

Class- VIII

Subject- English

### READING COMPREHENSION

**1. Read the poem carefully.**

*Earth is covered with snow,  
I see a lonely black crow.  
All people are inside warm rooms,  
House tops look like huge fresh mushrooms.  
Is the crow going to die hungry and cold?  
Suddenly came out a lady wrinkled and old,  
She threw in the lane some garbage,  
The crow cawed its thanks and began to rummage.*

**Source-The tribune**

**1.1 Given below is the page from the poet's diary based on his experience given the poem. Complete the passage by writing the missing word.**

Once I was wondering alone in the hills. It was bitterly cold as it was snowing. The earth was ..... with snow. The house tops looked white like huge ..... The lanes were deserted. No one could be seen except a black ..... To escape from the bitter cold people were indoors. The crow was surely going to die of ..... and cold. But, suddenly I saw an old lady with a ..... face come out of a house. She ..... some garbage in the lane. The crow saw it and ..... to express its ..... It at once flew to the ..... and began to search it for.....

**1.2 Answer the following questions.**

1. Why did the house tops look like huge mushrooms?
2. Why was the crow lonely?
3. What was the poet's concern?

### WRITING SKILLS

2. You are Manav/ Manvi, secretary of Interact Club of your school. 'Sahayata' a charitable society working for the disabled has asked your school for help. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board making an appeal to the students to donate generously for the noble cause.

3. At your school Sports Day last week, you won the first prize in the swimming competition. You feel you would not have done so well without the help of your coach. Write a letter in about 150 words to your coach about your success. Express your gratitude and appreciation for all his efforts.

### GRAMMAR

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

Sitting ..... the principal is our new teacher, Mrs Keng . She is the best ..... all the teachers in the school. Mrs Nandini our chemistry teacher, is Mrs Keng's best friend. There is great affinity ..... the two. Mrs Keng lives right ..... my house while Mrs Nandini lives a street ..... my house. In the evenings, I often see them in the park ..... my house . Mrs Keng comes ..... the front gate while Mrs Nandini uses the one ..... the great fountain.

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given the brackets.

There was a time when the city was ..... (know) as a city of flowers and was ..... (consider) the Paris of India. But now the green open spaces have ..... (shrink). Like any other city ..... (get) crowded with constructions, slums etc. Labour colonies ..... (be) come up where there were green spaces. Whenever one ..... (see), its full of unauthorized constructions. Majority of the domestic helpers ..... (come) from U.P. or Bihar.

6. You are excited about joining your new class. You have made new resolutions and plans for this session. Write a diary entry in about 100 words expressing your feelings and excitement for the same.

*( Note—Complete the above assignment on the loose sheets and submit the same to the concern teacher)*