



K.P.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL, KHARGHAR
ASSESSMENT II - 2023-24

GRADE: VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MARKS: 100
TIME: 3 HRS

SECTION A: READING SKILL

(40M)

Q1.A) Read the passage given below.

(10)

Why is it easy to form bad habits, and so hard to form good ones? The reason is plain. Our natural inclination is to take the line of least Resistance. It requires at first a distinct effort to take the more difficult of two possible courses of action. For instance, it is easier to lie in bed on a cold morning than too get up early. It is easier to tell a lie than too own up and take the punishment. It is easier to put off today's duties to tomorrow. Now, a habit is formed by repetition. Every time we yield to temptation, it makes it easier to yield and harder to resist the next time. So we form the habits of laziness, lying, and unpunctuality.

Happily, good habits are formed in the same way. The forming of them calls for effort and determination at first, but every time we resist temptation and do What is in the long run wise and good, we make the next struggle less severe. At last, we form good habit which would be hard to break even if we wanted to break it, get into the habit of early rising and you will not want to lie in the bed. get into the habit of telling the truth and you will find it really hard to tell a lie.

Habit forming is very important for character simply a bundle of Habits. If we form good habits we build up a good character. If we form bad habits we form a bad character.

Based on the understanding of the passage answer the questions given below

(1)

1) Two bad habits _____ and _____ that are specified.

- a) Laziness and unpunctuality
- b) Postponing every thing
- c) Always tell a lie

(1)

2) We make the struggles less severe. (change the voice)

- a) The struggles are made less severe by me.
- b) The struggles are made less severe by us.
- c) The struggles are made severe by you.

3) A habit is formed by repetition (change into interrogative sentence)

(1)

a) How is the habit formed?

b) The habit is formed by repetition, isn't it?

4) Write two good habits that we can develop if we overcome the two specified bad habits.

(1)

5) Why habit forming is very important?

(2)

6) Make sentence by using word : Struggle

(1)

7) Give meaning of : Determination

(1)

8) Do you have any bad habits? How you will change those habits.

(2)

Q1.B) Read the poem given below.

(10)

Leisure

What is this life is full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare,
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass
Where squirrels hide their nuts in the grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich the smile her eyes began.

A poor life is if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

Based on the understanding of the poem answer the questions given below (1)

1) Life is not worth living if we have no time to stand and _____.
a) Stare b) shore c) bank d) none of these

2) Write the figure of speech of same sound in the beginning of the words stand and stare and mention such words with same figure of speech. (2)

3) What does the modern man not have? (1)

4) Write the theme/ central idea of the poem. (2)

5) Make sentences by using word : Beauty (1)

6) Give meaning of : Leisure (1)

**No time stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep's and cows**

7) According to these lines what sheep and cows doing? (1)

**No time to wait till her mouth can,
Enrich the smile the eyes began**

8) Who is 'her' in these lines? (1)

Q2.A) Read the passage given below (10)

You are sharing a rope with another climber. You firm in. He cuts the step in the heart ice. Then he belays And you inch your way up. The climb is grim. You strain every nerve as you make every step. famous climbers have left records of the help given by others. they have also recorded how they needed just that help. else they might have given up. Breathing is difficult. you curse yourself for having let yourself In for this. You wondered why you under look ascent. These are moments would you feel like going back. It would be sheer relief to go down instead of up. But atmost at once you snap out of that mood. There is something in you that does not let you give up the struggle. And you go on. Your companion up with you. Just another fifty feet, or may be hundred. You looks at your companion and he looks at you. You draw inspiration from each other. And then. without first being aware it, you are at the summit. It is a enobling, enriching experience to just look down from the summit of the mountain. You bow down and make your obeisance to whichever God you worship. I left on Everest a picture of Guru Nanak, Rawat let a picture of Goddness Durga. Phu Dorji left a relief of the Buddha. Edmund Hillary had buried a cross under cairn in a snow. These are not symbols of conquest but of reverence.

There is another summit. it is within yourself. It is in your mind. each man carries within himself his own mountain peak. He must climb it to reach to a fuller knowledge of himself. it is fearful and unscaleable. It cannot be claimed by anyone else. you yourself have to do it. The physical act of climbing to the summit off a mountain outside is akin to the act of climbing the mountain within. The effects of both the climbs are the same. Whether the mountain you climb is physical or emotional and spiritual, the climb will certainly change you. It teaches you much about the world and about yourself. I venture to think that my experience as an Everest As provided me with the inspiration to face life's ordeals resolutely. climbing the mountain was the worthwhile experience. the conquest of the internal summit is equally worthwhile. The internal summit are perhaps lighter than Everest.

Based on the understanding of the passage answer the questions given below

(1)

1) In the typical climb, the rope is shared so that _____.

- a) The rope is cut into two.
- b) The climbers hold the rope together
- c) The two hold one hand of the rope each
- d) They throw the rope with force

2) Write the antonyms of: i) Internal ii) curse

(2)

3) Where is this "another summit"?

(1)

4) What happen when one is able to climb this peak?

(2)

5) Make sentences by using word: Spiritual

(1)

6) Write meanings of: Strain.

(1)

7) What were the "symbols of reverence left by the members of the team on Everest?"

(2)

Q2.B) Read the poem given below.

