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State Purpose of Worksheet – II Term Examination [2018 – 2019]

[KG Class work/Home Assignment/Alternate Class work/Internal Assessment/Continuous Assessment/Unit Test/Cycle Test/Revision Test/Mid Term Examination/Term Examination/Preboard]

Name:	Std: VIII	Subject: English Language
Date:	Term: II	Topic: NA
Maximum Marks: 80	Time Duration: 2 hr	Type of Assessment (if internal assessment): NA

*You will NOT be allowed to write during the **first 15** minutes.*

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

The intended marks for questions or for parts of questions are given in brackets [].

*Attempt **all four** questions.*

Question 1

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

[20]

Write a composition (200 -250 words) on any one of the following.

- Imagine that you are a journalist for your local newspaper, The Informant. A man who was stranded on a deserted island after his boat capsized has been rescued. Write a newspaper report about the event.
- Write a brief travelogue about a place you have recently visited. Give details of its people: their food, clothes and customs. Make your account as interesting as possible.
- Imagine you are a sportsperson. Write a diary entry about a day when someone had shown no sportsmanship on the field. Mention how you had felt and how that person should have behaved instead.
- Allow your imagination to run wild. Imagine you have the freedom to fly high, and far far away. Where would you go, and what would you do? Write an essay on your imaginary travels and actions.
- Do you think that value education is an important part of the school curriculum? Or, is it redundant in today's fast paced life? Write an argument supporting your viewpoint.

Question 2

Select any one of the following:

[10]

- a) 'A friend in need is a friend indeed.' Write a letter to your friend thanking for all the help provided to you during a difficult situation.
- or
- b) You had borrowed an expensive camera from your uncle for a school trip. You lost the camera. Write a letter to your uncle apologising for your carelessness.

Question 3

- a) On the eve of Independence Day, the Ajmer Club will organize competitions in different categories for both boys and girls aged 10-18. As secretary of the club, write a notice for the members to register.

[5]

- b) Write an e-mail to the Councilor of the Municipal Corporation Ajmer, informing him of the competitions to be organized on the eve of Independence Day. Request him to attend the function.

[5]

Question 4

Read the following passage and answer the questions a, b, c, and d given below:

There are five people at our table, including myself. I've already learnt a great deal about them in the short time we have been at sea, although we rarely meet except at meal times. First of all, there is Dr Stone, my favourite, I must confess. He is a man of about sixty-five, with grey hair and a humorous face. He gave up his practice a short while ago and is now travelling around the world before he retires to some quiet country village. During the day, he sits on the deck reading or else gazes out to sea through an old-fashioned telescope.

Then there is "grandmother". I call her that because I cannot recall her name. In spite of being a grandmother, she looks remarkably young, not more than forty-five. She is on her way to visit a daughter who emigrated to Australia some years ago. Naturally, she is very excited at the thought of seeing her again and her three grandchildren whom she has never seen.

Then there is a man I do not care for very much, the engineer by the name of Barb. He has been on leave in England and is now returning to his work in Singapore. He seems to be full of energy; he swims or plays tennis, the best part of the day. I have never in my life met a man with such a loud laugh.

The other person who sits at our table is Mrs Hunt. I have found out hardly anything about her. She is extremely quiet and rarely talks, except to consult the doctor about her children's various ailments. She is on her way to join her husband in India.

a) Give the meanings of each word as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted. [2]

(i) emigrated (ii) ailments

b) Answer the following questions briefly.

i) Why is Dr. Stone travelling around the world? [2]

ii) Why does the writer call the second person at the table 'grandmother'? [2]

iii) Whom is the narrator fond of and why? [2]

iv) How is Barb described by the narrator? [2]

c) In 60 words, summarise how the narrator describes the people around him. [8]

d) Give a title to your summary in b(c). State a reason to justify your choice. [2]

Question 5

a) In the following passage, fill in each numbered blank with the correct form of the word given in the brackets. (Do not copy the passage, but write in the correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank) [4]

I __1__ (know) that it was my sister's voice. I __2__ (rush) into the corridor. By the light of the corridor lamp, I __3__ (see) my sister at the door of her room. Her face was pale with terror and her hands __4__ (grope) for help. Her whole figure __5__ (sway) unsteadily. I ran to her and __6__ (throw) my arms around her, but her knees __7__ (give) way and she __8__ (fall) to the ground.

