

Question Paper
Session: 2016-17
CBSE Class 8th ENGLISH

General Instructions:

- This question paper contains 17 questions .
 - All the questions are compulsory.
 - Marks for each question are indicated against it.
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Section A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: [8]

1. Getting a good night's sleep can help you cope with stress effectively. But not getting enough sleep can cause more stress. Insomniacs have higher concentrations of stress hormones than others.
2. Women are prone to sleep disturbances. Their sleep problems frequently interfere with their daily activities.
3. Experts believe that sleep, especially deep sleep, enables our nervous system to function well. Without it, we lose our ability to concentrate, remember or analyse. Some experts speculate that during deep sleep, cells manufacture more proteins, which are essential for cell growth and repair of damage from things like stress and ultraviolet rays.
4. Scientists believe that activity in the area of brain that controls emotions and social interactions lessens during sleep and that deep sleep may help people be emotionally and socially adept when awake.
5. Sleep may also help our brain store a newly learned activity in its memory bank. In a study in Canada, students deprived of sleep after learning a complex logic game show a 30 per cent learning deficit when tested a week later compared with students not deprived of sleep.
6. The effects of sleep deprivation on other bodily functions are just as alarming. In studies from five medical centres across the country, researchers established that individuals with

insomnia were also more likely to have poor health, including chest pain, arthritis and depression and have difficulty in accomplishing daily tasks. Another breakthrough study revealed that even temporary loss of sleep can affect the body's ability to break down carbohydrates, interfere with the function of various hormones and worsens the severity of ailments such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

7. So whatever works to help you sleep well, whether it's regular exercise earlier in the day, weekly massages, yoga, meditation or a lavender-scented bath, make time for it today.

On the basis of reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a. How can a good night's sleep help one?
- b. How does deep sleep affect the nervous system?
- c. What are the ill-effects of insomnia?
- d. What all can help one sleep well?
- e. How does sleep affect learning?
- f. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'guess'. (para 3)

Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences:

- g. Individuals suffering from _____ suffer from various health issues.
 - i. diabetes ii. arthritis
 - iii. chest pain iv. insomnia
- h. Sleep enables our _____ to function well.
 - i. nervous system ii. heart
 - iii. hormones iv. lungs

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (7)

1. Your mental attitude is a great determining influence in your daily life. Begin the day with an expectant and energetic mental attitude towards your work and it will elevate and enhance all your activities.

2. The spirit in which you regard the world and your fellow-men will be reflected back to you. When you are in the right mental attitude many things will seem to conspire and cooperate to advance your work and interests. Primarily it is your mental attitude that makes the day happy and productive, or the contrary. You can demonstrate the truth of this today by looking at the supremacy of God.

3. Make more positive resolutions regarding the things you ought to do and bring every possible re-inforcement to bear upon such resolutions. Assert in rigorous tones the thoughts you wish to establish as unconscious habits of your life, remembering always that while it is a great thing to conceive a great idea, it is still greater to put it into execution.

On the basis of reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

- a. What role does our mental attitude play?
- b. What kind of attitude should we possess?
- c. How should we begin our day?
- d. Give a suitable title for the passage
- e. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'persuade'. (para 1)

Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences:

f. Our mental attitude towards our work will _____ all our activities.

i. broaden, ii. accomplish, iii. enhance, iv. use up

g. Our mental attitude makes us happy and _____.

i. content ii. drowsy iii. fatigued iv. nourished

3. Read the given poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5)

When my mother died I was very young,
And my father sold me while yet my tongue
Could scarcely cry weep! weep! weep! weep!
So your chimneys I sweep, and in soot I sleep.

There's little Tome Dacre, who cried when his head,
That curled like a lamb's back, was shaved: so I said,
"Hush, Tom! Never mind it, for when your head's bare,
You know that the soot cannot spoil your white hair."

And so he was quiet; and that very night,
As Tom was sleeping, he had such a sight,
That thousands of sweepers, Dick, Joe, Ned and Jack,
Were all of them locked up to coffins of black.

And by came an angel who had a bright key,
And he opened the coffins and set them all free;
Then down a green plain leaping, laughing, they run,
And wash in a river and shine in the sun.

