



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
TERM I EXAMINATION 2022-2023
ENGLISH

STD: VIII
DATE: 27-09-2022

MAX. MARKS: 40
TIME: 2HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of three sections:

Section A – Reading	(7 Marks)
Section B – Writing & Grammar	(15 Marks)
Section C - Literature	(18 Marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING (7 MARKS)

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (4)

It is a famous saying that “Time and tide waits for no man.” So, it is important to use the most of your time instead of procrastinating. We often find procrastination in the field of education. Students neglect their studies during their school term and wait till the last minute to prepare for examinations. They spend so much time in playing games and chatting with their friends that they eventually lose track of time and start panicking at the last moment — a few days before the examinations. These are the students who do not perform to their optimum level in the examinations.

On the contrary, toppers are consistent in their studies and strike the right balance between education and play. They never panic at the last moment because they are already well-prepared for their examinations. You may have heard of this famous saying, “To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who missed his train. To realize the value of one second, asks someone who just avoided an accident”. Time is precious; even one second of your life is valuable. So, do not waste it. If we respect time, time would also show the same respect to us.

1.1 Give very short answers for the following questions:

- a) How do students procrastinate?
- b) Who can be the best persons to realize the value of one minute and one second?

1.2 Answer the following questions by choosing the right option:

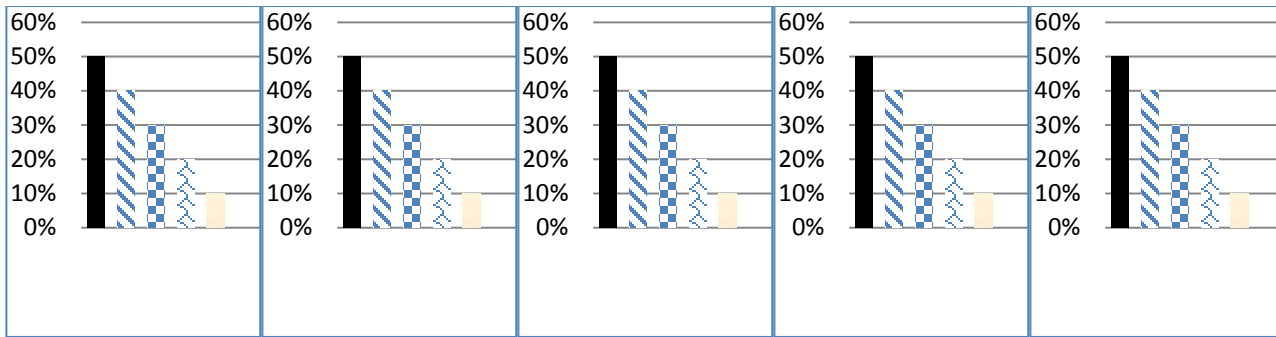
- i) Identify the word which means opposite to ‘devote’ from the given passage.

a) optimum	b) panic
c) valuable	d) neglect
- ii) Find the word in the passage which means the same as ‘postponing’.

a) chatting	b) panicking
c) procrastinating	d) consistent

II. Read the passage given below. (3)

The present generation is well updated with the use of the internet and computer. The rapid development in computer technology and the increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes have changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let’s look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilization of the computer and internet.



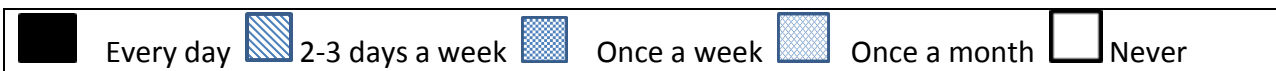
Utilization of computer for academic activities.

Utilization of computer for personal use.

How often do you use mail?

How often do you use the internet for work?

How often do you use the internet for leisure?



At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects. However, research on the internet is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The internet is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow:

- According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is the.....
- According to the graphical description of the data given with the passage, what percentage of people use the email once a week?
- Now a days many schools and universities have been implementing

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

III. Answer any one of the following questions:

(5)

You are Sudha /Subash of A- 239, Janakpuri, New Delhi. There is a frequent failure of electricity in your area. There is either low voltage or complete breakdown for hours together. Pointing out the difficulty of the customers, write a letter to the editor of a local daily in about 60-80 words complaining about the frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality.

