their dead. There was the noise of battle in the air, and the cries of men and horses in pain. O Caesar! These things are beyond all understanding and I do fear them. I am sure they are warnings: something terrible is going to happen to you".

Questions:

1. Why did Calpurnia persuade Caesar to stay at home?
- a. Because the weather was not fair.
 - b. Because there was a terrible wind storm.
 - ☒ c. Because Calpurnia had a frightening dream.
 - d. Because Caesar's leave was beyond all understanding.

II. Which of the following is the part of the Calpurnia's dream?

- a. Weather
- b. Night
- c. Earth
- d. Dead

III. "She had had a most frightening dream, in which Caesar's statue, which stood in the marketplace, had poured forth blood." Choose the opposite of the underlined word:

- a. Sleep
- ☒ b. Reality
- c. Happiness
- d. Imagination

IV. Pick the odd one out:

- a. Lightning
- b. Thunder
- c. Cloud
- ☒ d. Night

v. Use the word 'statue' in your own sentence.

[5×1=5]

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end.

Almas Javed was ten years old. She was a student of Carmel Convent in Port Blair where her father had a petrol pump. Her mother Rahila's home was in Nancowry Island. The family had gone there to celebrate Christmas. When the tremors came early in the morning, the family was sleeping. Almas's father saw the sea water recede. He understood that the water would come

rushing back with great force. He woke everyone up and tried to rush them to a safer place. As they ran, her grandfather was hit on the head by something and he fell down. Her father rushed to help him. Then came the first giant wave that swept both of them away. Almas's mother and aunts stood clinging to the leaves of a coconut tree, calling out to her. A wave uprooted the tree, and they too were washed away. Almas saw a log of wood floating. She climbed on to it. Then she fainted. When she woke up, she was in a hospital in Kamorta. From there she was brought to Port Blair. The little girl does not want to talk about the incident with anyone. She is still traumatised.

Questions:

- i. Name the union territory where did all this happen?
- ii. Who was saved in the end? *Q*
- iii. *Q* Which religious festival is mentioned in the given passage?
- iv. "A wave uprooted the tree, and they too were washed away." What is the opposite of the underlined word?
 - a. Plant
 - b. Support
 - Q* c. Displace
 - d. Break
- v. The little girl does not want to talk about the incident with anyone, because:
 - Q* a. She is in a hospital.
 - b. She is in deep shock.
 - c. She has lost her memory.
 - d. She is happy to be alive.

[5×1=5]

3. Read the following picture and complete its paraphrase by filling up the blanks with appropriate words.



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The picture presents a _____ scene of nature. The scene is of some _____. There is a _____ dancing with a _____. The bear seems very _____ with the boy. Both are very _____. The picture shows _____ between the boy and the animal.

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(Section B) Writing Skills and Grammar

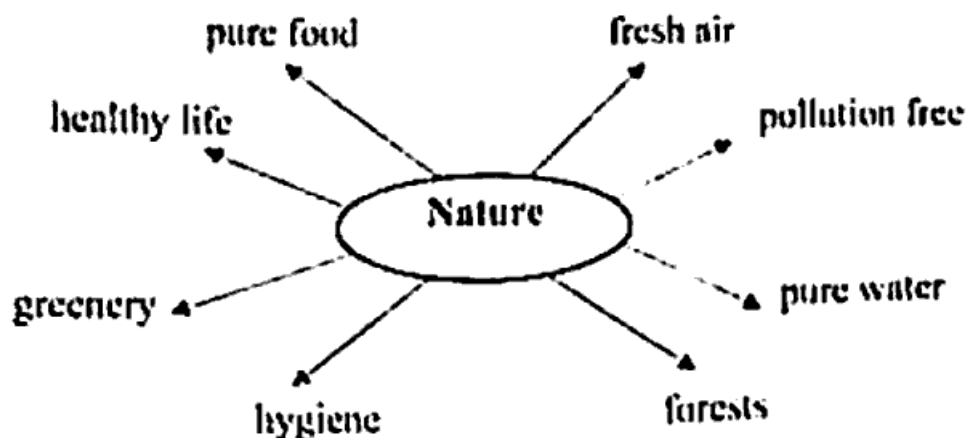
4. Observe the following picture and write your observations in a paragraph (80-100 words).



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Or

Study the below given mind map and develop a paragraph of about 80-100 words.



5. You are a student of Govt. Middle School, Srinagar. Your school does not have an ICT laboratory. You and all your classmates are very desirous to learn computers so that you people can use the same in your studies. Write a letter to the HOD of your school requesting her/him to establish the said laboratory in your school. You can also highlight the benefits of the ICT laboratory to the students to support your demand.

Or

Your class is going for an educational trip. Your class teacher tells you to seek the permission of your parent/guardian, who is out of home on his/her business trip and is expected to return after the trip date. Now you have decided to communicate him/her via electronic media. Write an e-mail to him/her asking for the grant of permission for the said educational trip.

6. The next Sunday your family is organizing lunch for many of your relatives and friends. The weatherman has predicted bad weather for some days. So the family decides to postpone the lunch programme till the weather improves. You are running a WhatsApp group in which all the relatives and family friends are participants, so your family asks you to post a message in your WhatsApp group about the postponement of the lunch programme till the next date. Write the message and put it in a box.

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7. Do as directed:

a. Supply the appropriate grammatical items in the blanks provided:

Two friends, the Duck and the Kangaroo, _____ about to set out on a long pleasure trip. The Kangaroo, though happy to carry the Duck all the way _____ the tip of his tail, is wary of her wet feet. What _____ the Duck do to _____ the Kangaroo feel comfortable over land and sea? Let us try to find out how they _____ about it.

[5×1=5]

b. Change the narration:

i. The teacher said to me, "Have you designed your science model?"

ii. The student replied that he was not at home yesterday. [2×1=2]

(Section C) Literature

8. Answer any five of the following questions in 20-30 words.

i. How is polo played in Ladakh?

ii. How do you look at polo during the Mughal reign?

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