Then naked and white, all their bags left behind,
They rise upon clouds and sport in the wind;
And the angel told Tom, if he'd be a good boy,
He'd have God for his father, and never want joy.

And so Tom awoke; and we rose in the dark,
And got with our bags and brushes to work.
Though the morning was cold, Tom was happy and warm;
So if all do their duty they need not fear harm.

On the basis of reading of the poem, answer the following questions:

- Whose dream does the poem describe?
- Why was Tom 'happy and warm' the next day?
- Find a word from the poem which means the same as 'dirt'. (stanza 1)

Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences:

- The chimney sweeper is _____.
i. an adult ii. a black boy
iii. a white boy iv. a girl
- 'Locked up in coffins of black' refers to _____.
i. their colour ii. dark night
iii. soot iv. black coffin

Section B (Writing and Grammar)

4. You are Manu, Meeta living at Sector-24, Rohini. Write a letter to your uncle congratulating him on his 50th birthday in about 120-130 words. (8)

5. Write an article on 'Importance of education' in about 120-130 words. (7)

6. You are Mohan/ Mohini, Secretary of the Sports Council of your school. Write a notice informing students about a cricket match being organized by the school, giving all the

necessary details. (5)

7. You have been selected as the student of the year in your school. Write a diary entry in about 70-80 words, expressing your feelings about the same. (5)

8. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: (5)

- a. He used to be a regular visitor _____ Mondays.
- b. I will be going away _____ the end of this month.
- c. I will see you _____ the evening.
- d. I've been _____ Mumbai five times.
- e. We have been living here _____ eight years.
- f. This is just _____ you and me.
- g. _____ Hindi, he is a master of two other languages.
- h. She fell asleep _____ the film.

9. Change the following sentences into indirect speech: (4)

- a. I said to her, "We were trying to save the drowning child."
- b. The girl said, "I will do the work now."
- c. "Where have you been so long?" the lion said to the hare.
- d. He said, "I am glad to be here this evening."

10. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: (3)

Gandhiji (a) _____ (be) an apostle of truth, non-violence and humanity. He (b) _____ (win) freedom for India and gave a new direction to the Indian masses. His greatness (c) _____ (lie) in the fact that he (d) _____ (continue) the freedom struggle without taking recourse to violent methods. Gandhiji's principal of non-violence (e) _____ (be) still relevant when all the powerful nations (f) _____ (compete) against each other in technological resources and atomic power.

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals: (3)

Don't eat this fruit. It (a) _____ be poisonous. This (b) _____ prove harmful for your health. This, perhaps, (c) _____ lead to death. Therefore, you (d) _____ not eat this fruit. It (e) _____ not be eaten raw. Before eating, its skin (f) _____ be removed.

12. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines, against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheets against the correct blank number: (3)

<p>Everyone has a mental picture Of a volcano. On appearance it Looks like a cone-shape mountain. But it top of the cone is rather Flat than hollow. This is the Crater, the mouth in the volcano. The volcanoes are form by molten rock Coming with below the earth's crust. This is called lava.</p>	<p>a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____ e) _____ f) _____</p>
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13. Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences: (3)

- not favour/ does/ the idle people/ fortune.
- in life/ who do nothing/ not favour/ it does/ those.
- who try/ those/ for success/ but/ and try/ it helps.

Section C (Literature)

14. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: [4]

Yet beautiful and bright he stood,

As born to rule the storm;

A creature of heroic blood,

A proud, though childlike form.

- Name the poem from which these lines have been extracted.
- Pick out a poetic device from the above lines. Give an example.
- Who is the protagonist of the poem?

d. What are the qualities of the boy?

15. Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each: (10)

- a. What led Muko to his tragic death?
- b. Describe Swami's thoughts as he lay in the office?
- c. How does the narrator's memory help him? (I Never Forget A Face)
- d. How does the father sense his son's concern?
- e. In what sense are men and women merely players on the stage of life?

16. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (6)

- a. How does the last stage bring us back full circle to the start?
- b. What should the narrator have done in order to save himself from getting into trouble?

17. On the basis of your reading of the novel, *Pride and Prejudice* answer the following questions: (5)

- a. Who is Mr. Collins and why does the Bennet family dislike him?

OR

Who is Mr. Bennet's favourite of all his daughters and why?