OR

Write a paragraph in about 60-80 words on 'Role of Youth in Nation Building'.

IV. Do as directed

1. Select the correct option, which combines the two sentences correctly without changing the meaning.

(1)

Neeta is poor. She is contented with whatever she has.

- Neena is poor, or she is contented with whatever she has.
- Neena is poor; still she is contented with whatever she has.
- Neena is poor, for she is contented with whatever she has.
- Neena is poor, so she is contented with whatever she has.

2. Choose the correctly underlined participial phrase from the given sentences: (1)

- a) Tom, having won the chess game, looked up happily.
- b) The burned brownies did not satisfy my chocolate craving.
- c) Learning to ski, Jenny broke her leg and her arm.
- d) We saw an old woman walking up the path.

3. Choose the correct question form in passive voice for the given question: (1)

Who has created this beautiful painting?

- a) By whom is this beautiful painting created?
- b) This beautiful painting had been created by whom?
- c) For who is this beautiful painting being created?
- d) By whom has this beautiful painting been created?

4. Choose the most appropriate words to complete the sentence below: (1)

She told her friend that if he _____ his promise, she _____ speak to him again.

- a) break - would never
- b) break - will never
- c) broke - will never
- d) broke - would never

5. Change the following sentences from passive to active voice: (2)

- a) A wonderful play was written by my friend.
- b) The deer is being chased by the tiger.

6. Rewrite the following sentences using 'If': (1)

Lucia didn't go to school last Monday because she was ill.

If Lucia hadn't.....

7. Complete the given Conditional Sentence, by using the correct form of the verb: (1)

- a) If I had a party at home, Iall my friends. (invite)

8. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate compound word. (1)

The view from the top of the mountain is

- a) far - fetched
- b) sight - seeing
- c) breath - taking
- d) day - dreaming

9. Choose the correct expression to complete the sentence meaningfully: (1)

The press accused George of being with the campaign he was supposed to be running.

- a) out of ear shot
- b) out of touch
- c) be all ears
- d) an eye for detail

SECTIONC: LITERATURE (18 Marks)

V. Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:

Stood thronging the faint moonbeams on the dark stair, (3)
That goes down to the empty hall,
Harkening in an air stirred and shaken
By the lonely Traveller's call.

- a) Who was harkening?
- b) What is the rhyme scheme of the above stanza?
- c) Identify the type of imagery used in the first line.

VI. ‘Bless my heart!’ exclaimed the new arrival, grasping the other man’s hand with his own. ‘It’s Bob, sure as fate. I was uncertain I’d find you here if you were still in existence. Well, well, well! Twenty years is a long time. The old restaurant’s gone, Bob; wish it had lasted, so we could have had another dinner there’.

(3)

- a) Who is the ‘new arrival’?
- b) What happened twenty years ago?
- c) What replaced the previous restaurant?

VII. a. This question contains an Assertion (A) followed by Reason(R). Read the question carefully and answer the question on the basis of the following options:

(1)

- Assertion (A): The postmaster applied for a transfer.
Reason (R): He felt that the village was not a healthy place to live in.
- i) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - ii) Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - iii) A is false and R is false and R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - iv) A is true and R is false and R is not the correct explanation of A.

b. Read the two statements given below and choose the correct option that displays the cause-effect relationship:

(1)

- Assertion (A): The tree shivers in the shortening day.
Reason(R): The tree is exposed to the harsh winter.
- i) A is true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - ii) A is true and R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - iii) A is not true and R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - iv) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

VIII. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

(4)

- a) What does the flight offer the poet? Is it just a geography lesson, or something more?
- b) Why was the postmaster reluctant to take Ratan with him?

IX. Answer any one of the following questions in about 50- 60 words:

(3)

- a) According to the holy man, ‘violence cannot persist forever. It has to leave eventually’. Do you agree with him? Justify your views with reference to the lesson “A Tiger in School”.

OR

- b) The poem ‘Geography Lesson’ presents different aspects of the world. Explain.

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

(3)

- a) subdued
- b) bleak

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