

INTERNATIONAL INDIAN SCHOOL, RIYADH, KSA
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II, 2012 – 2013
ENGLISH, STD – VIII WORK SHEET

SECTION A – READING

1. Read the following poem carefully :-

LEISURE

*What is life, if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long at sheep and cows,
No time to see when woods we pass
Where squirrels hide then nuts in grass.
No time to see in broad day light
Streams full of stars like Alices at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began
A poor life this, if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare.*

--- W.H. Davies

On the basis of your reading of the above poem, complete the following sentences as fastly as possibly:-

- (a) Leisure means -----
- (b) The poet needs leisure because -----
- (c) According to the poet life is worth less if -----
- (d) The poet sees stars in daylight in the -----
- (e) While passing through the woods the poet would like -----
- (f) The poet does not favour a life -----
- (g) The poet has written beauty with a capital 'B' to suggest -----
- (h) The smile born in eyes is -----

SECTION B – WRITING

Writing Tasks :-

1. Report for the school magazine.
2. Informal Letter (Letter to a friend)
3. Poster writing

1. Report for the School Magazine :-

You are Raj/Rohini, the captain of your school, write a REPORT FOR/THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE about ‘EIFFEL TOWER’. Use the hints given below:-

- Built for the 1889 World Fair
- 1792 steps to the top
- It has 12.5 million rivets (screws)
- Blue prints covered 14,000 sq.ft drafting paper.
- Panels used for warning of approaching planes.
- No one killed, during actual construction, one killed during the installation of the lifts.

2. 31st May is observed as ‘WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY’. You are the secretary of you school. Write a report for a school magazine about the health hazards due to smoking. Use the hints given below:

- 10 lakh people in India die every years due to smoking
- Lung, throat, mouth cancer, chronic bronchitis.
- Passive smoking – more harmful.
- ----- for children’s education.
- Banned and fined – motivated to get rid of addiction.

3. Informal Letter :-

1. Write a letter to your friend inviting her to Shimla during the summer vacation.
2. You are Bindu/Bobby of 8, Gandhi Nagar, New Delhi. Write a letter in about 100 words to your uncle thanking him for sending you a wrist watch as a birth day gift.
3. You have received an unsatisfactory report of your younger brother Anil, studying in a public school at Mumbai. Write a letter to him advising him to give up bad company and devote more time to his studies using 100 words.

3) Poster Writing:-

1. Jaya Academy Rishitesh is organizing a fete to raise funds for its new Auditorium. Draft an attractive poster inviting people to make the fete a grand success. Give all the necessary details.
2. Lack of clean surroundings not only promotes spread of diseases but also maligns such national image. Design a poster promoting cleanliness. Give all the necessary details.
3. The fitness Health Club is organizing a fair on various fitness equipments. Design a poster for the same by using the guidelines given below:-
 - ❖ create awareness about health issues to the public.
 - ❖ Public about the benefits provided by the fitness equipments.
 - ❖ have slogans which are catchy.
 - ❖ mention the place, date, entry ticket, things sold etc.
 - ❖ mention the person to be contacted for details.
 - ❖ make the poster attractive by using colours, drawings and different writing styles.

GRAMMAR

Section C

Contents:-

1. Articles
2. Prepositions
3. Active and Passive voice

1) Articles:-

1. Rewrite the following sentences, inserting/omitting ARTICLES wherever necessary
2. I admire honesty of this boy.

3. Draw map of India

4. The iron is useful metal

5. A tomato is always a good to eat

6. Give him hundred rupees.

2. **Fill in the blanks with suitable articles a, an, the :-**

1. _____ teacher asked _____ students to copy down _____ sentences written on _____ black board.
2. I saw _____ rest of _____ owl on _____ tree.
3. _____ egg with _____ slice of bread and _____ glass of milk make _____ good breakfast.
4. _____ teacher asked _____ student to leave _____ class room at once.

2) **Prepositions:-**

1. **Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:-**

1. She is related _____ me
2. He has no interest _____ dancing
3. She objected _____ my proposal.
4. We can go _____ the driver _____ a boat
5. I took some money _____ her.

2. **The following passage has not been EDITED. There is an error underlined in each of the line. Write the correct preposition against the correct blank number:-**

26th January is a very special day of India (a)

It is in this day that (b) India became a sovereign

On 1950, Dr. Rajendra Prasad (c) became the first

President to the Indian Republic.

(d) 26th January is celebrated in (e) great enthusiasm

and futurity all over the country.

First of all the Prime Minister visits the Amar Jawan

Jyothi of (f) India Gate. There he offers floral tributes

of the martyrs(g). Then begins the colourful parade which

starts to Vijay (h) Chowk and terminates to the Red Fort.

