MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS (2018 - 19)

ENGLISH

(Third Language)

PART - A & B

Class : VIII	(Max. Marks : 80)	Time : 2.45 Hrs.

PART – A (50 marks)

Time : 1¹/₂ Hrs.	Max. Marks : 50

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Answer the questions under 'Part-A' on a separate answer book.
2. Write the answers under 'Part – B' on the question paper itself and attach it to the 'Part-A'.

SECTION – A

READING COMPREHENSION (30 Marks)

1. Read the following passage.

"Tell him to send me a blanket. There is a cold mist in the mornings. If I catch cold it doesn't leave me for a long time. Tell him to send a blanket, won't you ? A red one. I had a blanket, the one he brought for me when he was studying in Madras. It is all tattered now, just a ball of knotted yarn. Tell him to send me a red blanket, will you ?

1. Answer the following questions.   **5 x 2 = 10**

a) Who is the speaker ?

b) Who is the speaker talking to ?

c) When did he bring the blanket ?

d) What happened to the old blanket ?

e) What kind of blanket did the spaker want ?

2. Read the following stanza.

"For, oh, "say the children, "we are weary

   And we cannot run or leap ;

If we cared for any meadows, it were merely

To drop down in them and sleep.   (The Cry of Children) **P.T.O**

Answer the following questions.   5 x 1 = 5

a) How were the children ?

b) Why can't they run or leap ?

c) What do they do in meadows ?

d) What do yo mean by meadows ?

e) What is the mood of the children ?

3. Read the following passage carefully.

Romesh was fourteen years old. He left his widowed mother and three younger sisters back in Bihar. He took a long travel of hundreds of miles to find a new future. He reached Hyderabad, one of the main cities in India.

Answer the following questions.   5 x 1 = 5

a) How old was Romesh ?

b) Where did he live ?

c) What did he leave in his village ?

d) What did he want to find ?

e) What was the city he reached ?

4. Read the following story.

A group of monkeys decided to go a fast one day. "Before we begin, I think we should keep the food ready with which we'll break the fast," said the monkey chief. The monkeys nodded their heads. The youngsters were sent in search of food. They returned with huge bunches of delicious looking bananas. 'I think each of us should keep our share of bananas with us before we begin our fast, so that we don't spend time distributing them after we break our fast. You can imagine how tired we will all be by then ! 'said the chief's wife. The monkeys liked the idea and they collected their share of the bananas. "Why don't we peel one banana and keep it ready to eat? 'said one of the youngsters.

Now answer the following questions.   5 x 1 =5

a) What did the monkeys decide one day ?

b) What did the youngster monkeys return with ?

c) Choose the similar meaning word for 'delicious'.   [   ]

   a) beautiful   b) tasty   c) colourful

d) Who went in search of food.   [   ]

   a) monkey chief b) chief's wife c) youngsters

e) Choose the correct statement. Put a (i/) against the correct option.

The chief's wife said that

  i) they should not eat anything   (   )

  ii) they should be very hungry while breaking fast. (   )

  iii) they should peel the bananas and keep them ready. (   )

5. **Study the table given below. The table shows the height and weight of some subjects.**

S.No.	Name of the Student	Height (ft/inches)	Weight (Kg)
1	Rajyalakshmi	4'.6"	42
2	Pavani	4'.1"	44
3	Sai Ram	4'.1"	35
4	Brahmendra	3'.9"	35
5	Mahesh	4'.3"	43

Answer the following questions.   5 x 1 =5

a) What is the table about ?

b) Who is the tallest of all students ?

c) The following students are equal in height. Choose the correct answer.

  i) Mahesh and Sai Ram   ii) Pavani and Mahesh   (   )

  iii) Pavani and Sai Ram iv) Pavani and Brahmendra **P.T.O**

d) The heaviest boy is   (   )

   i) Brahmendra   ii) Pavani

   iii) Mahesh   iv) Sai Ram

e) Which of the following statement is true as per the table   (   )

   i) Sai Ram is as weight as Brahmendra

   ii) Pavani is the tallest girl

   iii) All the students are girls.

SECTION – B

CREATIVE EXPRESSION (20 Marks)

6. Imagine you are the friend of Kamala in "The Tattered Blanket". (Kamala described Gopi's behaviour.)

Write a possible conversation between you and Kamala on Gopi's behaviour.   **10 M**

(OR)

Write a letter to your friend describing how the 'Vanam-Manam' (Vanamahotsavam) held in your school.

7. Prepare a script for speech on the topic 'Child Labour – A Curse on children.'   **10 M**

(OR)

Write a story using the following hints.

