**D A V CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Sample Paper**

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**Subject-** **ENGLISH**

**(CLASS VIII)**

**Time : 3 Hours M:M 80**

**SECTION-A ( READING )**

* **Read the given passage carefully: 10 M**  
  It was a wild night. The wind was howling outside, and the rain was beating and splashing against the windows. Suddenly, amid all the hubbub of the windstorm, there burst forth the wild scream of a terrified woman.  
  By the light of the corridor-lamp I saw my sister appear at the opening, her face blanched with terror, her hands groping for help, her whole figure swaying to and fro like that of a drunkard. I ran to her and threw my arms round her, but at that moment her knees seemed to give way and she fell to the ground. She writhed as one who is in terrible pain, and her limbs were dreadfully convulsed.  
  At first I thought that she had not recognized me, but as I bent over her she suddenly shrieked out in a voice which I shall never forget, ‘Oh, my God! Helen! It was the band! The speckled band!’ There was something else which she would fain have said, and she stabbed with her finger into the air in the direction of the doctor's room, but a fresh convulsion seized her and choked her words. I rushed out, calling loudly for my stepfather, and I met him hastening from his room in his dressing-gown. When he reached my sister's side she was unconscious, and though he poured brandy down her throat and sent for medical aid from the village, all efforts were in vain, for she slowly sank and died without having recovered her consciousness. Such was the dreadful end of my beloved sister.”  
  Extract from the Adventure of the Speckled Band by Arthur Conan Doyle  
  On the basis of your reading the poem, answer the following questions in appropriate words, phrases or sentence.
* **Answer the following questions in brief 5M**  
  1. How does the narrator describe the night in the story?  
  2. Whose scream she heard in that night?  
  3. What did she say before sinking into a state of coma?  
  4. To what category of fiction this story belongs?  
  5. Which word is used to mean ‘dotted, especially flecked with small spots of contrasting color’?
* **Complete the following statements 4M**
* Narrator thought that at first-------------------------
* She stabbed her finger in the into the air---------------------
* The narrator met him because--------------------------
* The end of my beloved sister was------------------
* **find synonyms of the following words from the passage- 1/2X2 = 1M**
* scream( para-1)
* Scary ( para-2)
* **Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer from the given options:**  5M.  
  Infections in the roots of teeth are hell to treat. The tooth needs to be drilled into, right down to the bottom of the nerve-carrying canal that runs through the root. The infected material must then be cleaned out completely and the drilled section filled in. Although, the procedure is routine, it is common for some of the bacteria to survive it and therefore for infections to re-emerge shortly after treatment.

The surviving bacteria are often gathered in the form of what is known as a biofilm. Bacteria in such a film are embedded in a polymer matrix, which makes them harder to kill than isolated individuals. High temperatures can destroy biofilms, as can some chemicals, but neither approach is safe to use inside the delicate interior of a human tooth. However, Chunqi Jiang, a physicist at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and her colleagues have come up with a possible alternative: a dental plasma torch.   
Plasmas are gases in which the molecules have been stripped of some or all of their electrons, to create positive ions. One way to do this is to heat the gas up. Conventional plasma torches employ such hot plasma to cut metal. But cold plasmas can be made using high electrical voltages.   
Bacteria in biofilms are also more resistant to antibiotics than their isolated confreres, so the new device could have other medical applications. Wound infections, for example, often form biofilms. If they cannot be treated successfully, the result may be gangrene. And if Dr. Jiang’s version of St. Elmo’s fire can deal with that problem, the saint may become patron of a lot more people than just sailors. Questions   
  
**(a) The treatment for tooth infection starts with**(i) cleaning the infected material.  (ii) filling the drilled section.   
(iii) removing the biofilms.  (iv) drilling the tooth to the root.   
**(b) The polymer matrix is**(i) the surviving bacteria in the form of a film.  (ii) the group of virus in the mouth.   
(iii) the shape of each bacteria.  (iv) the chemical in the mouth.   
**(c) The word in the passage which means ‘a serious and potentially life-threatening condition’ is**(i) Gangrene.  (ii) Confreres.  (iii) Plasma torch.  (iv) Matrix.   
**(d) The biofilms can be destroyed**(i) by cleaning.  (ii) by dental plasma torch.  (iii) by drilling.  (iv) by antibiotics.   
**(e) Plasma can be made**(i) By heating the positive ions.  (ii) By using high electric voltage.  (iii) By stripping some or all the electrons.   
(iv) By cooling the negative ions.

