



ITL Public School

Summative Assessment 1 (2015-16)

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Class: VIII

ENGLISH (Set -A)

Time: 3 hr

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General Instructions:

- This paper consists of THREE sections :*

<i>Section A</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section B</i>	<i>Writing & Grammar</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
<i>Section C</i>	<i>Literature</i>	<i>25 marks</i>
- Attempt all questions.*
- Do not write anything on the question paper.*
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the Answer sheet provided to you.*
- Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*

SECTION A- READING

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Today budgies- often called love birds in India- are the most popular pet birds in the world. All the adored cage birds of today are the descendents of parrot. They are one of the smallest of the world's 330 parrot species which have come down from a plucky little bird in rural Australia.

Some appear to be about 30 cm long from tail tip to crown, with bulbous, fluffy foreheads, barrel chests and deep-set eyes. Their colours are striking; vivid shades of blue, grey and green as well as violet and white. Most startling of all are the yolk- yellow birds, called Lutinas that are like splashes of luminous paint. The first colour mutations in captive birds were blue and yellow. Today, breeders raise birds with rainbow of colours.

Lovebirds stay near water when it's dry, but when there's a lot of rain they spread out. They are sometimes seen nestling on top of tall eucalyptus trees. While some of the caged varieties would have difficulty flying across a room, wild budgies travel hundreds of kilometers at speeds of upto 50 kilometers per hour to seek seed and water. Even in prolonged droughts, the budgie has an extraordinary ability to withstand dehydration. When deprived of water, budgies can reportedly exist with little weight loss for more than a month at an average air temperature of 30 degrees. At 20 degrees, some can apparently survive indefinitely, provided they are getting some moisture from food.

I. Answer the following:

(3)

- What are the physical features of budgies?
- What is the other name for yolk-yellow birds?
- Under what conditions budgies can survive indefinitely without water?

II. Complete the summary given below using information from the passage. Use only one word in each of the blank:

(5)

Budgies, referred to as (a) _____ in India, belong to rural Australia. They have the distinction of being one of the most (b) _____ birds in the world. The most striking feature of this bird is its (c) _____. Today, breeders have been raising them with a rainbow of colours. While some of the caged varieties find it (d) _____ to fly, even across a room, the wild varieties of love birds can cover large distances in (e) _____ of seed and water.

III. Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following :

(1x4)

- A person or animal coming from a specific ancestor
- Caged or imprisoned
- Caused to continue longer
- An abnormal loss of water from the body

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

The Centipede
The little creature
with hundred feet
was on its journey
to where
only it know
My civilised foot
dressed in polished leather
came down upon it
ever so gently –
there was only a soft sound
signifying
the end
of a creature of God
my maker.
I looked to see
if my sole was soiled
and walked away.
- Chandak Chatterjee

I. Below you see a page from the poet's diary which summarizes the events in the poem. Fill in each blank with one word only. (5)

Today I had an important meeting. So I dressed in my best clothes and (a) _____ my shoes until they were shining. On my way to the meeting, I stepped on a centipede, a (b) _____ little thing with so (c) _____ legs. I wonder where it was going. I wasn't walking fast so I couldn't have stepped very heavily on it, but there was a soft sound and I knew I had killed it. I checked immediately to see if there was any (d) _____ on my shoes; I was worried about my appearance at the meeting. Still, it seemed strange that the (e) _____ who made me should also have made such a tiny creature.

II. Find words from the poem that mean the opposite of: (3)

- i. Unrefined
- ii. Dull
- iii. Harshly

SECTION B(WRITING & GRAMMAR)

Q3. Today begging has become a serious social problem in our country. Taking ideas from the following hints, write an article for the newspaper in about **150 words**. (7)

- More and more number of people taking begging as a profession
- Exploitation of children for begging purpose
- Increased number of beggars at traffic intersection
- Increased cases of petty crimes on the streets.
- Disruption of the free flow of traffic
- Increased number of road accidents

Or

You had an argument with your mother as she did not allow you to attend the 'Pajama Party' arranged by your friend. Although you are seething with anger, a part of you realizes that she is not altogether wrong. Write a page in your diary expressing your anguish. (120-150 words)

Q4. Write a short story in about **180-200 words** based on the following picture. You can begin the story like this:

August 24 was the birthday of Cathy's mother.....

(8)



Or

You are Deepak/ Deepika of Flat no. 801/2, Guru Gobind Singh Enclave, Gurgaon. Recently, you visited 'Silver Oak Resort'. Write a letter to your friend (**Word Limit – 150-180 words**) telling him/her why the place attracted you. Include the following:

- Accessibility
- Reasonable charges
- Beautiful surroundings
- Scenic landscape
- Facilities available

Q5. The verbs do not agree with the subjects in the passage given below. There are eight errors in it. Edit the passage and write the correct word in the blank. (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
(a) Everyone who have ever been	_____	_____
(b) to a graduation know how exciting it can be for the graduates.	_____	_____
(c) In our town, nearly the whole population come each year.	_____	_____
(d) There is one thing that both graduates and guests enjoys: the awarding of scholarships.	_____	_____
This ceremony, along with the closing exercises,		
(e) make attending the graduation worthwhile.	_____	_____
(f) Several of the students who receives awards plan to attend the community college.	_____	_____
(g) Many former graduates is grateful for opportunities	_____	_____
(h) that such an award provide.	_____	_____

Q6. Given below are the instructions for making soup. Use these to complete the blanks in the paragraph that follows. (3)

- Mix the soup powder with 750 ml. of water without allowing it to form lumps.
- Pour the mixture into a heavy-bottomed vessel.
- Bring it to a boil, stirring it continuously.
- Simmer the soup for five minutes.
- Pour the soup into soup bowls and serve garnished with fried croutons.

The packet containing soup powder is opened and the contents are mixed with 750 ml. of water without allowing it to form lumps. The mixture (a) _____ into a heavy-bottomed vessel. It is stirred continuously and brought to boil. The soup (b) _____ on a slow flame for five minutes. Finally after the soup is ready, it is (c) _____ .

Q7. Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences. (3)

- i. ability/ from/to sit/ man/distinguishes/animals/ other
- ii. animals/ lack/ in/ knees/ their/ flexibility
- iii. intelligence/ they/ don't/ have/ grasp/ a problem/ the/ to

SECTION C (LITERATURE)

Q8. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

(1.5x2)

“My name is Ozymandias, king of kings.”

- a. Why does Ozymandias refer to himself as king of kings?
- b. What quality of the king is revealed through this statement?

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:

(2x4)

- a. How does Christy Brown’s mother inspire us?
- b. Her love for Bruno also made the narrator’s wife a little adamant. Justify.
- c. Why did Mathilde not want to go to the ball?
- d. “The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed”. Whose hand and heart has poet referred to in this line? What does it mean?

Q10. A little confession would have changed the life of Mathilde. Should we confess our mistakes courageously? Write your opinion in about 80 words.

(4)

Or

Bring out the irony in the poem ‘ Ozymandias ’ in about 80 words.

Q11. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words:

(5x2)

(A) Describe how the priests and fanatics try and force Aouda into committing suttee and how is she saved?

(B) What happened to the travellers when they reached Calcutta?

Or

Give a brief pen portrait of Jean Passepartout from ‘ Around the World in Eighty Days ’.