

PT4/ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2023-24

ENGLISH

Time – 3 hrs.

Class – VIII

M.M. – 80

Name of the student _____ Section _____ Date - 17.02.2024 (Saturday)

SECTION –A (Reading Comprehension – 15 marks)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

1x5=5

As the New Year approached, like many others, I found myself making resolutions in my mind. The usual suspects made their appearance: waking up earlier, eating healthier, spending more time with loved ones, tackling household chores, being kinder to those I don't particularly like, driving cautiously, and taking the dog for a daily walk. But this time, I was determined to make my resolutions unique and achievable, learning from past failures.

I realized that one of the reasons why most of us fail in our efforts to self-improve is because our goals are often too ambitious, and we struggle to find time to follow through with them. So, I decided to keep my resolutions to myself, limiting them to just two modest ambitions: exercising every morning and reading more every evening.

The first resolution was to exercise for just eleven minutes every morning before anyone else in my household was awake. The challenge was real, as dragging myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual required significant self-discipline. But for the first two days, I managed to sneak down to the living room and jump around on the carpet without being caught. However, my cover was blown when my exhausted state after the exercise gave me away at the breakfast table. Soon, my family caught on, and my morning exercise routine became a subject of amusement for them. Despite their teasing, I tried to stick to it, but gradually, my enthusiasm waned, and I found myself back to square one by January 10th, giving up on the morning exercise routine.

Undeterred by my failure in the first resolution, I focused on my second resolution to read more every evening. I resisted the allure of television and spent a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book in my room. However, one cold and lonely night, I succumbed to the temptation of television and pretended to read while dozing off in front of the screen. It became a habit again, and I realized I had fallen back into my old ways.

Despite these setbacks, I refused to give up on my resolution to read more. In fact, I took a bold step and bought a book titled 'How To Read A Thousand Words A Minute'. However, the irony was not lost on me that I hadn't found the time to read it yet, showcasing the challenges I faced in keeping up with my resolutions.

Read the passage and answer the following questions:

- i) **What were the usual suspects in the author's list of New Year resolutions?** (1)
- a) Waking up earlier, eating healthier, spending more time with loved ones
 - b) Tackling household chores, being kinder to those not liked, driving cautiously
 - c) Taking the dog for a daily walk
 - d) All of the above

- ii) **Why did the author fail to keep up with their morning exercise routine?** (1)
 a) Lack of motivation b) Teasing from family
 c) Exhaustion after exercising d) All of the above
- iii) **What is one of the reasons why most of us fail in our efforts to self-improve?** (1)
 A) Lack of motivation B) Setting unrealistic goals
 C) Procrastination D) Lack of resources
- iv) **The suitable synonym for 'substantial' is _____. (1)**
 A) significant (B) exhausted (C) sneak (D) resist
- v) **What kind of strategy to be followed by the person to keep his resolutions?** (1)
 A) to set realistic goals B) to be self reliant C) options A and B both D) None of these

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow- 2x5=10

Credit cards have become an integral part of modern living, with many considering them a necessity rather than a luxury. The convenience they offer is undeniable – no more worries about carrying enough cash when shopping or dining out. Just a quick swipe, sign, and you're good to go. However, there are varying opinions on the responsible use of credit cards.

Critics argue that credit cards promote the "easy money" syndrome, leading to debt traps for many users. It is true that excessive use of credit cards without proper budgeting and financial discipline can result in mounting debts and high-interest charges. Therefore, it is crucial to understand the concept of responsible usage and the significance of living on credit.

One important point to remember is that using a credit card does not mean "free" credit. It simply means deferring the payment to a later date, and interest is charged on the revolving balance from one billing cycle to the next. While it may seem convenient to pay only the minimum amount due, it can result in substantial interest charges over time, leading to a never-ending cycle of debt if not managed wisely.

To avoid falling into the debt trap, it is advisable to always pay your credit card bill in full and on time. This not only helps you manage your expenses effectively but also saves you from paying exorbitant interest charges, which can range from 2 percent to 3 percent per month.

With the plethora of credit cards available in the market, choosing the right one can be overwhelming. Factors to consider include acceptability, eligibility criteria, fees, credit period, cash advance options, and other charges. It is essential to thoroughly compare and evaluate different credit card offers based on your needs, spending habits, and financial capabilities before making a decision.