- 3) There is a word OMITTED in each line with a blank along side it. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after the word against the correct blank number:-

The burglars broke the house at the dead of night. (a)

They opened the almirah's master keys and forced open (b)

the locks of trunks. (c)

They took the cash and jewellery. They left the house quietly
the owner , a retired (d)

army officer returned a late night party (e)

along with the members his family (f)

4) Active and Passive Voice :-

I. Change the following sentences into ACTIVE VOICE :-

1. Is coffee liked by you ?

2. Let the lamp be put out.

3. We were surprised at your conduct.

4. My teachers are respected by me.

5. The game had been won by us easily.

II. Complete the following paragraph using the PASSIVE Voice form of the verbs in the brackets to fill in the blanks:-

Diwali ----- (celebrate) twenty days after Dusshera, Houses and shops ----- (white-wash) before it. On the day of the festival, they ----- (decorate) nicely. Gifts ----- (exchange) with friends, relatives and neighbours. Thus joy ----- (share). Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth ----- (worship) at night.

- 3) Given below is the set of instructions to prepare a cup of tea. Using the instructions, complete the paragraph that follows. (PASSIVE VOICE)

Preparing 'A cup of Tea'

- Boil a cup of water in a kettle.
- pour the boiling water, into a tea cup.
- Add milk to taste.
- put a tea-bag into the cup, and shake it.
- The tea is ready to take.

A cup of water is boiled in a kettle. The boiling water _____ into a tea cup. One or two sugar cubes _____ into it. Milk, to taste _____. A tea bag _____ into the cup and it is shaken. The tea is ready to be taken.

Note:- Practice questions in grammar in the form of FIB, MCQ, editing and gap filling.

SECTION – D LITERATURE

CONTENTS:-

Less 1 :- Cricket for the Crocodile.

Less 2:- Quality of Mercy.

I. Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follows:-

1. “*You might need match to work out yours batting average.
And as for history, wouldn't you like to be a point of history ?*”

a. Why does the speaker make such a comment ?

b. Explain the phrase “to be a part of history”, what does it mean ?

2. 'Revenge was sweet, And the ball tasted good too. The combination of leather and cork was just right.
- a. Explain the phrase 'Revenge was sweet'.

- b. Who tasted the ball and why was it tasted ?

3. "Is that the law"

- a. Who is the speaker in the above line ?

- b. What is the law ?

- c. Name the author.

4. "O noble Judge ! O excellent young man."

- a. Whom does Shylock calls a noble judge ?

- b. Why does he say so ?

- c. Name the lesson.

Read the extracts below and choose the correct option:-

1. 'I don't think it wants us to play' said Sheroo.
 - a) Whom does it refer to ?
(1) Sheroo (2) Prem (3) Nakoo, the crocodile.
 - b) Name the author
(1) Vikram Seth (2) Rustin Bond (3) R.K. Narayan
2. "Sunder has them"
 - a) Who said to whom
(1) Ranji said to Nathu (2) Sheroo said to Nathu (3) Nathu said to Ranji
 - b) What did Sunder have with him.
(1) ball (2) bat (3) stumps
 - c) To which team did Sunder belong ?
(1) Ranji' team (2) Village boys team (3) Grown up's team
3. "It is so nominated in the bond ?"
 - a) What do it refer to in the above sentence ?
(1) Only one pound of flesh (2) A surgeon
(3) Not a single drop of blood
 - b) Who is the speaker and to whom is it said to ?
(1) Portia to Bassario (2) Shylock to Portia (3)
 - c) Give the meaning of the word 'nominated'
(1) agreement (b) appointed (c) written/spelled out

Answer in brief:-

1. Do you think the boys were right in disturbing the crocodile while basking in the soft warm sunlight ? Why ?
2. Bassario is the true friend of Antonio. Was it wise of Bassario to hold Antonio in high esteem than his wife Portia. Why ?
3. In the lesson 'Cricket for the Crocodile', the bank manager had a terrible frightening experience with Nakoo the crocodile. Imagine you are the bank manager to make a DIARY ENTRY about your experience about the incident with the crocodile.
4. In the lesson 'Cricket for the Crocodile', was Nakoo a dangerous man – eating crocodile. What kind of relationship did he share with the children.
5. Study Portia's opening lines beginning with "The quality of mercy is not shared.....". What are the different qualities of mercy that she talks about ? Do they have any effect on Shylock ?

6. Imagine yourself to be Portia in the play. The ‘quality of Mercy’ and write how you helped Antonio from Shylock and what logic you used to trap Shylock in about 100 words.
7. In the lesson “The Quality of Mercy” do you think the punishment Shylock receives is fair ?

Note :- Revise all the Questions and Answers, Exercises, meanings, extracts behind the poems and lessons for the exam.

Practice the writing tasks in the form of -----

- Diary Entry
 - Imagine yourself as ----- any character
 - Character sketch should be written using suitable adjectives.
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