**3. Read the passage carefully: 5M**  
Why do students become a bully? Bullying is a big problem. It can make kids feel hurt, scared, sick, lonely, embarrassed and sad. Bullies might hit, kick, or push to hurt people, or use words to call names, threaten, tease, or scare them.  
A bully might say mean things about someone, grab a kid's stuff, make fun of someone, or leave a kid out of the group on purpose.  
Some bullies threaten people or try to make them do things they don't want to do. It is often seen that in schools most classes have group of students who are bullies. Who are they and why do they act in that particular manner? Bullies are children who like to dominate others. Bullies are often children who want to feel important and want to make themselves popular. Bullying children who are weaker than themselves makes them feel big and powerful. Many a times, bullies are just insensitive children who know that it hurts their victims but they continue to do it anyway.   
Some children who bully are attention-seekers. Children who do not get emotional support at home and are not given attention at home may try to attract attention towards themselves in the classroom through bullying. In some cases, a child who is bullied, sometimes ends up bullying others. Some bullies come from families where everyone is angry and shouting all the time. They may think that being angry, calling names, and pushing people around is a normal way to act. Some bullies are copying what they've seen someone else do. Some have been bullied themselves.  
Sometimes bullies know that what they are doing or saying hurts other people. But other bullies may not really know how hurtful their actions can be.   
Other factors such as teacher's indifference to the victims and bad disciplining by parents of bullies can also cause bullying.  
Answer the following questions by choosing an appropriate option from those given below:  
  
**1. Many children bully others because they**(a) want to give attention to others. (b) like to attract others’ attention.  
(c) feel it’s good for making friends. (d) want others to overcome their shyness.  
**2. Bullying children who are weaker than themselves make the bullies feel that they are**(a) great leaders. (b) good social workers. (c) authoritative. (d) full of humility. **3. Bullies are** (a) not at all aware of the problem they are creating for others.  
(b) aware of it and feel bad about it.  
(c) aware of the problem they are creating for others but don’t feel bad about it.  
(d) very sensitive people. **4. One of the reasons why children become bullies is that**(a) they feel neglected at home. (b) their parents are too caring and loving.  
(c) their parents train them to become bullies. (d) the parents are too mild to handle them. **5. The word in the second para which shows the teachers’ lack of concern for those who are bullied at the hands of the bullies** is  
(a) attention-seeking. (b) indifference. (c) disciplining. (d) emotional.

**SECTION –B( WRITING) 20 MARKS**

**4. Complete the following notice taking help from the box given below : [4]**

* Science Exhibition – Inauguration at 10:00 AM
* Chief Guest – Mr. B. M. Gupta (Scientist at Science Centre will judge exhibits)
* Interactive session – 11:00 AM
* Topic – Importance of Science
* Closing Ceremony – 3:00 PM

The school is organizing (a)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the school premises on 12th August.

The Chief Guest Mr. Gupta (b)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 10:00 AM. The topic is

(e)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gupta (d)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exhibits. This will be followed

by (f)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The closing ceremony (h)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 3:00 PM.

**B.2 You came home from school and found your mother very ill and lying in bed. You are Rehan, a resident of Raigarh. You have noticed that every time your family and you go out shopping, your biggest problem is ‘parking’. Use the clues given below and write a letter to the editor of The Hindu highlighting the problems you face. Also give a few suggestions to help in solving the parking problem. 8m.**

* dug up road - too many vehicles – new diversions everyday – ‘No parking’ signs –put up in new places everyday – unauthorized parking – vehicles towed away exorbitant parking charges.

**B.4 Priyanka is alarmed at the way her city has changed in the recent years. She decides to write an article expressing her concern about the same and explains the current situation to caution people against environmental pollution in and around her city. Write an article and give a title also.**

* pollution – land – water – air – causes, - industries, vehicles domestic use – ill effects - respiratory diseases – water borne diseases, barren land, poor crop yield – remedy – conserve resources – use of alternative sources – save environment. [8]

**OR**

**Write a speech in about 120 words on the topic “Who is an Ideal student”.**

**SECTION –C( GRAMMAR) 15 MARKS**

**7. Read the following notes given in the box below and complete the paragraph :- 3m**

**Fatehpur Sikri—37 kilometres from Agra—stunning atmosphere – if in Agra for monuments – not leave without going to Sikandra – Akbar himself entombed – tomb of favourite queen Mariam Zamani Begum—once known as Jodha Bhai—another worth--- visiting monument Itimad- Ud – Daulah----often called the blue print for the Taj.**

Fatehpur Sikri (a)-------------------- which (b)--------------- and if you are in Agra for monuments, you (c) ----------------- where Akbar himself (d) ----------------. Just a kilometer away is the tomb of his favourite queen Mariam Zamani Begum, the Rajput princess who (e) ------------------, the mother of emperor Jahangir. Another worth- visiting monument , Itimad- Ud – Daulah’s tomb , on the left bank of Yamuna, (f)--------------------- the blue print for the Taj with similar work of marble. So, don’t miss the opportunity to be there.

