

ENGLISH

Std. 8

Time : 1 hr.  
M. Marks: 20

This paper consists of three sections:

Section A	Reading	5 marks
Section B	Writing & Grammar	7 marks
Section C	Literature	8 marks

General Instructions :

- i) All questions are compulsory
- ii) Where required copy the entire sentence and then underline the word or words.
- iii) Strictly adhere to the word limit.
- iv) Marks will be deducted for untidiness.

**SECTION – A (READING)**

1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :

**MEMORIES**

Memories from childhood stay with us forever,  
Taking us where we have been and will go,  
Pieces of life that live on and will never,  
Let us forget we were young long ago.

Sometimes I wander back into those shadows,  
Quietly been who I use to be,  
Bringing to life all the joys and the sorrows,  
Days that can't die while they still live in me.

Holidays linger and happy times glisten,  
I can see everyone active and well,  
I can still hear them if only I listen,  
Feeling each motion and breathing each smell.

Life has such treasures that time always stealing;  
Nothing can ever entirely stay.  
While you are young, you can capture each feeling;  
Make all the memories you can everyday.

Answer the following questions briefly:

(5 marks)

- a) Which memories stay with us forever?
- b) Explain the line, 'Sometimes I wander back into those shadows.'
- c) What things linger and shine?
- d) Which is the thing that does not stay?
- e) Find the word in the poem which means, 'Hold'.

**SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

2. You are Ganga, working at 'Royal Furniture'. Write a message to be left for Mrs. Sharma about a telephone call received for her when she was away. Write the message in about 50 words. (3 marks)

Chitra : Is that 'Royal Furniture'?

Ganga : Yes, It is.

Chitra : Could I speak to Mrs. Sharma?

Ganga : Sorry, she is not here at the moment.

Chitra : When will she be back?

Ganga : Not before six in the evening. Can I take a message for her?

Chitra : Yes, please. Could you tell her that she has to deliver the furniture ordered by me for my new house only on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and not on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Ask her to keep them ready by 9 A.M. on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. I will be sending a pickup van and so she does not have to arrange for the same.

Ganga : Sure, I will inform her.

Chitra : Thank you.

3. The following passage has not been edited. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (2 marks)

About a year 1900, a small, (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
dark haired boy name Charles Chaplin (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
was often seen waiting outside  
the back entrance of London (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
theatres. He looks thin and (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
hungry but his blue eyes were determined.

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: (2 marks)

a) Not only / in developing / but also / sports help / a child's body / his mind

b) they / muscles / bones / their / strengthen / tone up / and / their

**SECTION – C (LITERATURE)**

5. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: (3 marks)

*Home they brought her warrior dead:  
She nor swooned, nor uttered cry:  
All her maidens, watching, said,  
'She must weep or she will die'.*

- a) Who is 'her' in the first line and what was 'her' reaction when she saw the warrior's dead body?
- b) Why did the maidens insist that the lady should cry?
- c) Which word suggests that the dead man was a soldier?
6. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each: (3 marks)
- a) Why did the author lose his interest in books? (Bookshop Memories)
- b) How is the balance of herbivores and carnivores maintained in the wilderness? (The Tiger Story)
- c) Why does George Orwell say that book sellers lead "an unhealthy life"?
7. A Tiger is not just another animal but it is a symbol of power and might. It arouses a sense of awe and respect in one and all. Explain with the help of examples from the chapter 'The Tiger Story'.

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(2 marks)