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# INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR TERM II EXAMINATION (2023-2024) ENGLISH

CLASS: VIII MAX.MARKS:80 DATE: 05/03/2024 TIME: 3 HOURS

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

This paper consists of three sections.

Section A Reading (18 marks)
 Section B Grammar & Writing (22 marks)
 Section C Literature (40 marks)

All sections are compulsory.

Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

## **SECTION A: READING (18 MARKS)**

## 1. Read the following passage given below.

(10)

- 1. A group of youths from Peddapuram town in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district launched a social media group called 'Mana Peddapuram' (Our Peddapuram), a few years ago. The idea was to discuss issues affecting the town and act upon them. A few months ago, Naresh Pedireddi, who has been behind the group, came up with the concept of 'rice-for-plastic'. The idea behind the exchange was to encourage people to part with their non-biodegradable waste in large numbers.
- 2. "The slogan we promoted was 'Avoid Plastic-Avoid Hunger'. We wanted to get rid of plastic and also feed the hungry," says Pedireddi, a Peddapuram-based entrepreneur. The programme was launched on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on 2 October. Within days, the group was able to collect around 400 kgs. of plastic and anequal amount of rice and other materials were distributed during the drive. Now they plan to do it every Sunday.
- 3. "The plastic that was collected was deposited at the local municipality office. They promised that it will be recycled," says Pedireddi. For a town of around 70,000 people, the amount of plastic they collected through these drives is just a drop in the ocean. But the group says that they will continue to raise awareness among the residents of the town.
- 4. "The most satisfying thing about this drive has been that it has inspired people in other towns of the district to launch such initiatives," says Pedireddi. The Mana Peddapuram, besides raising civic issues like cleanliness, deforestation, and cultural events, has also run campaigns spreading awareness on blood donation and the pledging of organs.
- 5. The group claims that funds are not a problem as the people in Peddapuram are generous whenitcomes to donating money for worthy causes. "We have hundreds of young people in this group and we hope to take up many more issues in the coming months and years," says Pedireddi. We can only hope for many moresuch enthusiastic youth organizations that work for nation-building.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN of the following questions given below.

	· · · ·
i.Social media group called 'Mana Pe	eddapuram'was launched for
A.commercial purposes	B.keeping in contact with friends and relatives
C.creating a platform to discuss so	cia lissues D.gaining popularity
ii. The idea behind the concept of ric	e-for-plastic'was
A. helping the hungry people	B.collecting plastic to be sold at higher price
C.helping the farmers	D.managing non-biodegradable waste
iii. Arrange the following events in ch	nronological order:
i. The plastic is deposited at the mur	nicipality for recycling.
ii.400kg of plastic is collected.	

- iii.Social media group called 'ManaPeddapuram' is launched.
- iv. Equal amount of rice and other material is distributed.
- v. People from other areas also get inspired.
  - A. iii, ii, i, v, iv B. iii, ii, iv, i, v
- C. iv, ii, i, iii, v
- D. v, ii, i, iv, iii
- iv. In the slogan 'Avoid Plastic, Avoid Hunger', how could the hunger beavoided?
  - A.by keeping busy in social services
- B. by selling the non-biodegradable waste
- C. by distributing the rice
- D.by discussing the issues
- v. .....rice and other materials were distributed during the drive. (Para2).

Which of the following sentences use the word 'drive'similar in meaning to the one given in the above sentence?

- A. Mr.Gupta's son drives his car very sensibly.
- B.Too much cruelty to the workers can drive them to go on a strike.
- C.The super market is only a fiveminutes' driveaway.
- D.Our school launched a drive to collect funds for the poor children.
- vi. How much rice was donated during the drive?
- vii. What is the best suitable title for this passage?
- viii. Find out the antonym of 'selfish' in above passage?(Paragraph5)
- ix. Which word in the passage is the synonym of 'consciousness'? (Para 4)
- x. Answer the following question in one word or a sentence: 'A drop in the ocean' means
- xi. Who inspired the concept of 'rice for plastic' among the youth?

# 2. Read the passage given below.

- 1.Sports and energy drinks consumed by athletes and fitness-freaks are beverages rich in essential components such as nutrients, vitamins, carbohydrates, etc., that provide much-needed mental and physical stimulation. They not only provide an instant energy boost but also help to replenish the electrolytes which are lost during the workout keeping the body hydrated which are of utmost importance. Indian consumers drink 120 billion liters of beverages of which 4% are ready-to-drink energy drinks which are available in a variety of flavours and also in an organic avatar.
- 2. Furthermore, aggressive promotion and marketing by the big brands across all media have alsocontributed significantly to their market growth. Collaboration with celebrities and sports personalities, development of more consumer-oriented products such as sugar-free drinks or customizable drinks, product availability across various platforms, and sponsoring various sporting events or teams are believed to even further increase the growth of these brands.



