

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL SHILLONG
ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2022-23
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
CLASS – VIII

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Read the question paper carefully
- The question paper contains THREE sections
- Section A- Reading carries 20 marks
- Section B- Writing & Grammar carries 20 marks
- Section C- Literature carries 40 marks
- Write in neat and clear handwriting

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A
READING

1. Read the given passage carefully.

1. We can probably all agree that it is good to be kind, moral to be kind, nice to be kind, but does it lead to success in life? After all, isn't kindness about putting other people's interests first? Doesn't it require self-sacrifice?
2. Yet consider these well-known people: James Timpson, boss of the Timpson chain of shoe repairers; Jacinda Ardern, the former prime minister of New Zealand; and Gareth Southgate, one of the most successful managers that England Men's football team has ever had. All three of them are clearly "winners" in their fields, and yet all put kindness at the heart of their strategies for success.
3. What they have found is that taking a more compassionate and apparently "softer" approach to business, politics and sports management brings positive results, not just for the benefit of people who work for them, but for their own benefit too. The traditional notion that you have to be ruthless, driven and focused on number one if you want to achieve success is being discredited.
4. There's a growing body of scientific evidence that kind people can be winners. In 2020 a part of a team at the University of Sussex carried out the biggest study of its kind on public attitudes to kindness. More than 60,000 people from 144 countries chose to fill in an extensive questionnaire called The Kindness Test.
5. When asked where people saw the most acts of kindness happening, the workplace did rather well, coming third after home and medical setting both as a place where people witnessed kind acts and where kindness was truly valued. So, a place that might have the reputation as cut-throat and impersonal, where people compete for positions, is home to more empathy and consideration than you might think.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer the following questions by choosing the correct options.

1x10=10

a) What is traditional notion of being successful?

- i) Being kind and compassionate
- ii) Being ruthless driven and focused

of body fat. Some people such as body builders or other athletes with a lot of muscle can be overweight without being obese.

2. A certain amount of body fat is needed for stored energy, heat insulation, shock absorption and other functions. Generally, women have more body fat than men. Usually men with more than 25% of body fat and women with 30% of body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity tends to run in the families, suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors mean lifestyle behaviours such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn to choose more nutritional meals which are low in fat, and become more active.
3. Then there are the psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating', when people eat large amount of food when they think they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression and low self-esteem.
4. Obesity is more than a cosmetic problem; it is a health hazard. Several serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of certain type of cancer. Other diseases and health problems linked to obesity include gall bladder disease and gallstones, liver disease, osteoarthritis which leads to deterioration of joints, gout which also affect the joints and reproductive problem in women.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer the following questions.

1x10=10

- a) What is obesity?
- b) Mention any two reasons for the cause of obesity.
- c) What is a major concern effecting many countries nowadays?
- d) It is mostly seen that obesity tends to run in the family. What does this suggest?
- e) State whether 'True' or 'False'.
Women have more body fat than men.
- f) One cannot change ones _____ but can change ones habit of eating.
- g) Mention the health hazards caused by obesity.
- h) What are the psychological factors that affect people who overeat?
- i) Find the word in the passage which is synonym of 'increasing'.
(Paragraph 1)
- j) Find the word in the passage which is antonym of 'improving'.
(Paragraph 4)

SECTION B
WRITING & GRAMMAR

3. You are Raj Sharma/Rajita Sharma, a resident of 447 B, Sector 3, Noida. It is seen that rash driving is very common among the youths of today. This results in a number of road accidents. Write a letter to The Editor of The Times of India, New Delhi against the problems caused by rash driving and also suggest what measures should be taken to check this problem. **(100-120 words)** **5**
4. **Given below is the beginning of a story. Complete the story and add a suitable title to it.** **5**
It was a bright day. Vijay was reading a book in his lawn. Suddenly a man threw a bag in his lawn and ran away. Vijay called him but **(100 -120 words.)**
5. **Do as directed in the given sentences.** **1x3=3**
- a) He has bought a car.
(Change the Voice)
- b) I said to him, "Are you happy?"
(Change the sentence into indirect form of speech)
- c) The speech was delivered by him.
(Change the Voice)
6. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the right answer.** **1x4=4**
- I am (a) _____ to learn that you have started (b) _____ again. It is very (c) _____ indeed. Don't you know that smoking kills you slowly and can (d) _____ cancer?
- a) i) shocked ii) shocking iii) is shocked iv) shock
b) i) smoke ii) smoking iii) smoked iv) smokes
c) i) shocked ii) shock iii) shocking iv) shocked
d) i) caused ii) cause iii) causing iv) causes