(10)

In the heat of the mid-day the houses stood with shut doors.

I wandered along the crooked lane.

An old man came out with his bag of gold.

He pondered and said, "I will hire you with my money.

"He weighed his coins one by one, but I turned away.

It was evening. The garden hedge was all aflower.

The fair maid came out and said, "I will hire you with a smile"

Her smile paled and melted into tears, and she wer back alone into the dark.

The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly.

A child sat playing with shells.

He raised his head and seemed to know me and said.

"I hire you with nothing."

From henceforward that bargain struck in child's pla made me a free man.

Based on the understanding of the poem answer the questions given below

(1)

1) The word flower means _____.

- a) Covered with flowers
- b) Without flower
- c) Withered flower
- d) With falling flower

2) Change the sentence into Indirect speech

(2)

He pondered and said," I will hire you with my money".

- 3) Where was the child playing? (1)
- 4) Why did the poet let himself be hired for nothing? (2)
- 5) Give one word for the meaning given and make sentences of (2)
- i) Which word in the passage means thought deeply? From that word make a sentence.
- ii) Find word in the passage which means deal. From that word make a sentence.
- 6) Describe the scene the sun glitters.....a freeman. (2)

Section B
(Writing skill and Grammar)

(30M)

Q3.A) Answer any three questions.

(15)

- 1) Write the Notice for the school notice board Informing students about School inspection to be held on 10th March 2024 by the District Education officer. The notice Should be of 50 words asking about punctuality, cleanliness and discipline
- 2) Write an Article on any one topic.
- i) Co-education
- ii) Patriotism
- 3) Write a message in about 50 words. You are Rohit/Mansi. You have planned to go for a movie 'Stanley ka Dabba' with your friend Akash .You went to his house but he was not there. So you decided to leave a message for him informing him about the movie show on 17th September 2020 at PVR Cannaught place at 12:30 am.
- 4) Complete the story in about 150 words. You get a telephone call from your sis-in-law that your elder brother had suddenly lost consciousness. You are a doctor but at a distance of about 11 km and at a place where no vehicle is available. What will you do?
- 5) Write an Email to the Principal of your school requesting him to give one week leave as your grandmother expired last night

Q3.B) Do as directed.

(15)

1) Choose the correct option.

(1)

a) The strike was called _____(off/at/on/in) by his speech.

2) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

(1)

a) We have to fight _____ a principle.

3) Rewrite the following sentences using suitable form of the participle of the verbs given in brackets.

a) _____(See) the film once. I do not want to see it again. (1)

4) Combine each of the following pairs of sentences using a Participle.

(1)

a) I saw a women. She was crossing the road.

5) Choose the best Alternative.

(1)

a) She came _____(to see/for seeing/seeing/having seen) you.

6) Change sentences into Indirect speech.

(1)

a) "What do you want"? he asked to her.

7) Rearrange the following words/phrases so as to make meaningful sentences. (1)

a) It is easy /acquire /bad habit to /a /very /difficult/ to live/ bad person /with the/ haslt /who /but.

8) The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with the correction. Do not forget to underline the error. (2)

Her mother said that you must go straight to your grandmother. There was a wolf in the wood through which she is going. But if she keeps the road, he will not do any harm. The mother asked her to do as she tells her.

9) Choose The correct alternative (1)

i) Do you hear? The child is song so well.

- (a) sing (b) sang (c) sung (d) singing

10) Choose the best Alternative (1)

i) He had his car steal.

- a) stole b) stolen c) stealing. d) thief

11) Insert Article a, an or the (1)

i) Once their was house

12) Change the following sentences into Indirect speech. (1)

i) First man: We must educate our brothers.

first man said that.....

13) Choose The correct option (1)

i) Mrs. Gandhi is known as a great politician.

- a) knowing b) knew c) call d) known

14) Change the speech (1)

i) "Don't you know the way home?" asked I

Section-C: (Literature). (30M)

Q4.A) Answer the following in one sentence. (5)

1) The person who wanted to reform the society?

2) One oppressive policy of the British?

3) Why Chunnilal came to visit Bepin babu again and again?

4) Who is the speaker in the poem The last bargain?

5) What is meant by Summer fruits in the poem The School boy?

Q4.B) Answer the questions in brief (4)

1) What important change did Lord Macauley bring in the education in India?

2) Who was Chunnilal? What did he want from Bepin babu?

Q4.C) Answer the following questions. (6)

1) What were the social evils Raja Ram Mohan Roy fought against? How did he reform the society?

2) Write the summary of the poem 'The School Boy'?

(Supplementary Reader)

Q5.A) Answer the following in one sentence. (5)

1) Was the giant happy or sad over the state of the garden?

- 2) What did Hafeez contractor have nightmares about?
- 3) How many daughters the royal couple have?
- 4) What did the principal say to him which influenced him deeply?
- 5) Why were they named after the month of the year?

(4)

Q5.B) Answer the questions in brief.

- 1) Hafeez contractor has a special way of remembering things? What is it?
- 2) What happened when the beautiful flower put its head out of the grass?

Q5.C) Answer the following questions.

(6)

- 1) Imagine you are a little boy. An angel asks you how you changed the heart of selfish giant. Write what you will tell him?
- 2) How did Hafeez contractor get into the field of architecture?