**8. In the following passage one word has been omitted from each line. Write the missing word with the succeeding and preceding words as shown in the example. Underline the word that forms your answer. 3marks** Mahatma Gandhi, popularly known Bapu ez-known as Bapu

devoted life to make India a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

free. He worked day night b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

to achieve his goal. When started c. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

non cooperation movement, the role d. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Played by women praiseworthy e. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

He insisted wearing clothes f. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

spun at home.

**9. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct answers in** **your answer sheet. One has been done for an example. 3marks**

Example- backbone of/ is the/ institution/ educational/ every/ library.

Library is the backbone of every educational institution.

a. books on/ there are/ different/ plenty of / subjects/

b. cater to / the books/ the taste/ of students / and need/

c. in improving/the librarian/ plays/ an important part/reading habit/

**10. Complete the following paragraph by choosing the correct option: ( 6x ½ = 3)**

One fine morning (a)------------(where, which, when) everyone was fast asleep, the princess went to the terrace to enjoy the landscape. She was shocked to find (b)--------------(and, that, but) all the farms (c)-------------(but, still, and) the lush green surroundings had become dry due to monsoon failure. She realised that deforestation was the cause of this drought (d)---------------( when, which, who)made her dipressed. The princess was (e)-----------(because, if , so) upset (f)------------(but, which , and) she did not eat anything throughout the day.

**11. Q.11 Study the given instructions and complete the statements by choosing the correct option for each.** (3x1=3M)

**HOW TO COOK BEANS**

(a) First rinse and place the beans in a bowl or container.

(b) Soak them overnight, at least 6-8 hours.

(c) Sauté’ them in heated oil, onion, tomatoes and spices.

(d) Cook them for an hour in a pressure cooker

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(b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in heated oil, onion, tomatoes and spices and

(c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for an hour in a pressure cooker.

(a) (i) are soaking (ii) are soaked (iii) have been soaked (iv) are soak

(b) (i) are sauted (ii) have sauted (iii) are sauting (iv) have been sauted

(c) (i) cooking (ii) cooks (iii) cooked (iv) is cooking

**SECTION –D( LITERATURE) 25 MARKS**

**12.Read the following extract and choose the correct option:- 4m**

**Some are fit for a maiden's wrist**

**silver and blue as the mountain- mist**

**Some are flushed like the buds that dream**

**on the tranquil brow of woodland stream;**

**Some are aglow with the bloom that cleaves.**

**a) Silver and blue coloured bangles are meant for--**

**(i)** middle aged mothers (ii) maiden's (iii) bride's (iv) happy daughters and happy wives

**b) Bangles fit for maiden's wrist have been compared to----**

(i) mountain mist (ii) dream (iii) wood (iv) stream

**c) 'Some are flushed like the bud that dream' refers to-----**

(i) the shape of the bangles (ii)the colours of the bangles (iii)the size of the bangles (iv) the lustre of the bangles

**d)Which literary device is used in the third line of the stanza?**

**(i)** metaphor (ii) simile (iii) repetition (iv) refrain

**13.Read the following extract and choose the correct option:- 4m**

**"we can't do this to her. She isn't a young woman now. How will she find a new job?"**

**a) 'we' in the above lines stands for:**

(i) briggs and winter (ii) Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hill (iii) Annie and Mrs. Hill (iv) Annie and George

**b) Who is being talked about ?**

(i) Mrs. Hill (ii) Annie (iii) Mr. Briggs (iv) Mr. Winter

**c) She will find it difficult to get a new job because :**

(i) of scarcity of jobs (ii) no one would employ a woman (iii) she is illiterate

(iv) she is middle aged

**d) What does the extract reflect about the character of the speaker?**

(i) concern (ii) arrogance (iii) selfishness (iv) carelessness

**14. Answer any four of the questions given below:- 2x4= 8m**

**1. Why was the narrator panic stricken while they were waiting for the asparagus to be cooked?**

**2. "My hobby is perhaps a little out of the ordinary." What is the narrator's hobby? Why does he consider it out of the ordinary?**

