



Class: VIII

ENGLISH

Marks: 80

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Time: 3hrs

General Instructions;

- i) This paper consists of three sections.
Section A – Reading 20 marks
Section B – Writing & Grammar 30 marks
Section C – Literature 30 marks
- ii) All questions are compulsory.
- iii) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.
- iv) You may attempt a section at a time.

SECTION A: READING

(20)

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

(12)

Walt Disney

1. Walter Elias "Walt" Disney was born on December 5, 1901, in Hermosa, Illinois. He lived most of his childhood in Marceline, Missouri, where he began drawing, painting and selling pictures to neighbours and family friends. Disney attended McKinley High School in Chicago, where he took drawing and photography classes and was a contributing cartoonist for the school paper. At night, he took courses at the Chicago Art Institute.
2. When Disney was 16, he dropped out of school to join the army but was rejected for being underage. Instead, he joined the Red Cross and was sent to France for a year to drive an ambulance. When Disney returned from France in 1919, he moved back to Kansas City to pursue a career as a newspaper artist. His brother Roy got him a job at the Postmen-Rubin Art Studio, where he met cartoonist Ubbe Eertlwerks, better known as Ublwerks. From there, Disney worked at the Kansas City Film Ad Company, where he made commercials based on cutout animation. Around this time, Disney began experimenting with a camera, doing hand-drawn cel animation and decided to open his own animation business. From the ad company, he recruited Fred Harman as his first employee.
3. Walt and Harman made a deal with a local Kansas City theatre to screen their cartoons, which they called Laugh-O-Grams. The cartoons were hugely popular, and Disney was able to acquire his own studio, upon which he bestowed the same name. Laugh-O-Gram hired a number of employees, including Harman's brother Hugh and Iwerks. They did a series of seven-minute fairy tales that combined both live action and animation, which they called Alice in Cartoonland. By 1923, however, the studio had become burdened with debt, and Disney was forced to declare bankruptcy.
4. Disney and his brother, Roy, soon pooled their money and moved to Hollywood. Iwerks also relocated to California, and there the three began the Disney Brothers' Studio. Their first deal was with New York distributor Margaret Winkler, to distribute their Alice cartoons. They also invented a character called Oswald, the Lucky Rabbit and contracted the shorts at 1,500 each.

1.1 Give very short answers for the following questions:

(8)

- a) When and Where was Walt Disney born?
- b) What did Walt Disney learn in his childhood?
- c) Why was Walt not selected in the army?

- d) What did Walt learn at the Kansas City Film Ad Company?
- e) Who was the first employee of Ad Company?
- f) What deal was made with the Kansas City theatre?
- g) What is Alice in Cartoon land?
- h) What was the deal made with Margaret Winkler?

1.2 Complete the following sentences: (2)

- a) Walter Disney spent most of his childhood in_____.
- b) Disney and his brother invented a character called _____.

1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: (2)

- a) discarded (para-2)
- b) announce (para-3)

II. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

Mobile Phones: Uses and Abuses

1. Most of us nowadays carry the world in our pocket! It is amazing but true. A mobile phone can make us connected to the rest of the world within a second. Today, mothers do not have to remain in tension if their sons or daughters are late. Businessmen do not have to queue up before a telephone booth to make an important call. Apart from making calls and sending SMS, the mobile phone is used as a multipurpose gadget. It is a calculator, timepiece, calendar, voice recorder, media player, camera, gaming device, net browser and what not. Though the mobile phone is a giant step of technological advancement, its abuses cannot at all be overlooked. Talking or texting while driving may lead to accidents. Students misuse this tool in various ways and give way to social pollution. The invention of mobiles phones is a great achievement and plays an important part in our daily life. Its many aspects are beneficial but some are negative effects as well.

2. Its development brought convenience and advantages to the world. Communication between people has become quite easy and very fast. At the same time, parents can control their children and it is essential during emergencies. Business deals can be done on a single call through cell phone outside the office, in a park or in any shopping centre. This invention gets the world closer to a single point. The Internet is also available on the cell phone.

3. The radiations of mobile may be dangerous to health and may cause a headache, earache and blurring vision. These invisible radiations destroy the cells located in ear and head which cause damage to the brain and nephrons in the head region. Its use in certain places causes disturbance sometimes, such as in a classroom etc. Mobile phones with camera are causing —privacy problems such as using it as a hidden camera to take pictures and making videos.