b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. [4]

- i) The judge has taken ___ her statement.
- ii) He refused to put ___ with their interference in his affairs.
- iii) He soon became accustomed ___ the harsh weather.
- iv) After a long dry spell, the rainy season has set ___.
- v) These traditions have been handed ___ from generation to generation.
- vi) Always be true ___ yourself.
- vii) They are battling ___ the ancient customs.
- viii) The driver was forced to hand ___ the car keys.

c) Join the following sentences to make a complete sentence without using and, but or so : [4]

- i) Sometimes it is cold. I take leave on that day.
- ii) He gets angry. Otherwise he is a good person.
- iii) The man had a broken leg. He sailed across the ocean.
- iv) A square has four sides. Its four sides are equal.

d) Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions given after each. You may make the necessary changes but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [8]

i) Being innocent, he never thought of running away.

(Change into compound sentence)

ii) I watch a play every month.

(Change the sentence into present perfect tense)

iii) I was not sure it was you.

(Use 'doubtful' instead of you.)

iv) He was so tired he could not stand.

(Use: too)

v) The teacher said to the students, "How many of you are coming to the museum?"

(Change into indirect speech)

vi) They always help us.

(Change into passive voice)

vii) Not many people listen to the radio these days.

(Begin: Few.....)

viii) Although it was a sunny day, it was very cold.

(Begin: Despite.....)

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

We all seek happiness but few, very-few, indeed, get it. We are unhappy partly because we desire much more than what we can hope to attain. Our countless desires are hard to be satisfied. And that is what makes us so sad in life. The secret of happiness lies in the simplification of life. Simple living encourages high thinking. It leads to contentment. Contentment gives us inner wealth, the wealth of the mind and of the soul. A contented man devotes himself to virtues, a man can feel true happiness. I do not mean that for simplification of life, a man should become an ascetic. The happiness of a sadhu is of a negative

kind. I want positive kind of happiness. For this I must live in the midst of life and faithfully carry out my responsibilities to my home and my country. But all this should be done in the spirit of selfless service. A man who wants to lead a happy life, should also make others happy. In making others happy he will taste real and lasting happiness. There is a kind of joy in serving others with virtuous motives, in sacrificing what one has for the good of others.

An act of goodness is of itself an act of happiness. The secret of perfect happiness lies in renunciation. Wealth may give us joy for a while and fame may provide us with fleeting excitement. But they cannot give us permanent happiness. Kings have everything to make them happy and yet they feel unhappy. It is because they do not practise renunciation. There is a sense of joy in doing one's work honestly and efficiently. A research-worker feels joy in research and a journalist in writing. In doing one's duty sincerely, one feels peace of mind which is an important essence of happiness. It is only by cultivating the spirit of renunciation, self-sacrifice, contentment and science work that one can really be happy. The strings of misfortune spare none but they will not cow such a person.

- i) Give the meaning of the following words. [3]
 - a) contentment
 - b) fleeting
 - c) cow
- ii) What does a contented man do? [2]
- iii) Where does the essence of happiness lie? [2]
- iv) What should a man do to live a happy life permanently? [2]
- v) What according to the passage is a positive kind of happiness? [2]
- vi) Write a short summary of 30 words on how to live a happy life with a suitable title. [4]

Question 3

Rewrite as directed.

- a) Complete the Conditional Sentences with the correct form (Type I, II or III). [3]
 - i) If I _____ stronger, I'd help you carry the piano.
 - ii) If we'd seen you, we _____.
 - iii) If we _____ him tomorrow, we'll say hello.
- b) State which of the following sentences are compound and which are complex. [3]
 - i) The house was destroyed in the fire, but the whole family was saved.
 - ii) Walking through the woods, he saw a fox that was following him.
 - iii) If I do not get this job, I will start a business.
- c) Underline the main clause and circle the subordinate clause in each sentence below. [4]
 - i) While the flowers bloom, I will plant more trees.
 - ii) Jason took a nap before he left for his friend's house.

- iii) I'm bringing my homework along even though we don't plan to stay long.
- iv) I knew this was going to be an exciting game when Andrew took his first swing.