



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, GWALIOR
MODEL TEST PAPER
CLASS – VIII
SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Time: 03 hrs.

M.M.:80

The question paper is divided into *four* sections:

Section A :	Reading	15 Marks
Section B :	Writing	20 Marks
Section C :	Grammar	20 Marks
Section D :	Literature	25 Marks

General Instructions:

1. All questions are **compulsory**.
2. An additional 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper.

Section A – Reading (15 Marks)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Though there are various methods of disciplining the mind, to think primarily for the benefit of others is immensely important. Benevolent thought for others will bring happiness to both the self and others, but if one only thinks of one's own selfish comfort and happiness there can rise nothing but suffering. As the great Indian Pandit Shanta Deva has said, "The cause of suffering in this world is all due to the egoistic desire of selfish comfort and happiness. The cause for all happiness is the fruit of selfless desire for comfort and happiness for others".

Happiness, whether it is temporary or ultimate, is a direct or indirect result of a sincere desire for the welfare of others. In this strife-torn world of ours, whether it is, speaking on a large scale, disagreement between different nations or the perpetration of wicked act resulting in the loss of many lives, or speaking on a smaller scale, the bickering between insects, the cause of all suffering is the egoistic desire for selfish comfort and happiness.

When mutual co-operation between neighbours and nations is motivated by thought of benevolence for each other, such a motive is of the highest value. It is in the fitness of things that we should place greater importance on the unselfish desire of comfort and happiness for others than on the fulfillment of egoistic desires. Generally speaking all beings possessing a mind feel discomforted when they come across something unpleasant. Knowing that others too, suffer when they come across things that discomfort them, every effort should be made to avoid anything that might cause discomfort or suffering to another being. This data can be the foundation of peace and other movements or consolidating world peace like disarmament.

Complete the following statements:

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- (i) One of the important methods of
- (ii) According to Shanta Deva, the cause of suffering in the world is due to
- (iii) We can get happiness by

- (iv) We should try to avoid anything that
- (v) We feel discomforted when we

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully:

[5]

Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about the other fellow's hobby rather than your own. Therein lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them, and you will get a reputation for good fellowship, charming wit, and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interests.

It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid and what subjects to select for good conversation. If you don't want to be let down as a wet blanket or a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant topics. Avoid talking about yourself unless you are asked to do so. People are interested in their own problems, not in yours. Sickness or death bores everybody. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, but he gets paid for it.

To be a good conversationalist, you must know not only what to say, but how to say it. Be civil and modest. Don't over emphasise your own importance. Be mentally quick and witty. But don't hurt others with your wit. Finally, try to avoid mannerism in your conversation. Don't bite your tongue, or roll your eyes or use your hands excessively as you speak. Don't be like the Frenchman who said. "How can I talk if you hold my hands?"

Now answer the following questions by choosing the correct options given below:

1. A good conversationalist chooses a subject which is of
 - (a) common interest
 - (b) patriotic value
 - (c) individual interest
 - (d) good mannerism
2. You can become a good conversationalist if you
 - (a) are punctual and obedient
 - (b) are responsible to your duties
 - (c) talk about other fellow's hobby rather than your own
 - (d) take care of other fellow's sentiment.
3. It is better to avoid
 - (a) the company of manner less people
 - (b) too much talking
 - (c) unpleasant topics
 - (d) interesting topic
4. You cannot become a good conversationalist if you
 - (a) stammer
 - (b) speak very fast
 - (c) give much importance to yourself
 - (d) speak on outdated topics.
5. The word excessively means
 - (a) totally
 - (b) joyfully
 - (c) easily excited
 - (d) too much.

Q3. Read the following poem carefully:

[5]

WHICH LOVED BEST?

"I love you, Mother," said little John;
Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing

And left her the water and wood to bring.

“I love you, mother”, said rosy Nell
“I love you better than tongue can tell,”
Then she teased and pouted full half the day,
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

“I love you, Mother,” said little Fan;
“Today I’ll help you all I can;
How glad I am that school doesn’t keep!”
So she rocked the babe till it fell asleep.

