Class 8 Time : 1 hr.
ENGLISH M. Marks : 20

Instructions:

1. This paper has 3 sections :
   - Section A Reading 5 marks
   - Section B Writing and Grammar 7 marks
   - Section C Literature 8 marks
2. Attempt all the questions in their respective sections.
3. Attempt your paper neatly.

SECTION - A (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

Gorilla is the largest of the great apes. A large male gorilla living in the wild may weigh 204 kilograms. Standing up on its legs, it may be about 6 ft tall. Females usually weigh 91 kilograms and are shorter than males. Gorillas live in the rain forests of Central Africa. They are unaggressive creatures living in family groups led by a big male. Each group wanders in its own home range. During the day gorillas rarely travel much more than one kilometer because the leaves and shoots that they eat are plentiful in the forests where they live.

A gorilla's day starts at dawn at about 6 a.m. when the party wakes and searches for food. From about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. they rest. When the adults rest, younger apes wrestle with each other, play games and swing back and forth on vines. After this, the party travels through the forest again looking for more food until dusk i.e. about 6 p.m. Gorillas are always on the move and never spend more than one night in the same place. They sleep in nests made of branches which they break or bend to make a crude platform either on the ground or in trees. Adult gorillas build their own nests while baby gorillas snuggle in with their mothers. A new nest is made everyday. Because of hunting, destruction of rainforests and human wars that affect gorilla habitat, gorillas are now very rare. There are less than 400 gorillas left in the wild.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

1.1 Why do gorillas make new nests everyday? (1)
1.2 Why do you think Gorillas have become rare? (1)
1.3 What do the baby gorillas do while adults rest? (1)
1.4 What do gorillas do from 6 am in the morning till 2 o'clock in the afternoon? (1)
1.5. Pick out two words which means the same as : (1)
a) harmless b) To cuddle up

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SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

2. The Students' Council of your school has organized an Excursion to Ajanta and Ellora for the students of classes VIII and IX during the Summer Break. As the President of the Council, draft a notice in not more than 50 words telling the students about this excursion and inviting their names for joining. Add all other necessary details. (3)

3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. (3)

	Incorrect	Correct
The people of America love to eaten corn	a) eaten	eat
They spends a lot of money on corn	b)_____	_____
Corn was used to bake bread	c)_____	_____
and is also eaten as a boiled snacks.	d)_____	_____
Children love its sweet taste but love	e)_____	_____
to take it to school. It is better from	f)_____	_____
other cereals as it is the cheapest in all	g)_____	_____

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make a meaningful sentences: (1)
   a) of / years / below / must / drive / age / not / children / eighteen
   b) must / used / phones / while / mobile / not be / driving

Section - C (Literature)

5. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (3)

Spring, and the trees are translucent.
One can hardly tell leaf from parrot
Berries from the beak
Red splash on wing from veins that tingle.

   a) Name the poem and the poet.
   b) Why are trees called translucent?
   c) Why can't trees differ from 'leaf' and berries from 'beak'?

6. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words: (5)
   a) What did Bakri think while going up the hill?
   b) What did Vera tell Mr. Nuttel about the open window?
   c) What did Mrs. Sappleton think about Mr. Nuttel?
   d) What kind of boys were Bakri and his friends?
   e) "Romance at short notice was her speciality." Explain.

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