Camel and donkey – friends – go in search of food-finds cabbage field - eating - donkey eats full-wants to sing - starts braying - farmer comes - donkey runs away - camel doesn't notice - farmer beats camel - runs away - camel asks donkey - 'why did you bray?' - 'I like to sing when my stomach is full - another day - both passing the river - donkey climbs on camel's back - camel starts dancing - donkey falls into water - camel says - 'I like to dance when I am in water'.

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Part - B

Class : VIII]   **(Marks : 30)**   **Time : 1 Hr.**

Academic Standard	Reading Comprehension	Creative Expression	Vocabulary	Grammar	Total
Q.No.'s	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6, 7	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	14, 15, 16	16
Marks Allotted	30	20	15	15	80
Marks Obtained					
Grade					

Name of the Student : .... Roll No. : ....

Note :

     Answer all the questions in this part on the question paper itself.

SECTION – C
VOCABULARY (Marks 15)

8. **Choose the words with similar meanings to the underlined words in the passage.**   **2 x 1 = 2M**

     (stick, shiver, scared, several)

     Oliver was <u>frightened</u> (1) at the sight of <u>so many</u> (2) gentlemen, which made him <u>tremble</u> (3). The beadle gave him a tap on his back with his <u>cane</u> (4) which made him cry.

     a) ....   b) ....

     c) ....   d) ....   **P.T.O**

9. **Write the words opposite in meaning to those underlined.** 2 x 1 = 2M

How <u>happy</u> (1) we were in our school ! We used to sit in the <u>same</u> (2) row, did all the work together and took part in the events. I <u>remember</u> (3) how Padmanabhaiah sir appreciated us when we got the <u>first</u> (4) prize in District Science Fair.

a) .... b) ....

c) .... d) ....

10. **Fill in the blanks with the right form of the words given in the brackets.** 2 x 1 = 2M

The organization has .... (success) prevented child labour in 648 villages across the nation and .... (liberate) 1152 villages from child marriages.

11. **Change the underlined parts in the following paragraph into compound adjectives and write them in the space provided.** 2 x 1 = 2M

Sachin Tendulkar is a <u>cricketer who is famous all over the world</u> (1). He is a <u>batsman playing with right hand</u> (2). He has many <u>world records to his credit which are mind blowing</u>, (3) Besides all these, he is a <u>person with a kind heart</u> (4).

a) .... b) ....

c) .... d) ....

12. **Put the following words under correct headings.** 4 x 1 = 4 M

blanket   beadle   widow   teacher   armchair   computer

PERSONS	PLACES
1.	1. ....
2.	2. ....
3.	3. ....
4.	4. ....

13. A) Complete the following words using 'ea, ie, ei or ui' $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1M$

   1. q ..... te   2. m ..... dows

B) Complete teh following words with the letters given in brackets. $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1M$

   1. unfortun .... (ately/atly)   2. fut .... (ile/aile)

C) One words is wrongly spelt. Rewrite it correctly in the space provided. $1 \times 1 = 1M$

   irritation, apitite, scent, weary   Ans : ....

SECTION – D
GRAMMAR (Marks 15)

14. Read the following passage and correct the words Underlined. Rewrite the correct words in the space provided. $4 \times 1 = 4M$

Child Rights and You <u>are</u> an organization <u>who</u> believes that <u>child</u> are citizens and you have their own <u>rites</u>.

Ans : (1) ....   (2) ....   (3) ....(4) ....

15. Complete the sentences with noun phrases using the words given in brackets. $4 \times 1 = 4$

   1. I bought .... (beautiful/a/umbrella/red)

   2. We saw .... in the zoo (baby/a/couple/elephants/of)

   3. Our grandfather lives in .... (big/house/a/stone-built)

   4. Kamya has .... (nice/a/sari/silk)

16. a) Read the following dialogue that takes place at a party. Add suitable question tags to complete it.   **4 x 1 = 4 M**

Rohit : Hi I've met you before, ... ?

Suma : No, I don't think so.

Rohit : But your name is Vani, ... ?

Suma : No, it's Suma ! Anyway, glad to meet you

Rohit : Me too. This is Rohit. The party seems to be really lively ....?

Suma : Yes, definitely. We enjoy ourselves a lot on such occassions .... ?

Rohit : Yeah, we do.

b) Change the following sentences into Yes/No questions.

    3 x 1 = 3 M

1. You are an orphan.

Ans : ....

2. Mr. Bumble rushed into the room.

Ans : ....

3. Boys have generally excellent appetite.

Ans :

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