Then, stepping softly, she fetched the broom,
And swept the floor and tidied the room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and happy as child could be.

“I love you, Mother,” again they said,
Three little children going to bed;
How do you think that mother guessed
Which of them really loved her best?

— *Joy Allison*

Now answer the following questions by choosing the correct options given below:

1. Instead of helping his mother, John
(a) ran to the garden swing (b) went to bed
(c) started quarrelling with his sister (d) went out to play with his friends
2. The mother rejoiced when Nell went to play because
(a) she loved her (Nell) very much
(b) she wanted her (Nell) very much
(c) she remembered her (Nell’s) pouting expressions
(d) she remembered her (Nell’s) lovely face
3. It was easy for Fan to help her mother because
(a) she had great interest in household chores (b) she was strong
(c) her tutor didn’t come that day (d) her school was closed that day
4. Fan kept herself busy and happy that day by
(a) rocking the baby (b) sweeping the floor
(c) tidying the room (d) all the above
5. The mother guessed that Fan loved her the most because her other two children
(a) didn’t obey her (b) didn’t help her at all
(c) didn’t like her (d) were very naughty

Section B –Writing (20 Marks)

- Q4.** Chitra called Mrs. Sharma, a furniture shop owner. Since she was not available, her assistant, Ganga answered. The following is a conversation between Chitra and Ganga. As Ganga was going out immediately afterwards, she left a message for Mrs. Sharma. Read the conversation and write the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in box.

Chitra : Is that ‘Royal Furniture’?
Ganga : Yes, it is
Chitra : Could I speak to Mrs. Sharma?
Ganga : Sorry, she is not here at the moment.

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- Chitra : When will she be back?
 Ganga : Not before six in the evening. Can I take a message for her?
 Chitra : Yes, please. Could you tell her that she has to deliver the furniture ordered by me for my new house only on the 25th of October and not on 20th? Ask her to keep them ready by 9:00 am. I will send a pick-up van and so she does not have to arrange for the same.
 Ganga : Yes, I will inform her.
 Chitra : Thank you.

Q5. You are Suresh/Jaya, living in the hostel of ABC Sr. Secondary School, Kanpur. Write a diary entry about your studies, hostel discipline and food you get and how you feel about the hostel life. Your entry should not exceed 80-100 words. [5]

Q6. Write a letter to the editor of the local daily highlighting the problem of throwing garbage on roads and its repercussions. Your letter should not exceed 80-100 words. [5]

Q7. Junk food has become a craze among the young children. They don't like homemade things and waste money on purchasing junk foods, which is not at all healthy. Write a speech in about 120 words on the topic 'Bad Effects of Junk Food' to be delivered in the morning assembly. [6]

Section C – Grammar (20 Marks)

Q8. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options from those given below: [4]

- (a) Ruchika said that there were many people who her.
 (b) The patient before the doctor arrived.
 (c) It since morning.
 (d) He talks as if he a powerful man.
 (e) I dropped my watch while I it up last night.
 (f) I to speak to my boss yesterday.
 (g) When I reached home, my mother dinner for me.
 (h) I who he is.

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| (a) (i) know | (ii) knows | (iii) were knowing | (iv) knew |
| (b) (i) has died | (ii) had died | (iii) was died | (iv) died |
| (c) (i) has rained | (ii) rains | (iii) is raining | (iv) has been raining |
| (d) (i) were | (ii) is | (iii) was | (iv) are |
| (e) (i) am winding | (ii) was winding | (iii) wound | (iv) had been winding |
| (f) (i) wanting | (ii) want | (iii) wanted | (iv) had wanted |
| (g) (i) was cooking | (ii) is cooking | (iii) cooked | (iv) had been cooking |
| (h) (i) do not knew | (ii) do not know | (iii) have not known | (iv) did not know |

Q9. Read the conversation and then complete the sentences in Reported Speech choosing the correct option. [4]

- Rahul : Today is my birthday.
 Rohit : How will you celebrate it?
 Rahul : I have arranged a party.
 Rohit : Have you invited your friends?
 Rahul : Yes, of course.

