

HERITAGE SCHOOL JAMMU

SAMPLE PAPER HALF YEARLY (SESSION 2017–2018)

SUBJECT: ENGLISH
CLASS: VIII

M.M: 80
TIME: 3 hr

General Instructions:

- Read the paper carefully.
- Attempt all the questions.
- Marks are indicated against each question. Answer within the word limit

SECTION A (READING)

15

Q1 Read the Passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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Today's teenagers are likely to have shorter lifespan than that of their parents. Well, that is what none other than a public health expert at Yale University is saying. The reasons are many. Accessibility to high calorie junk food, passive entertainment and inactive lifestyles have exposed a generation of urban children to Dudley-Dursley like figures along with multiple health hazards. High blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes by middle age are so common these days that they are almost fashionable.

According to a survey conducted by AIIMS in the public schools of New Delhi one in every 10 adolescents and young adults is obese while one out of every 20 has high blood pressure. Another study, involving 870 children from New Delhi found 27 percent of the children to be obese. These figures were compared with those in the US, where the Centre of Disease Control has warned that obesity is now a global epidemic.

The reasons are not too hard to find. Youngsters eating habits are influenced by family, peer groups, the social environment and media. With crores of rupees being spent on advertisements of food, directed at impressionable youngsters of today, it is hardly surprising that they are choosing a pack of chips and a can of soda over vegetables and pulses. Lax parental supervision at meal times is slowly resulting in round bellies and chubbier cheeks. Resorting to fast foods, ordering in or eating out is increasing at a furious rate, eroding the traditional eating patterns. Food is now only a phone call away. *Ill Health is a little closer.*

Pick out the most appropriate answer from the options given below to complete the Sentences.

1 x 5

- 1** The studies by a Public health expert were carried out at
i Delhi University

- ii Asian University
- iii Yale University
- iv AIIMS
- 2 the reason for Dudley Dursley-like figures is
 - i sedentary lifestyle
 - ii vigorous lifestyle
 - iii active lifestyle
 - iv health hazards
- 3. Which disease is now a global epidemic
 - i obesity
 - ii high blood pressure
 - iii diabetes
 - iv heart disease
- 4 Find the word closest in meaning to ' Negligent' is
 - i hazards
 - ii epidemic
 - iii lax
 - iv furious
- 5. Eating habits in youngsters are influenced by
 - i family upbringing
 - ii media
 - iii social milieu
 - iv all of the above

Q2. Read the Passage given below and answer the question that follow: 5

In front of the enormous Shibuya train station in Tokyo, there is life-size bronze statue of a dog. Even though the statue is very small when compared to the huge neon signs flashing, it isn't difficult to find. It has been used a meeting point since 1934 and today, you will find hundreds of people waiting there for their friends to arrive.

Hachiko, an Akita dog, was born in 1923 and brought to Tokyo in 1924. His owner, Professor Eisaburo Ueno and he were inseparable friends right from the start. Each day Hachiko would accompany his owner, a Professor at the Imperial University, to Shibuya trains station when he left for work. When he came back, the Professor would always find the dog patiently waiting for him; Sadly, the Professor died suddenly at work in 1925 before he could return home.

Although, Hachiko was still a young dog, the bond between him and his owner was very strong and he continued to wait at the station every day.

Sometimes, he would stay there for days at a time, though some believe that he kept returning because of the food he was given by street vendors. He became a familiar sight to commuters over time. In 1934, a statue of him was put outside the station. In 1935, Hachiko died at the place he last saw his friend alive.

- i Why is the statue a prominent site? 1 x 5
- ii How can you say that the dog and its owner shared a deep bond of love?
- iii Pick two adjectives to describe the dog?
- iv Where did the Professor die?
- v Suggest an appropriate heading for the passage?

Q3. Read the Poem given below and answer the question that follow: 5

When my mother died I was very young,
And my father sold me while yet my tongue
Could scarcely cry 'Weep! weep! weep!'
So your chimneys I sweep, and in soot I sleep.

There's little Tom Dacre, who cried when his head,
That curled like a lamb's back, was shaved; so I said,
'Hush, Tom! Never mind it, for, when your head's bare,
You know that the soot cannot spoil your white hair.'

And so he was quiet, and that very night,
As Tom was a-sleeping, he had such a sight! -
That thousands of sweepers, Dick, Joe, Ned, and Jack,
Were all of them locked up in coffins of black.

And by came an angel, who had a bright key,
And he opened the coffins, and set them all free;
Then down a green plain, leaping, laughing, they run
And wash in a river, and shine in the sun.

Then naked and white, all their bags left behind,
They rise upon clouds, and sport in the wind;
And the angel told Tom, if he'd be a good boy,
He'd have God for his father, and never want joy.