Read the passage and answer the following question:

- i) **Answer the questions in two sentences. (2x2=4)**
 a) Why is it advisable to pay your credit card bill in full and on time?
 b) What can happen if credit cards are not managed responsibly?
- ii) **Complete the statements. (1x2=2)**
 a) Credit cards have become integral part of living _____ .
 b) The credit card users can protect themselves from the debt cycles by _____

iii) **Do as directed.** (1x2=2)

a) Find out the suitable antonym for 'shortage' from paragraph 5.

b) Choose the suitable synonym for the underlined word.

"Some hotels charge exorbitant rates for phone calls."

i) reasonable

ii) competitive

iii) excessive

iv) **What are the precautions specified for the usage of credit cards?** (2)

SECTION - B (WRITING SKILLS – 15 marks)

Q.3 You are Rohan Patel, the staff reporter of 'The Times of India'. You are asked to cover the event of Lord Ram's Consecration in Ayodhya. **Write a report** to your newspaper mentioning all the strokes of the event. **(100-120 words)** (5)

Clues: Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed the rituals ----- at 161-feet tall pink sandstone shrine ----- dressed in a golden kurta and a cream dhoti ----- "great pleasure" to be a part of this "divine program" ----- 7,000 saints, political leaders, industrialists, film stars, and sportspersons ----- Ram's supreme blessings

OR

Design a poster promoting road safety and safe driving.

- date & venue
- slogans
- issuing authority

Q.4 **Develop a story from given outline. Remember to give the moral of the story at the end.** (5)

An old lady becomes blind calls in a doctor agrees to pay large fees if cured doctor comes daily starts stealing one piece of furniture daily delays the cure at last cures her demands his fees..... lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete..... doctor objects lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture moral.

OR

Rahul was writing a story but because of some reasons he couldn't complete the same. Help him to complete his story from where he left.

The road was completely deserted and I was all alone. I was rushing to the home from theatre and suddenly.....

Q.5 **Write a letter** to the CEO of Municipal Corporation of Raigarh, voicing your concern for the stray animals on the street causing trouble to the riders and drivers. You are Satish/ Shreya, 26, Ram Vihar, Kotra Road, Raigarh. **(100-120 words)** (5)

OR

Write a letter to your friend who just met with an accident, praying for him about his speedy recovery in a consoling tone in **about 120-150 words**. You are Manvi/Manav.

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR – 20 marks)

Q.6 **Rearrange the following jumbled sentences to the meaningful ones.** (1x2=2)

i) have made / a popular / it / its / historical buildings / destination/ tourist.

ii) like / digital / while / prefer / wristwatches / mechanical ones / others / some people

- Q.7 Solve the following passage by highlighting the incorrect word and mentioning the correct word in the next column.** (½ x4=2)

Passage	Incorrect	Correct
Paper were first made by the Egyptians	a) _____	_____
From the plant names papyrus. For	b) _____	_____
the long time, papyrus was used extensively	c) _____	_____
as writing material before a Chinese	d) _____	_____
perfected the processes.		

- Q.8 Identify the underlined non-finites.** (1x3=3)

A. You had better stay at home during lockdown.

- i) Gerund ii) Participle iii) Infinitive

B. Swimming is my favourite activity.

- i) Gerund ii) Participle iii) Infinitive

C. The broken vase needs to be replaced.

- i) Present participle ii) Past participle iii) Perfect participle

Q.9 Do as directed.

A) Name the underlined phrases. (1x2=2)

(I) The house was very spacious.

- a) Noun phrase b) Adverb phrase c) Adjective phrase

(II) His kind words were a great support.

- a) Verb phrase b) Prepositional phrase c) Noun phrase

B) Underline the dependent clause and state its type. (1x2=2)

I) I looked for you wherever I could.

- a) Noun clause b) Adjective clause c) Adverb clause

II) No one knows what caused the accident.

- a) Noun clause b) Adjective clause c) Adverb clause

Q.10 A) Identify the type of sentence whether it is Simple, Complex or Compound. (1x2=2)

I) Mahatma Gandhiji sacrificed his life for the sake of nation.

- a) Simple b) Compound c) complex

II) The girl dropped her ice cream cone because a large dog knocked her over.

