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QUATERLY EXAMINATION – 2024-2025

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE - 1

GRADE: VIII

DATE:18-09-2024 **TIME: 2 HRS 15 MIN**

NAME OF THE STUDENT & SEC: _____ _____ MAX. MARKS: 80

- *Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.*
- *The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.*

- *Attempt all five questions.*
- *The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].*
- *Read all the questions before answering.*
- *Do not over write.*

(QUESTION 1

***(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question*)**

Write a composition of (300 to 350 words) on any one of the following: **[20M]**

a) Describe a memorable event from your life. Include details about the people involved, the setting, and why this event is significant to you.

b) Write an original short story with the characters a dog, a boy, and a cat.

c) 'Is it better to read books or watch movies?' Express your view **for or against** the statement.

d) Write about two deeds you have done, one of which gave you immense joy and satisfaction, while the other was a cause of deep regret.

e) Study the picture given below. Write a story, description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. There has to be clear connection between the picture and the composition.



QUESTION 2

(Answer any One) **[10M]**

(a) Write a letter to a pen friend describing yourself to him, your hobbies, your school and how you would define friendship.

(b) Write a letter to your local MLA complaining about frequents and prolonged power cuts and the problems faced by you and the other residents.

QUESTION-3 **5×2=10M**

(Answer both questions)

(a) Your school is holding a summer camp for training students in hockey and basketball. Write a notice for the school notice board of Suresh Prakash Vidyalaya, Allahabad. You are the sprots Secretary for the school.

(b) Write an email to the Director, Dept of Sports, Uttar Pradesh, requesting him to send two senior coaches-one each in hockey and basketball -to conduct a summer training camp for the sports persons of your school.

QUESTION 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The primitive man was more concerned with food than with sophisticated means of communication. A groan or a nod of his head conveyed volumes of information to the people around him. But today, things have changed. Bullock-cart travel has been replaced by supersonic jet travel; gestures and inarticulate sounds have been replaced by a well-developed language.

One of the many things we take for granted in the twentieth century is the speedy collection and delivery of letters to and from all parts of the world at astonishingly cheap rates. A husband away on a business trip can write home to his wife 2000 miles away, knowing that the letter will reach her within a few days. His special air-mail letter will cost him less than a loaf of bread or his own bus fare to work.

This service, however, is a **boon** of comparatively recent origin. Until modern times, the cost of sending letters privately was so great that the arrival of a letter was a considerable event and might even have caused financial hardships for the receiver, who had to bear the charges. There were, indeed, from the Middle Ages onwards, special messengers to carry State correspondence and other messengers employed to travel with news between great monasteries or the great merchants' houses. But for centuries, there was no official postal service by which private letters could be sent. It was not until 1840 that the official organization known as the Penny Post was established in Great Britain, providing ordinary people with cheap and efficient postal deliveries. The Penny Post and the development of worldwide postal services since then have given us many **obvious** advantages. However, there is one result that makes us sometimes **regret** the passing of the old days. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the arrival of a letter was a great occasion, and the letter writer knew it. He did not confine himself to brief information about his own health and inquiries about his correspondent, or just mention visits and expeditions. A letter was a journal of his life, a little piece of himself, through which his family could enter into all his feelings, experiences, and thoughts. Letters written by famous men and women of the past to their families and friends tell us more about the writers than any biographer can hope to do, and for this reason, they are still treasured.

i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning from the options provided: [2M]

1. boon

a) help b) curse c) something beneficial and helpful d) development

2. obvious

a) Useful b) evident and clear c) costly d) glorious

3) **Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'regret'? [1M]**

(a) sad (b) sick (c) satisfied *(d) want*

ii) ***Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:***

a) How did the primitive man make himself understood? **[2M]**

b) Why is the postal service called a boon of recent origin? **[2M]**

c) How were the messages conveyed from the middle ages onwards? **[2M]**

d) What makes us regret the passing of the bad old days? **[1M]**

e) How was the letter in the olden days said to be a journal of the writer's life? **[2M]**

(iii) What disadvantages were there in the Penny Post days in writing and receiving letter? Answer in not more than 50 words. [8M]

QUESTION 5

i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4M]

Example: (0) has been preparing

David (0) _____ (prepare) for his final exams all week. He (1) _____ (study) hard every day and (2) _____ (take) regular breaks to (3) _____ (avoid) burnout. On the day of his math exam, he (4) _____ (feel) confident because he (5) _____ (review) all the important topics. During the exam, he (6) _____ (answer) all the questions carefully and (7) _____ (double-check) his answers. When he (8) _____ (finish) the exam, he felt relieved.

(ii) Insert suitable words to complete the following sentences: [4M]

(a) The _____ kitten curled up in the corner.

(b) The lemonade tasted _____ and refreshing.

(c) It was a _____ morning, so I wore my warmest coat.

(d) The box was too _____ for me to carry alone.

(e) The tall tree swayed in the _____ wind.

(f) She wore a _____ dress to the grand party.

(g) The _____ man walked slowly with his wooden cane.

(h) The _____ sun blazed in the clear sky.

(iii) **Rewrite each sentence using the correct modal verb in place of the given phrases. [4M]**

1. It is necessary for you to submit the assignment by Friday. (Use: must)

2. It is possible that they will arrive late. (Use: might)
3. It is not allowed to smoke in the building. (Use: Must)
4. I am offering to help you with your homework. (Use: Can)

(iv) Read the given statements and Choose the correct option. **[8M]**

1. **Which of the following sentences uses an adjective correctly?**

a) She sings beautifully. b) The flowers smell sweet.

c) He runs fast. d) The dog barks loud.

2. **Choose the correct adjective to complete the sentence:**

"The _____ mountain loomed in the distance."

a) taller b) tall c) tallest d) more tall

3. **Which of the following sentences uses an adverb correctly?**

a) He is a very good dancer. b) She drives careful.

c) The dog barks loud. d) She sings beautifully.

4. **Choose the correct adverb to complete the sentence:**

"He speaks _____ during the meetings."

a) loud b) loudly c) louder d) loudest

5. **Which of the following is a determiner?**

a) slowly b) some c) quickly d) brightly

6. **Choose the correct determiner to complete the sentence:**

"_____ apple is on the table."

a) An b) The c) A d) Any

7. **Identify the subject in the following sentence:**

"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."

a) jumps b) The quick brown fox

c) over the lazy dog d) fox jumps

8. **Identify the predicate in the following sentence:**

"The children played in the park."

a) The children b) played c) in the park d) played in the park

