

Summative Assessment-I (SA-1)

Class-8

Subject –English

Time:-3hrs MM:40

General instructions:-

- 1) All the questions are compulsory.
- 2) Marks of each question are given against it.

Section-A (Reading)

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(a) The Books are our best friend. Books give knowledge and takes nothing in return. The book is not a single bundle of paper. It has a capacity to change one's habits. Good books stand by us as kind persons. There are solutions for many life related problems in the books. Book reading sharpens one's wisdom. The books are window to the outside world. Books are the source of knowledge. Although we are living in the world of information at our tips, yet the worth of the books cannot be denied. All great persons have one habit in common, that is the habit of reading good books. Many times, it has been seen/heard that books play an important role in changing the direction of the man's path. For example, Gandhiji got inspired after reading the book "Unto the Last". Moreover, some good books shape the future of the world civilization e.g. 'The Prince', 'The Mother', 'The Social Contact' etc.

- (i)What do books give us? (1x4=4)
- (ii)How can we sharpen our wisdom?
- (iii)How do books shape the future of world civilization?
- (iv)Write the word meaning of civilization, knowledge.

(b) It was 26 December, 2004. Deadly Tsunami waves were already on their way. They had been triggered by a massive earthquake off northern Sumatra earlier that morning. "The water was swelling and kept coming in", Penny Smith remembered. "The beach was getting smaller and smaller. I didn't know what was happening". But Tilly Smith sensed that something was wrong. Her mind kept going back to a geography lesson she had taken in England just two weeks before she flew out to Thailand with her family.

- (i) Why Tilly's family did go to Thailand?
- (ii)What were the signs that Tilly Smith had observed on the beach?
- (iii) Why was Tilly's mind going back to geography lesson? (3)

Q2.Read the following Stanza and answer the questions that follow: (1x3=3)

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His crumb to be found
On the snow covered ground: Not a flower could he see,
Not a leaf on the tree, "Oh! What will become," says the cricket, "of me?"

- (i)What made the cricket complain?
- (ii)Why do you think that cupboard of the cricket was empty?
- (iii)If there was no flower on the ground, which season could it be?

Section B (Writing)

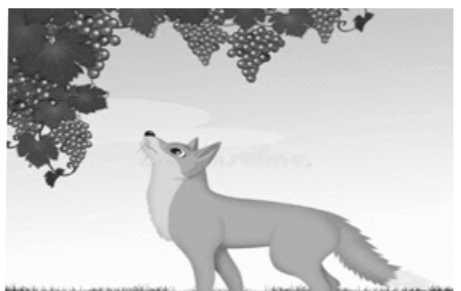
Q3. Write a paragraph on 'Morning Walk' OR 'Value of Games' (4)

Q4. Write a paragraph /story about 40-60 words on the basis of the picture given below (3)



OR

Write a story about 40-60 words on the basis of the picture given below



Q5. You are Divyanjali, students of 8th class, Government Senior Secondary School , Bilaspur. Write an application to your Headmaster/Principal for School Leaving Certificate. (4)

OR

You are Amit, student of class 8. Write a letter to your father to send money for purchasing books.

Section-C (Grammar)

Q6. (I) Fill in the blanks with appropriate word given in bracket:

- (i) Workout is necessary health (in/to/by/ for)
- (ii) I was very tired, so I(go) to bed early. (use appropriate verb)
- (iii) The babyplay with the toys. (will/shall)
- (i).....sun rises ineast.(a/an/the)
- (ii)The **dog** is barking at the **cow**. (change the gender)
- Ram is (tall) than Shyam. (use appropriate degree)

(II) Do as Directed (1x6=6)

- (i) mother/ is/ necessity/ invention/ the /of. (Rearrange the sentenc)
- (ii) We do exercise daily. (Change into interrogative)
- (iii) The teacher will teach the students. (Change into simple present tense)
- (iv) are you sure you are going to Shimla. (Punctuate the following)
- (v) I know you. (change the voice)
- (vi) The teacher said to the students, " Do your homework". (Change the narration)

Section-D (Literature)

Q7.Choose the correct answer from the given words/sentences:

- (i)_____ was the incharge of All Deserts (1x4=4)
(a) Man (b) God (c) The Djinn (d) Camel .
- (ii) Velu was years old
(a) Ten (b) Eleven (c) Thirteen (d) Fourteen
- (iii) Where did the children use to go and play ?
(a) in the school playground (b) in the Giant's Garden
(c) in the forest (d) none of these
- (iv)How many daughters did the royal couple have?
(a) seven (b) eight (c) nine (d) Ten

Q8. Answer any four questions from the following :

(1x6=6)

- (i)Why did the camel live in middle of the desert?
- (ii)Why had Velu run away from his home?
- (iii)Why the Giant is called selfish?
- (iv)What did Hafeez Contractor have nightmares about?
- (v)What pulled the Princess out of her gloom?
- (vi)Which instances show that Velu is a smart boy or not?

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