- a) Simple b) Compound c) complex

B) Change the following sentence into both compound and complex sentences. (1x2=2)

We returned home at the sunset.

Q.11. (A) Choose the correct indirect speech for the given direct speech. (1x2=2)

i) He said to me, "Can you give me your book?"

- (a) He asked me if I can give him his book. (b) He asked me if I could give his book.
(c) He asked me if I could give him my book. (d) He said if I can give him his book.

- ii) **The sage said, 'God helps those who help themselves.'**
- (a) The sage said that God helps those who help themselves.
- (b) The sage said that God helped those who helped themselves.
- (c) The sage said that God helps those who helped themselves.
- (d) The sage said God will help those who will help themselves.
- (B) Change the narration. (1x1=1)
- Gandhiji said to Indira, "Why didn't you tell me about this?"**
- (C) (i) Identify the conditional . (1x2=2)
- If Lubhna runs fast, she will win the race.
- a) First conditional b) Second conditional c) Third conditional
- (ii) Complete the conditional.
- If we had taken a taxi, _____ .

SECTION D – LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

- Q.12 (A) Read the below mentioned extract and answer the questions.** (1x3=3)
- "I have provided you the best possible school education."**
- i) Who said these words and to whom?
- a) The surgeon said to the nurse
- b) Sudha said to Faraha
- c) Kiran's father said to Kiran Mazumdar
- ii) Why did the speaker say these words?
- a) because she had asked for capitation fee to secure a seat in medical college
- b) because she wanted to teach him a lesson
- c) because she did not want to study
- iii) What lesson did the listener learn?
- a) that one must join breweries
- b) that meritocracy comes from good values
- c) that we must not try to succeed in life.
- (B) **Read the below mentioned extract and answer the questions.** (1x3=3)
- "Peace reigns in households that walk together
Despite all differences when members gather
It exists when neighbour meet to greet"***
- i) Who is the poet of this poem?
- a. William Ernest Henley b. Prema Balasubramaniam c. Sylvia Stults
- ii) Which poetic device is used in the first line of the extract?
- a. Alliteration b. Simile c. Personification

iii) The word in third line 'it' refers to what?

a. peace

b. conflicts

c. disputes

Q.13 Answer the questions in about 20-30 words. (Any Four)

(1x4=4)

- a) Why is an OT nurse respected by doctors and surgeons?
- b) What, according to Kailash Satyarthi, is the biggest crisis knocking on the doors of humanity today?
- c) What did Ameena tell Hamid about his father?
- d) What does the speaker mean by the 'sands of time'?
- e) Why did the speaker say 'My head is bloody'?

Q.14 Answer the questions in about 60-80 words. (Any Three)

(3x2=6)

- a) What does Kailash Satyarthi mean when he says, 'Let us globalise compassion'?
- b) How do Chakra and Mighty girl tackle the typhoon in the Philippines?
- c) Do you think that Hamid really believed that toys were a waste of money? Justify your answer.
- d) Comment on the keen observations of Sherlock Holmes.

Q.15 Answer the questions in about 80-100 words. (Any Two)

(2x4=8)

- a) Describe how William Earnest Henley successfully manages to show his fearlessness and determination to overcome all odds?
- b) How does the speaker bring out the truth of proverb, 'as you sow, so shall you reap'? Give example to support your answer. (poem – Warned)
- c) Sketch the character of Vincent Spaulding.

Q.16 Vocabulary and Spellings.

(1x6=6)

- i) Rohan wrote a letter to his teacher to _____ his appreciation for all her hard work.
a) expose b) express c) expedite d) extrude
- ii) Select the correct spelling.
a) Committee b) Commity c) Comitte d) Committee
- iii) I prefer tea **rather than** coffee. (Replace the highlighted words with an appropriate word)
a) and b) over c) to d) because of
- iv) Sunita told me that she would not mind to **stand and eating** the lunch.
Select the correct alternative to make the sentence meaningful.
a) to stand and eat b) standing and eating c) standing and eat d) standing to eat
- v) Fill in the blanks with the correct letters to complete the given words –
a) C _ N _ _ E _ (overcome and take control of)
b) _ N _ _ _ S _ I _ A _ _ E (carry out a systematic or formal inquiry to discover and examine the facts)

