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Examination Term II

Sub: English

CLASS VIII

Time: 90 minutes

MM: 40 marks

This question paper is divided into three sections

Section A- Reading (8 marks)

Section B- Writing and Grammar (12 marks)

Section C- Literature (20 marks)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Attempt all the questions.**
- 2. Follow the word limit.**
- 3. Write beautifully.**

SECTION A – Reading (8 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow –

(8 marks)

(MCQ)

CARS

Karl Benz invented the modern car in 1888 in Germany. Emile Roger worked for Benz in France. He made cars in France. By 1900, many people were building cars in France and in the U.S. The first company to build only cars was Panhard et Levassor in France.

Panhard started in 1889. The Peugeot car company started in 1891 in France. In the US, Frank and Charles Duryea started the Duryea Motor Wagon Company in 1893. It was the first US car company. By 1902, Ransom E. Olds started the Olds Motor Vehicle Company. A year later, Henry Ford started the Ford Motor company. It produced the Cadillac. All these early modern cars burned gasoline or diesel fuel. Ford opened factories in France and Britain in 1911. Then, they opened a factory in Denmark in 1923. Later, they opened a factory in Germany in 1925. Ford was one of the first manufacturers to use an assembly line. With an assembly line, factory workers could produce cars faster and safer than other production systems. Most modern cars still burn gasoline or diesel fuel. These cars cause air pollution. They get the air dirty. Now many people are looking for cleaner cars. And, many car companies are looking for cleaner fuels.

i) Which company first built only cars?

A. Benz B. Ford C. Duryea D. Panhard

ii) When did the Peugeot car company start?

A. 1888 B. 1889 C. 1890 D. 1891

iii) What was the first U.S. car company?

A. Ford B. Olds C. Duryea D. Cadillac

iv) The Ford Motor Company opened a...

- A. factory in Denmark in 1911 B. factory in Germany in 1925
C. factory in Britain in 1929 D. factory in France in 1931

v) Whose idea was the assembly line?

- A. Charles Duryea's B. Emile Roger's C. Henry Ford's D. Karl Benz's

vi) Produced means...

- A. bought B. named C. made D. sold

vii) Fuel is..

- A. a car production system B. what makes cars go C. the price of a car D. None of the above

viii) Pollution in the air is...

- A. dirty air B. clean air C. a kind of fuel D. a system of production.

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (12 MARKS)

2. You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of the school. The students of class 8 will be taken on a trip to a biscuit factory on 23 March. Draft a Notice for the school Notice board informing the students about the trip and submitting permission slips from parents. Also mention the timings and fees for transport and snacks. (3 marks)

3. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times of India', to create awareness among the masses about pollution hazards. You're Sunit/Sunita from Ghaziabad. (5 marks)

Or

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**Develop a readable story in about 100-120 words with the help of the given outline:
(5 marks)**

A poor woodcutter.....cutting trees in a forest one day axe falls into the riverwater deep.....helpless woodcutter weepsGod Mercury appears asks woodcutter the reason brings a golden axe..... woodcutter does not accept itGod Mercury then brings a silver axe..... woodcutter again refuses it brings his own iron axe..... woodcutter happy..... takes his axe..... God is pleasedrewards him

4. Grammar (Choose the correct answer from the options given): (4 Marks)
(MCQ)

A. Reported Speech (1 Mark)

Jody asked Mill-Wheel, “Will you help me find the fawn?”

- (i) Jody asked Mill-Wheel if he were help him find the fawn.
- (ii) Jody said Mill-wheel if he would help him find the fawn.
- (iii) Jody asked Mill-Wheel if he would help him find the fawn.
- (iv) Jody asked Mill-wheel that he would help him find the fawn.

B. Choose the right form of adjective: (1 Mark)

My friend has one of the _____ cars on the road. (fast)

- (i) Faster
- (ii) Fastest
- (iii) Fast
- (iv) Fasting

C. Choose the correct noun form. (1 Mark)

Happy

- (i) Happiness

- (ii) Happity
- (iii) Happiest
- (iv) Happier

D. Jumbled sentence

(1 Mark)

Speak/words/actions/than/louder

- (i) Actions speak louder than words.
- (ii) Louder actions speak words than.
- (iii) Words speak louder action than.
- (iv) Action than louder speak words.

SECTION C- Literature (20 Marks)

5. Read the extract and answer

(5 Marks)

(MCQ)

*Please give me a ride on your back !'
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo.
'I would sit quite still, and say nothing but "Quack,"
The whole of the long day through !*

1. The Duck desired to
 - (a) say 'Quack'
 - (b) stay still
 - (c) ride on Kangaroo's back
 - (d) say nothing

2. 'Quack' is a sound made by
 - (a) the Duck
 - (b) the kangaroo
 - (c) a rider
 - (d) every animal

3. It promised to sit still and be quiet because
 - (a) it pleased him

- (b) it was his habit
- (c) it was trying to persuade Kangaroo
- (d) it had to go a long way.

4. The word 'quite' means the same as

- (a) quiet
- (b) silent
- (c) noisy
- (d) utterly

5. Name the poet of the poem.

- (a) TS Eliot
- (b) Edward Lear
- (c) Thomas Hardy
- (d) John Keats

6. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words (any three):

(3x2= 6 marks)

- (i) How does Jody react to the cruelty of his father?
- (ii) What took the author Firdaus to England? Why did he wish to see Hawking?
- (iii) Where do the snakes and rodents take shelter in monsoon season? Why?
- (iv) What was the story attributed to the Stone Face?

7. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words (any two):

(2x2=4 marks)

(i) In what way is the forest pool different from the one which Ranji knew in the Rajputana desert?

(ii) Did he get four rupees by playing the game? What did he get to see under the rock?(Chapter: Jalebis)

(iii) What is the difference between a planet and a comet, as given in the story?

8. Answer the following question in 80-100 words:

(5 marks)

Do you think it is right to kill an animal to save a human life? Give reasons for your answer.

Or

Hobby is an integral part of everybody's life'. Comment.