

JKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SAMPLE PAPER SA-II (2016-17)
CLASS VIII

Time: 3 hrs.

ENGLISH

M.M- 80

SECTION – A (Reading Skill)

A.1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from given options. [8]

1. The song of many birds seems beautiful to us. That is why it is called song, for it reminds us of human song. We do not know whether birds themselves consider their song beautiful, although we like to believe that they do. What birds feel we will never know, because they have no means of telling us? But we do know other things about bird song.

2. If we watch a male song-bird, such as a nightingale, early in the morning in early spring, we shall notice that it is alone and has not yet got a mate. It spends most of its time singing. If we watch closely we will see that while it sings it looks continually round in all directions.

3. If we continue to watch this bird from day to day, we shall notice that it is singing every morning, usually from the same few perches. Suddenly, one day, there is no singing bird. It has not left however. We shall find that the bird is still there but it is not alone. A female has arrived, and our male is silent because it has mated. The pair keeps close together but the male does not sing.

4. We might well ask why it should stop singing when the song has served its purpose; why should not the male continue to sing just for pleasure even after the female has arrived. The reason is that so many natural events are determined by their usefulness. Song is uttered, therefore, in many species only when it is necessary. It is very useful for the purpose of bringing the male and female together, but as soon as the purpose is accomplished, it is merely dangerous for the male to sing, it could run the risk of being killed.

(i) Do birds think their songs to be beautiful? 1
a) Yes b) No c) We do not know d) It is unpredictable

(ii) A nightingale starts singing in early morning of spring because – 1
a) The weather is fine b) it is alone and has not yet got a mate
c) It fears someone will kill it d) it is in a happy mood

(iii) A nightingale keeps looking continuously around while it is singing because – 1
a) It remains alert lest some one should attack and kill it b) it is eagerly to look for a mate
c) It is sad and restless d) it is looking for its offspring who has not come

(iv) The nightingale stops singing because – 1
a) it wants privacy b) its purpose is accomplished
c) it is busy with its offspring's d) it is feeding its offspring's

(v) The word 'accomplished' means – 1
a) gained b) performed c) achieved d) completed

(vi) Give one suitable title to the story. 1

(vii) Why we never come to know what birds feel? 2

A.2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answer from given options. [7]

My grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing song while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart; I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen inkpot and a red pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick stale chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we went to school. She carried several stale chapattis with her for the village dogs. My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the Morning Prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would back together with dogs following us for food.

Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.

- a) The grandmother said her morning prayer loudly hoping _____
i) that her neighbors would get up in time ii) that her neighbours would learn it
iii) that the author would learn it iv) that the people would join her in her prayer
- b) The author's breakfast consisted of _____
i) milk and eggs ii) a thick, stale chapatti with butter and sugar spread on it
iii) halwa and puri iv) bread, butter and eggs
- c) The grandmother always accompanied the writer because _____
i) both were good friends
ii) she wanted to protect her grandson from dogs
iii) she would read the Holy Scriptures in the temple attached to the school
iv) the writer was quite young
- d) She passed her time _____
i) by counting beads ii) reading the scriptures in the temple
iii) in teaching to her young grandson iv) by mixing and talking to other old women of her age
- e) The person who taught the author was not a teacher but
i) his maternal uncle ii) his neighbour iii) a temple priest iv) his elder brother
- f) Who were the good friends of each other?
- g) What kind of Prayer she use to do in the morning while his grandson get ready for school?

SECTION – B (Writing)

Q3) You are Vani/Ravi residing at 85, Shalimar Garden, Chandigarh. Write a letter to your father who is posted in Chennai, telling him how everything at home is. 5

OR

Q3) Write an apology email to your friend for not attending her brother's marriage.

Q. Given below is a profile of a German Socialist, Karl Marx. Write a short bio sketch of his using the hints given below: 5

- **Date of Birth:** 15th may, 1818 in province of Rhineland
- **Family:** Upper middle class Jewish
- **Studied:** In universities of Berlin
- **1841:** Decorate degree from Jena university
- **1850:** Left German, went to London.
- **1867:** published first Volume of “Das Capital” _90+ worldwide popularity
- **Other works:** “The Holy Family”, The Philosophy of Poverty” The German ideology”
- **Died:** 18th March 1883

Q4) You gave your notebook to your class fellow and she/he copied the whole lesson from your notebook. Your teacher came to know about it. She rebuked you for it. You tried to explain but she did not listen anything. You felt very bad. Make a diary entry about how you feel.’’ 5

Or

On the basis of the given lines, write a story.

An old man and his sons. _____ once there was an old man. He had four son and they all always kept on quarrelling _____

Q5) Re-arrange the jumbled words in a proper order so as to make meaningful sentences. 5

- a. importance/films/than/studies/more/are
- b. skin/used/leaves/Neem/are/ailments/for/treating/the
- c. complex/human/machine/is/body/a/the/very
- d. baked/delicious/on/a/my/cake/birthday/sister/my
- e. only/fly/bats/mammals/that/are/the/can

Q6) There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction. 5

	Incorrect	Correction
a) Time is very precious than money	-----	-----
b) Money once lose can be regained	-----	-----
c) And time once lost is lost forever.	-----	-----
d) Time and tide waits for none. A	_____	_____
e) Lost opportunity may spoil one life.	-----	-----

OR

Q6) Complete the dialogues by filling up the blanks. 5

a. Priya: Hello! May I speak to Ritika, please?

Kirti: Sorry _____.

Priya: I am Priya, a classmate of hers. What time is she expected back?

Kirti: Sorry _____.

Priya: Please ask _____. She has my phone number.

Kirti: I will. Is there anything else?

Priya: No _____.

Kirti: _____

Q7) Report the following in the indirect speech.

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- a) He said, "The sun rises in the east".
- b) He said to her, "Do you like apples?"
- c) He said to Sita, "I have passed the test."
- d) I said to my sister, "You are a smart girl."
- e) The boy said, "Alas! I have failed again"

Q8) Change the following sentences as shown in brackets.

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- a) She writes letter (Change into future perfect tense)
- b) He prepares for a competitive examination. (Future continuous tense)
- c) They lived here for ten years. (Future perfect continuous tense)
- d) The brother quarreled over property. (Future perfect tense)
- e) I have been working for 2 hours. (Future continuous tense)

Section C (Literature)

Q9 Read the extract and answer the question

1 x 3 = 3

Plan a trip to before you were born
See the Earth on the very first morn
No borders for nations
No though limitations
Imagine the perfect sojourn

- a) What is meant by 'very first morn'?**
- b) How can we plan a trip to before we were born?**
- c) Name the poet and the poem of the above lines.**

Q10 Answer any five of the following question.

2 x 5 = 10

- a) What kind of disease was Bharat afflicted with?
- b) What type of boy was Imtiaz?
- c) How was the term 'flying saucer' coined?
- d) Which incident occurred during the tournament?
- e) What is a radar?
- f) What was the special thing that happened in a huge lake in Chile?
- h) What did Kenneth Arnold observe during his flight on June 24th, 1947?

Q11) Answer any two of the following long questions: -

2 x 4=8

- a. Why do you think Bermuda triangle has been named 'The devil's triangle'?
- b. Describe Bharat's and Rakesh's qualities respectively.
- c. Who is Prahlad Jani? What is mystic about him?

Value Based Question**2**

Q12) Why do mysteries always appeal to the human mind? Which of the mysteries from the text do you find the most intriguing?

NOVEL:**Q13. Answer the following questions:**

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| a. Why did Tom always feel miserable on Mondays? | 1 |
| b. Why did the boys choose Jackson' Island as a hideout? | 1 |