

Kendriya vidyalaya Sitapur
Half yearly exam 2022-23
Subject-English
Class-8

Time- 1.30 Hours

Marks-40

General instructions:

- All questions are compulsory
- Marks are indicated against each question
- Attempt all the questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.

Reading section

1. Read the passage below and answer the question that follow-

"I had ambitions not only to go *farther* than any man had been before ; but as far as it was possible for a man to go", said James Cook, the *explorer*, who added Australia and New Zealand to the British empire.

James Cook the father of Antarctic *exploration*, was born in Marton village, Cleveland, on October 28, 1728. From his boy hood, he was interested in *seafaring*. One day the lad made up his mind; he, too, was going to see in order to visit glamorous lands. At the age of 27, Cook has rising to the proud position of first mate. The first service Cook saw was in Canada where he was employed in the dangerous task of serving the St. Lawrence.

When Cook, on August 25, 1768, came with a company of 83 men (including a party of scientists among whom was a great Sir Joseph Banks) set sail in the endeavour they had before them possibility of filling in a substantial area of the globe's surface. In the spring of 1769, Cook sailed out on his quest for the unknown continent starting the Society Islands at length reached New Zealand. The tattooed natives met them. Cook greeted these Maori warriors with friendly science and eventually prevail on them to lay down their spears in sign of truce. After circumnavigating the North and South islands, he explored the coastline and landed the queen Charlotte's Sound. He then hoisted the Union Jack and informed his company that he had taken possession of the islands on behalf of his Majesty George the Third.

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow choosing the correct options: (1X7=7)

- (i) James Cook's chief desire was to. (1)
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| a) Discover Australia | b) discover New Zealand |
| c) travel long and far | d) do something for the British empire |
- (ii) Cook was interested in travelling. (1)
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| a) By road | b) by train |
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- c) by air. d) by boat
- (iii) In 1755, Cook took the first challenging job. (1)
- a) To visit glamorous lands b) when he became the first mate
- c) when he served St Lawrence. d) when he went to Canada.
- (iv) Sir Joseph Banks was a (1)
- a) Sailor b) friend of Cook
- c) master of St Lawrence d) scientist.
- (v) Cook discovered (1)
- a) New Zealand. b) Society Islands
- c) Canada. d) North and South Islands.
- (vi) The Endeavour was the name of _____. (1)
- (vii) The word 'surveyed' in this passage means _____. (1)

Him shelter from rain,
 And a mouthful of grain.
 He wished only borrow ;
 He'd repay it tomorrow ;

If not, he must die of starvation and sorrow;

- (i) From which poem these lines have been taken? (1)
- (ii) From whom did he hope to borrow? (1)
- (iii) Give the opposite of the word 'borrow'? (1)

Grammar section

- (i) Convert the following sentences into indirect speech: (1×2=2)
- a) You said "He is a very good athlete."
- b) I said "I have finished my work".
- (ii) Rewrite the following sentences putting the correct verb form: (1×3=3)
- a) She _____ up by her aunt. (bring)
- b) You will _____ to the feast. (invite)
- c) They _____ at the report of the gun. (alarm)
- (iii) The following passage has not been edited. There is a mistake in each line. Write the incorrect word and make it correct. (1×5=5)
- a) Haemophilia are one of the several _____
- b) Sex linked diseases which effects _____
- c) Only males. This is because the disorders is _____
- d) Caused with a defective gene of the x chromosome _____
- e) As the result, blood does not clot and there is a _____

Writing section (5×1=5)

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Given below is a profile of your favourite teacher Mr. Prashant Kumar. Write a short **Bio-Sketch** of your teacher using clues given below in 100 words.

- Age 25 years
- Physical appearance - fair complexioned and looks like a film hero.
- teaches English, teaches with examples, silence
- How the class was an enjoyable experience.
- Love for children
- Kind, patient, ever smiling.

Or

Write a letter to your friend describing the winter season in a hill station you visited.

Literature section

Answer any 2 in one or two sentences-(1×2=2)

- (I) Can velu read Tamil and English?
- (ii) Was the giant happy or sad over the state of the garden?
- (ii) what effect did the linnet's song have over Hail and the North Wind?

Answer any 4 in 30 words- (2×4=8)

- (I) Had bipin Babu really lost his memory and forget an all about it trip to Ranchi?
- (ii) What jobs did Hans Wolf and Jim Macpherson have when they were soldiers?
- (iii) How did the speaker feel after talking to the child on the beach?
- (iv) What are the three qualities that played a major role in author's climb?
- (v) What was it about Mount Everest that the author found in irresistible?

Answer any 1 in 100-150 words - (5×1=5)

What sort life did Hafeez contractor lead at school before reaching his 11th class?

Or

How did hafeez contractor get into the field of architecture?