And so Tom awoke, and we rose in the dark,
And got with our bags and our brushes to work,

Through the morning was cold, Tom was happy and warm;
So, if all do their duty, they need not fear harm.

a Complete the following sentences with the correct information from the poem:

- i Tom Dacre cried because _____ **1 x 3**
ii Tom dreams that _____
iii When they were set free by the angel, they ran _____

b Find words from the poem which mean the same as:

- i hardly _____ **½ x 2**
ii a box in which a corpse is placed for burial _____

c Find words from the poem which are opposite to the given words:

- i straightened **½ x 2**
ii covered

SECTION – B (WRITING)

20m

- Q4.** The Principal of your school has invited a renowned educationist 'ABC' to conduct a workshop in your school on the 15th of Oct. so that the student get to learn how to prepare well for examinations. Draft a notice for your school notice board to call upon the students of classes VII to X to attend the workshop. You are the head girl/boy of your school.

OR

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You are Abhinav Gupta, the Head Boy of Mumbai Scottisth School. On the Occasion of Children's Day, your School is organizing a puppet show for the Students of Classes VI to VII. Draft a Notice.

- Q5.** You are aware about the hazards of crackers to our environment. Draft a suitable poster encouraging children and elders towards 'Crackerless Diwali'.

OR

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Teachers' Day is going to be celebrated in school. Make a poster on behalf of all the students. Write appropriate slogans. Express your gratitude and love for your teachers.

- Q6.** Your friend Tanushree is a sickly child and is always suffering from some ailment. This is due to lack of exercise and eating too much of junk food. Write a letter to her advising her to eat a healthy, nutritious diet and do some form of exercise. **6**

- Q7.** You recently adopted a puppy from an animal shelter. Write a diary entry about how you are taking care of it. Remember to mention some of the

antics of the puppy.

OR

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You are concerned about your friends who like most other kids, watch a lot of violence and horror oriented stuff on T.V. Write an e-mail to the renowned Psychologist of your city asking him to collaborate with school and work out a remedial measure.

SECTION – C: GRAMMAR

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Q8. Do as directed

1 x 6

- i The man has broken the law. He shall be punished.
(Join the sentences using(hence/for))
- ii The milk is too hot to drink (transform using 'so... that...')
- iii We appreciate your wisdom (change active into passive voice)
- iv Mohini danced when Mamta Sang. (Underline and write the adverbial clause)
- v Everyone makes mistakes (change the following into a negative sentence)
- vi Who took the final decision? (change active into passive voice)

Q9. Fill in the blanks

½ x 6=3

- i Consuming _____ food on a regular basis leads to obesity. ('fry' as participle)
- ii I want _____ that you are my best friend. 'say' as infinitive)
- iii _____ way to someone is a mark of humility. ('give' as gerund)
- iv Do you remember _____ we met the first time? (fill in with a suitable conjunction)
- v God made man _____ man made boundaries. (fill in with a suitable conjunction)
- vi A _____ stone gathers no moss. (fill in the blank with the hind given) ('roll' as participle)

Q10. Find the error in each sentence and rewrite it making the correction:

½ x 6=3

Incorrect Correct

- When I return home from school, I found that a) _____
- my mother was by kitchen and my younger b) _____
- sister is playing with her friends. c) _____
- in the verandah
- In my room,all the books were lay scattered d) _____

On the floor. I am definitely very annoyed. e) _____

I asked my sister, "Ritu, did you enter this f) _____

room in my absence

Q11) Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences: (1x3=3)

- i Woke/me/the/of/up/birds/chirping
- ii Rights/have/people/all/equal
- iii grounds/high/around/built/were/stone/walls/the

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

30m

Q12 Answer with reference to the given context:

A *I gazed and gazed but little thought
what wealth the show to me had brought* **1 x 3**

- i What was the wealth that the show brought to him?
- ii Name the poem and the poet.
- iii Why is the word 'gazed' repeated?

B **"You may wonder why we keep that window wide open on an October afternoon."** **1 x 3**

- i Who said these words to whom?
- ii Why did she say this?
- iii Which word in the above line means 'marvel'?

Q13 Answer the following question in about 30-40 words (Do any five) 2X5=10

- i What was the reaction of the old man to the boy's pranks?
- ii What is the message contained in the poem 'For Everything There is A Season'?
- iii Why does the poet describe himself as a cloud and the daffodils as the Milky Way?
- iv Why does Mrs. Sappleton call Mr. Nuttel 'a most extraordinary man'?
- v Justify the Indian being called as locomotive 38.
- vi Attempt a character-sketch of the Farmer's Wife.

Q14 Answer the following questions in about 50-80 words (do any two) 4X2=8

- i 'One should stay away from making up stories and playing pranks as it may hurt people and their emotions'. Justify the above statement with reference to the chapter 'The Open Window'.
- ii Do you think the Teacher has portrayed an ideal or a real picture of the

world in the poem 'For Everything There Is A Season'? What do you think so?

- iii Do you think the title 'A Slight Misunderstanding' should have been title 'A Serious Misunderstanding'. Discuss

Q15 A Frame sentences : (2)

i)cemetery ii)famish

B Rearrange the jumbled letters to form meaningful words: (½x4=2)

i) riseuos ii)rgetady iii)tnacva iv)lyveli

C Circle the incorrect word and write it correctly: (½x4=2)

i) funeral wity vendor

ii) embrace greive startling

iii Fishy common genune

iv Impression solitude pensive