2.1. Answer the following questions by choosing the right option: (4)

- a) Mobile phone can connect us to the _____.
 i) atmosphere ii) earth
 iii) world iv) environment
- b) Talking and texting while driving may lead to_____.
 i) safety ii) illness
 iii) freedom iv) accident
- c) Students misuse mobile phone and give way to_____.
 i) social pollution ii) water pollution
 iii) sound pollution iv) air pollution
- d) The invention of mobile phone is a_____.
 i) great success ii) great achievement
 iii) great destruction iv) great establishment

2.2 Complete the following sentences: (2)

- a) The radiation of mobile may cause a_____.
- b) A mobile phone is a threat to one’s privacy as_____.

2.3 Find words from the passage which means the same as the following: (2)
a) mixed- use (Para-1) b) unseen (Para-3)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (30)

III. Write a paragraph in about 60-80 words on the topic, The Happiest Day of My Life (4)

IV. You are Garima / Gaurav. The other day you were angry and rude with your friend Sanjana / Sanjay. Write a letter to him / her in about 80 words apologizing for your conduct. Use the hints given below: (6)

- 1. Explain why you were angry and rude 2. Say how sorry you are for what happened**
3. Sincerely apologize for what you did 4. Hope you two will continue to be good friends

V. Write a story in about 100 words with the following beginning and give a suitable title to it.
It was raining heavily, the street lights had gone off and I was returning home..... (8)

Do as directed: (12)

VI a. Complete the following conditional sentences by supplying the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets: (2)

- i) The dog would not have attacked you if you _____ (not / tease) him.
ii) I _____ (earn) a lot of money if I get that job.
iii) If we had a yacht, we _____ (sail) the seven seas.
iv) If you had spoken English, she _____ (understand).

b. Combine the following sentences using an appropriate Conjunction: (3)

- i) I spoke to his brother. He was not there.
ii) He left home early. He arrived late.
iii) She bought a new dress. He bought a new suit.

c. Change the following sentences into Passive Voice: (1)

- i) Stella will invite Rita.
ii) Philip took a picture of the sea.

d. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate Compound Adjective given in bracket: (1)
(Sugar- coated, never- ending, deep-rooted, heart-rending)

- i) I am tired of your _____ complaints.
ii) People in the town told _____ stories of tragedy.

e. Rewrite the following sentence using punctuation marks and capital letters wherever required: (1)

- i) Im going to the cinema do you want to come

f. Complete the following sentences with an appropriate Participle form of the verbs given in brackets: (1)

- i) _____ by the series of events, the child sat on the ground and wept. (terrify)
ii) _____ for her gloves, she dug through the entire wardrobe. (search)

g. Rearrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful sentences: (3)

- i) place / our lives / music / important / has / in / an
ii) really / games and sports / true education / are / for / essential
iii) his / medication / mother advised / without / Rohan / fail / to take

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(30)

VII. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

(4)

*The tree hums quietly to itself, a lullaby to the buds,
The tree stretches in the sun, it knows the birds that fly,
The beasts that run, climb and jump.
The tree drops its coins of gold, and the days are rich,
With the spending of leaves.*

- a) Identify and write the poetic device used in the above lines? **(1)**
- b) What do you think is the mood of the tree when it is said to hum? **(1)**
- c) Why is the tree said to stretch in summer? **(1)**
- d) What does the line 'The tree drops its coins of gold' means. **(1)**

OR

They remembered that it had taken the quicker ones a short enough time to learn to read and write, and an equally short time to forget all they had learned. They were frankly skeptical.

- a) Who is the speaker of the above lines? **(1)**
- b) Who were skeptical? **(1)**
- c) What were their earlier experiences? **(1)**
- d) What did they prefer instead? **(1)**

VIII. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own:

(3)

- a) vivid
- b) inarticulate

IX. Answer the following questions in about 20 to 30 words:

(6x2=12)

- a) Why did the postmaster apply for a transfer?
- b) Why did the people think that the master was talking to the headmaster?
- c) How can you tell that the traveler expected someone to be home? Illustrate your answer with sentences from the poem.
- d) What feature of humankind would the poet have perhaps not noticed if the jet had not risen six miles high?
- e) Which life did the tiger want to return to? Why was he sick of human beings?
- f) Where were Kitty and the author going? What all they pass by on their way?

X. Answer the following question in about 40 to 50 words:

(3x1=3)

- a) Even though Bob and Jimmy could not correspond still Bob was very sure of his friend's arrival. Bring out the value of keeping promises.

XI. Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

(2x4=8)

- a) How did the postmaster try to ease Ratan's pain and disappointment after he had refused to take her with him? What was effect on Ratan?
- b) Who is Bob? How did the police know Bob would be in town? Give an account of his arrest.
