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CLASS - VIII

ENGLISH

Sl. No.2542..

TIME - 2 : 30 HOURS] [MAX. MARKS - 80

General Instructions :

This paper consists of three sections : A, B & C.

Section A - Reading 20 Marks.

Section B - Writing & Grammar 30 Marks.

Section C - Literature 30 Marks.

(i) Attempt all questions.

(ii) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the Answer Sheet.

SECTION - A (READING SKILLS - 20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions :

As a young man, he was greatly impressed by Mahatma Gandhi's success in the political field and the power of ahimsa. King decided to follow the path of nonviolence and get millions of Blacks their due. He felt that the Blacks had immensely contributed towards the buildings of America, and there was no reason why they should not be treated with respect.

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King drew national attention in 1956. Since the Blacks were not permitted to sit in the same buses as the whites, he led a boycott of public buses in Montgomery. A year later, after many arrests and threats, the US Supreme court gave a ruling that racial segregation of public transport was unlawful. This victory taught the Blacks the power of non-violence. After 1957, king began visiting various places to deliver lectures. Soon he became a powerful orator, drawing the attention of people the world over.

King continued the fight, a peaceful fight, demanding the rights of the Blacks. In 1964, he was awarded the Noble Peace Prize. In 1967, king led many peaceful demonstrations against the Vietnam War and in 1968 he declared a poor people's campaign. On April 4, of that very year, while planning a demonstration of striking sanitation workers, he was shot dead by an assassin.

Answer the following questions in a sentence :

2×5=10

- (a) Which two qualities of Mahatma Gandhi greatly impressed Martin Luther king in his young age ?
- (b) What did he decide to do then ?
- (c) Why did he want to fight for the rights of the Blacks in America ?
- (d) In which year did king draw national attention ?
- (e) Why did the king lead a boycott of public buses ?
- (f) Was he successful in his attempt ?
- (g) How did he draw the attention of the whole world ?
- (h) When was he awarded the Noble Peace Prize ?

2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow :

It is possible for a teacher situated miles away to affect the spirit of the pupils by his way of living. It would be idle for me, if I were a liar, to teach boys to tell the truth. A cowardly teacher would never succeed in making his boys valiant, and a stranger to self-restraint could never teach his pupils the value of self-restraint. I saw, therefore, that I must be an eternal object-lesson to the boys and girls living with me. They thus became my teachers, and I learnt I must be good and live straight, if only for their sake. I may say that the increasing discipline and restraint I imposed on myself at Tolstoy Farm was mostly due to those wards of mine.

One of them was wild, unruly, given to lying, and quarrelsome .On one occasion he broke out most violently. I was exasperated. I never punished my boys, but this time I was very angry. I tried to reason with him. But he was adamant and even tried to overreach me. At last I picked up a ruler lying at hand and delivered a blow on his arm. I trembled as I struck him. I dare say he noticed it. This was an entirely novel experience for them all. The boy cried out and begged to be forgiven. He cried not because the beating was painful to him, he could, if he had been so minded ,have paid me back in the same coin, being a stoutly built youth of seventeen ,but he realized my pain in being driven to this violent recourse .Never again after this incident did he disobey me. But I still repent that violence. I am afraid I exhibited before him that day not the spirit, but the brute, in me.

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I have always been opposed to corporal punishment. I remember only one occasion on which I physically punished one of my sons. I have therefore never until this day been able to decide whether I was right or wrong in using the ruler. Probably it was improper, for it was prompted by anger and a desire to punish. Had it been an expression only of my distress, I should have considered I justified. But the motive in this case was mixed.

2.1 Answer briefly :

2×4=8

- (a) Is it possible for a teacher situated miles away to affect the spirit of his pupil ? If so, how ?
- (b) How did Gandhiji inculcate increasing discipline and restraint upon himself ?
- (c) Did Gandhiji often punish the boys? Why did he deliver a blow on the arm of a boy ?
- (d) Did Gandhiji justify his act ? Give one reason.

2.2 Find the words from the passage that means the same as :

1×2=2

- (a) Animal
- (b) Inspire

2.3 Give the opposite meaning of the following from the passage :

1×2=2

- (a) Non-violence
- (b) Proper

SECTION - B (WRITING & GRAMMAR - 30 MARKS)

3. You are Akriti Paul, cultural coordinator of Adarsh Public School, Ranchi. You want to invite students to participate in the Republic Day Celebration of your school. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words.

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4. Write a letter to the Chairman, Municipal Corporation, Munger, regarding acute shortage of water in your colony. You are Ankit/Rashmi, a resident of 14, AP Colony, Munger. 7
5. Write a story on "A friend in need is a friend indeed" in about 150 words. Use the following hints : 8
- Two friends.....travelling.....thick forest.....fierce bear coming.....one friend ran away.....climbed a tree.....other lay down.....acted dead.....bear sniffed.....thought man is dead.....went away.....first friend asked.....what the bear told him.....second friend said.....beware of friends who run away in danger.
6. Re-arrange the following passage/phrases to the form of meaningful sentences : 3
- (a) He/when/tried/he/to/run/away/saw/us
- (b) Boy/the/not/we/to/be/told/afraid
- (c) Isa Khan/the/architect/from/came/Shiraz
7. Fill in the blanks with a suitable adjective from the options given : 3
- (a) This is a flower. (Beautiful/beauty/more beautiful)
- (b) Harish Chandra was a man. (Truthful/truthfulness/truth)
- (c) Kansa was a king. (sin/sinful/more sinful)
8. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition from the given options : 4
- (a) Sheela is looking her lost pen. (for/to/at)
- (b) My brother is going to America plane. (on/with/by)
- (c) He is putting all his money his pocket. (in/into/at)
- (d) I travelled Delhi to Srinagar last month. (from/to /of)

SECTION - C (LITERATURE - 30 MARKS)

9. (A) Read the extract and answer the questions given :

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Said the Kangaroo to the duck

This requires a little reflection

Perhaps on the whole It might bring me luck

(i) Identify the Poem and the Poet.

(ii) What does Kangaroo say to duck ?

(iii) How will luck come to duck ?

(B) Read the extract and answer the questions from the options given :

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When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,

And hide in the cooling trees, a voice will run

(a) Which season is described in the above line ?

(i) winter

(ii) summer

(iii) autumn

(iv) spring

(b) Why all the birds are faint ?

(i) because of the hot sun

(ii) because of the heavy rain

(iii) because of the biting cold

(iv) because of the cruelty

- (c) Which thing has been referred to as cooling ?
- (i) trees
 - (ii) wind
 - (iii) birds
 - (iv) none of these

10. Answer the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) What happened to Jody's father ?
- (b) How was Macavity a mysterious cat ?
- (c) Why did the grandmother ask the children not to kill the Chuchundar ?
- (d) Write the character sketch of Jody ?
- (e) How was Ernest different from others in the valley ?

11. Answer the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) Who was the better swimmer ? How do you know ?
- (b) How was Princess September awarded ?
- (c) Why did Indrani Devi dislike Dutta's hobnobbing with Dibya ?
- (d) What is the difference between a planet and a comet ?
- (e) How many daughters did the royal couple have ?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words :

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How do you know that the Giant was selfish ?

OR

Give a character sketch of Ernest.