**3. What is the key to a successful life?**

**4. " I considered it as downright mean and dishonest." What did the narrator considered to be mean and dishonest?**

**5. What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had lost his job?**

**15. ( Value Based Questions) (Answer in about 30-40 words) 2x2= 4m**

**(a) Every deserving action should be rewarded; likewise every reward should be well deserved. Justify the statement.**

**(b) What should be the responsibility of a good citizen towards his country?**

**16. Imagine you are the narrator . Write a letter to your friend expressing your plans how you hope to manage the budget for the entire month.( 80-90 words) 5m**

**OR**

**Imagine you are Mr. Rajinder, the owner of the jewellery shop. Write a page in your diary expressing your pleasure after you got the flower ring back.( 80- 90 words)**

SECTION-B ( WRITING ) 20 Marks

* tried to contact you on cellphone – no response
* going to sarika’s house
* to complete social science project
* back by 6 pm , don’t worry

Q.4 You are Prisha . Your mother has not yet returned from office, but you have to go to a friend’s house to complete your social science project due tomorrow . Making use of the following , write a message for your mother in about 50 words . 5M

Q.5 Write an e-mail to your brother who lives in hostel telling him you have won inter school debate competition . 7M

Q.6 write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic “ Importance of Yoga and Games in student life “. 8M

Section-C ( Grammar ) 20 Marks

Q.7 There is one error in each line .Find the error and write correct word in the space provided . Edit the following passage. 4M

Kalpana chawla was birth in the town of (A)………….

Karnal of Haryana at 1 july, 1961 . As a (B)………….

Young girl , Kalpana used to sat out in her (C)………….

Garden to watch stars . Only she do (D)………….

Not just watch they , she dreamed of (e)………….

Reaching out for touch them . In school (F)………….

Young kalpana is fascinated (G)………….

Buy aeroplanes and flying . (H)…………..

Q.8 Fill in the blanks with suitable articles . 5M

1) sindhbad came across………..one-eyed monster .

2) My father works in ……………..university .

3) My friend Amit is looking for ………..job these days .

4) …………….dog is a faithful animal .

5) Do you need …………….umbrella .

Q.9 Read the following instructions given below and complete the paragraph using passive voice . 3M

HOW TO MAKE TOMATO SANDWICH

* Take two slices of bread
* Cut the edges
* Spread butter on the slices.
* Wash one medium size tomato.
* Cut into thin slices.
* To the tomato slices, add salt and pepper according to taste.
* Spread the tomato slices on one slice of bread.
* Cover it with the other slice .

Two slices of bread are taken. The edges of the slices……………. Butter is……………..slices . One medium size ……………….and cut into thin slices . To these slices……………………according to taste . The tomato slices…………………….of bread and then ……………………..by the other slice.

Q. 10 Gap-filling 4M

Fill in the blanks with most suitable word .

The damage we (a)…………….to our planet (b) ……………….be reversed , (c)…………………..we can (d) ………………..make positive changes for the future (e)……………reducing, reusing and recycling . Let’s leave (f)……………children a planet that (g)……………habitable not just for them but (h)………………future generations, too .

Options:

* Done , have done , will do , does
* Shouldn’t , can’t , don’t , mustn’t
* And , but , or , also
* All , every , each , everyone
* In , from , by , for
* Yours , its , their , our
* Was , is , were , am
* For , from , by , in

Q.11 Unjumble the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences . 4M

1) friends/ I/ my / were / grandmother / and / good

2) used to / she / me / accompany / to / school / my

3) hungry / fed / dog / way / on / the / she

4) much / liked / very / Attila / new / friend / his

SECTION- D (LITERATURE) 30 M

Q.12 Answer the following questions briefly : 5x2=10 M

1) Who was Tutu ? What did she do with the necklace ?

2) Who slipped in the jeweller’s shop and what did she do ?

3) What temptation does the child give to the bird ?

4) Who was Rich Belanger ?

5) What was the challenge given to Swami by his father ?

Q. 13 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

a) Do you have the courage to listen to what I’ve to say ? 3 M

1) Whom do ‘ you ‘ and ‘ I ‘ refer to ?

2) What was the speaker going to say ?

3) How did the listener react to what the speaker said ?

b) And joy , like a pearl , 3M

attend the needs of all mankind

of such I dream……

our world .

* What has the poet compared joy to ?
* Name the poem and the poet .
* What literary device has been used in first line ?

Q . 14 Answer the following questions in 20-30 words ( any two ) 2x4=8

* Why did the people in the bazaar chase Tutu ?
* Why did Manjula wear wrong shoes most of the times ?
* Handling brushes was no problem for Manjula . Then what was the real problem in learning painting ?

Q. 15 Manjula won the first prize in her category in ‘ On The Spot Painting Competition’ . Write her diary entry within 70-80 words . 6M