7. **Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of verb given in the brackets.** **1x3=3**
- a) A bouquet of flowers _____ presented to him. (was /were)
b) Each of the two brothers _____ well. (behave/behaves)
c) Tom and John _____ best friends. (is/are)

SECTION C
LITERATURE

8. **Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow.** **4x3=12**
- A. "I spent Puja in '58 with a friend in Kanpur. You're making a mistake. Good day."
- a) Name the writer of the story from which the above extract has been taken.

- i) Satyajit Ray
 - ii) H.P.S Ahluwalia
 - iii) Ruskin Bond
 - iv) Firdaus Kanga
- b) Who is referred to as 'I' in the above line?
- i) Parimal Ghose
 - ii) Chuni Babu
 - iii) Dr chanda
 - iv) Bepin Babu
- c) What mistake is being referred to?
- d) Give another word that has the same meaning as 'mistake'.

B. When I returned from Lyonnesse

**With magic in my eyes,
All marked with mute surmise
My radiance rare and fathomless,
When I returned from Lyonnesse
With magic in my eyes**

- a) Why had the poet gone to Lyonnesse?
- i) To supervise the restoration of the church
 - ii) To pray in the church
 - iii) To admire the beauty of the place
 - iv) None of these
- b) Name the poet of the poem from which the given extract has been taken.
- i) John Keats
 - ii) Rabindranath Tagore
 - iii) Thomas Hardy
 - iv) William Blake
- c) Why was there magic in his eyes?
- d) Find the synonym of 'sparkle' from the given stanza.

C. "Here they are at last! She cried. Just in time for tea, and don't they look as if they were muddy upto the eyes!"

- a) Who is the speaker in the above lines?
- i) Vera
 - ii) Mrs Sappleton
 - iii) Framton Nuttle
 - iv) Mr Sappleton
- b) Name the author of the story from which the extract has been taken.
- i) Ruskin Bond
 - ii) Gita Wolf
 - iii) Saki
 - iv) Jayant Narlikar
- c) Whom does the speaker refer to as 'they'?
- d) Where were the persons returning from?

9. Answer (ANY FIVE) of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each. 2x5=10

- a) What was unusual about Bepin babu's loss of memory? Why did Dr Chanda suggest that Bepin Babu should go to Ranchi?
- b) In the poem 'The Last Bargain' who first offered to hire the speaker and why did the speaker refuse the offer?

- c) What is the message given in the poem ‘The Grasshopper and the Cricket?’
- d) How can you say that Jody was a loving and caring boy?
- e) What was the prophecy related to the Great Stone Face as told by Ernest’s mother to him?
- f) In the chapter, ‘A Short Monsoon Diary’, for how many days does it rain and what does the author do on these days?

10. Answer (ANY FOUR) of the following questions in 30 to 40 words each. 2x4=8

- a) How can you say that Ranji was a better swimmer than Suraj?
- b) What were the words of Hafeez Contractor’s principal that changed Hafeez’s life ?
- c) Bring out the difference in the outlook of Duttada and his wife in respect of the new comet.
- d) Mention any two salient features of ancient education system.
- e) Why did Sir John Macpherson stop the article of Dr Forsyth from being published?

11. Answer (ANY ONE) of the following in 80-100 words each. 5

- a) A climb to the summit means endurance, persistence and willpower. Explain how Major H.P. S. Ahluwalia demonstrated these physical qualities to climb the Everest.

OR

- b) In the poem ‘The School boy’, describe the boy’s experience in the school. What message does the poet actually want to convey through the poem?

12. Answer (ANY ONE) of the following in 80-100 words each. 5

- a) In the chapter Jalebis what is the game the boy plays with Allah Miyan? What do you think would have happened if Allah Miyan would have listened to the boy?

OR

- b) The chapter ‘Children at Work’ discusses the problem that millions of poor children face in India’, In reference to the chapter highlight the miserable childhood of Velu and Jaya and also suggest what can be done to stop child exploitation.

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