- (a) Rahul said that
 (i) today was his birthday (ii) that day is his birthday
 (iii) that day was his birthday (iv) that day was my birthday

- (b) Rohit asked Rahul
- (i) how he would celebrate it. (ii) how he will celebrate it
 (iii) how would he celebrate it (iv) how you will celebrate it
- (c) Rahul replied that
- (i) he had arranged a party (ii) he would arrange a party
 (iii) I have arranged a party (iv) he has arranged a party
- (d) Rohit asked Rahul
- (i) if he had invited his friends (ii) if he has invited his friends
 (iii) that he had invited his friends (iv) if he had invited your friends

Q10. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space given. Also underline the correct word that you have supplied:

[4]

Global warming was not a permanent process. We can reversed the damage that has been doing but it calls to collective efforts from everyone, especially the people which have the power for influence others. Now, it is the need of an hour to got aware of it and do the needful.

(a)
 (b)
 (c)
 (d)
 (e)
 (f)
 (g)
 (h)

Q11. In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. A slash (/) has been given where the word is missing. Write the missing word in the space provided:

[4]

Many people lead / lives strictly following the laws / the place they live in. We call / law-abiding citizens. Their lives / straightforward, simple and without any mystery / intrigue while there are / about whom we read in the newspaper reports / lives are full of mystery / intrigue.

(a)
 (b)
 (c)
 (d)
 (e)
 (f)
 (g)
 (h)

Q12. Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.

[4]

- (a) is established/ Nainital Ropeway/ Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam/ by
 (b) ropeways/ it/ one of the/ of/ advanced/ India/ is
 (c) controlled/ both/ it/ and/ electronically/ mechanically/ is
 (d) can carry/ a time/ it/ 12 persons/at

Section D – Literature (25 Marks)

Q13. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

[9]

**A. ‘We can’t all be captains, we’ve got to be crew,
 There’s something for all of us here.
 There’s big work to do and there’s lesser to do,
 And the task we must do is the near.’**

- i) ‘We can’t all be captains, we’ve got to be crew.’ This line means that
- a) every individual is important, no matter how small their role may seem to be.
 b) we should not be ambitious.
 c) it’s important to be humble.

- ii) The message of the poem is
 - a) ambition can lead to unhappiness.
 - b) all people are equally good.
 - c) instead of wishing to be like someone else, we should be the best that we can be every day.
- iii) The line 'there is something for all of us here' speaks about
 - a) the importance of competitiveness.
 - b) the possibility of peaceful co-existence.
 - c) the division between the rich and the poor.

B. *'I wonder if I'm going to die like that,' she said simply.*

- a. Who said these words?
- b. What was she wondering?
- c. Why was she going to die?

C. *'I am filled with wonder when I consider the immeasurable contrasts between the two lives which it connects'?*

- a. Name the lesson from which the above lines have been extracted.
- b. Who said these words?
- c. In which context the poet is saying the above lines?

Q14. Answer any five of the following questions. [10]

- (a) Why had Mr Jabez Wilson gone to see Holmes?
- (b) How did Yang's siblings react to their new school and environment?
- (c) What did the villagers do in their wish to help the mother?
- (d) Appearances are deceptive. Discuss with reference to the two boys.
- (e) What was the elder brother's reaction to failing for the second time?
- (f) How is the first garbage man described? What is the feeling what he evokes?

Q15. Answer the following question in 30-40 words. [3]

Is it right to keep animals in a cage at home or in a zoo? Put forth your views taking support from the lesson of Main Course Book learnt by you.

Q16 Answer any one of the following questions in 50-60 words. [3]

After his visit to the hospital, the narrator realizes why Nicola and Jacopo work so hard every day. Imagine that you are the narrator and write a diary entry on your thoughts and feelings and experiences at Verona.

OR

Imagine that you are Sadako. Write a diary entry on your struggle with leukaemia.

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