- 3. The market size of Indian Sports and energy drinks reached US\$ 2.4 billion in 2022. And going by thecurrent rate, projections estimate the market size to reach US\$ 5.0 billion by the year 2027.
- 4. A lot of athletes gets confused between an energy drink and sports drink. Sugar is the biggest enemy for any athlete if its intake is not balanced correctly. Any beverage which contains more than 10% of sugar is considered to be an energy drink. When an athlete consumes any energy drink, it creates a sudden insulin spike in the body and for a short duration of period feels energetic. However, the insulin spike is soon followed by an insulin spike drop, leaving behind the athlete dull, lethargic and fatigued.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer <u>ANY EIGHT</u> of the following questions given below.(8) i.Complete the sentence.

The fact that sports o	Irinks are the preferred choice of sports persons is comparable with the fact that energy
drinks seem to be _	(Paragraph 1)
ii. Fill in the blanks w	ith the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of
paragraph 1.	

Indian consumers drink 120 billion liters of beverages of which 4% or 4.8 billion liters are ready-to-drink energy drinks that are available in a variety of flavours and also in an organic avatar is \_\_\_\_\_ (afact/opinion).

iii. Justify the following in a sentence:

Big brands and MNCs are keenly pushing and aiding the growth of their beverages' markets by wideningtheir consumer base.

iv. Based on the passage, mention one marketing tactic involved to popularize their energy and sports drinks?

v. Which year the market size of Indian sport and energy drinks reached 2.4 billion US Dollars?

A. 2016 B. 2022 C. 2019 D. 2020

vi. What is the drawback of athletes consuming sports and energy drinks?

vii. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

From paragraph 1, we can conclude that sports and energy drinks are a source of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ especially if you are into regular and heavy work-outs.

1. carbohydrates2. instant energy3. Hydration4.organic matter5. flavours

A. 1 and 4B. 2 and 3C. 4 and 5 D. 1 and 5

viii. By the end of 2027, projections estimate the market size to reach US billions.

A. 2.4 B. 2.5 C. 5.0 D. 3.0

ix. Select a suitable title for the passage from the following:

A. Sports and Energy drinks B. Physical and mental stimulation components

C. Consumer oriented products D. Sugar free drinks

## **SECTION B: GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (22MARKS)**

# 3. Attempt ANY FOURTEEN of the following questions given below.

(14)

i. Identify the underlined verb as finite or non-finite verb.

My parents have decided to move to New Zealand by the end of this year.

ii. Underline the noun clause from the given sentence.

I havealways wondered why birds migrate.

iii. Fill in the blank with a suitable word. (Relative Clause)

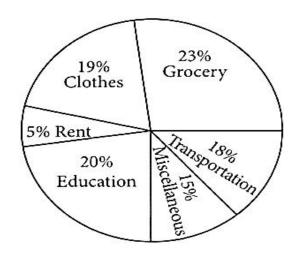
He had a feeling something terrible was going to happen.

A. why B. that C. where D. which

iv. Identify the adverb clause in the given sentence.

When you listen to music on the radio, do you hum along with it?

v. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.
The United Arab Emirates (offer / offers) business people many profitable opportunities.
vi. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal.
I think I have passed the test, but I'm not sure.
A. ought to B.might C.shallD. can
vii. Complete the sentence by writing the correct adverb.
I disagree with your statement.
A. strongly B.passionately C.neatly D.kindly
viii. Fill in the blank with the present perfect continuous tense form of the verb given in the bracket.
Workers day and night.
A. had been working B.have been working
C. has been working D. are working
ix. Complete the sentence below with an appropriate collocation.
When I entered the office, my manager was in thought.
A. strong B. deep C.high D. heavy
x. Complete the sentence with the antonym of the word given in the brackets.
There is(scarce) evidence that he is the thief.
A. strong B. mysterious C. scant D. abundant
xi. Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.
Fortunately, of the children were hurt.
A. few B. some C. none D. little
xii. Complete the sentence.
Traffic rules be stricter, so that people don't break them.
A.must B.might C.dare D.are
xiii. Write the kind of determiner for the word 'my'in the given sentence.
Have you seen my sunglasses anywhere?
xiv. Change the voice.
Five million dollars were donated by Leonardo Dicaprio.
xv. Complete the blank given in the reported speech by choosing the correct option.
Captain: Do you know how to play cricket?
Nitesh: Never had a chance to learn it.
The Captain asked Nitesh cricket.
A. did you know how to play  B. do you know how to play
C. if he knew how to play  D. if he knew how to play
xvi. Fill in the blank with correct form of the verb given in the brackets.
Fast food, like burgers and street food, harmful to our health. (is/are)
4. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in about 50 words. (3)
i. An Inter-school Kabaddi Competition is organized by your school. Write a notice, requesting the students to
be present at the venue to encourage the players. Invent all the necessary details. You are Arjun/Anjali, the
sports captain of your school.
OR
ii. The given pie chart represents the amount of money spent by family on different items in amonth. Write a
paragraph interpreting the data.



# 5. Attempt ANYONE of the following questions in about 100-120 words.

(5)

i. It was the happiest day of your life when your class teacher informed you that you have been selected as the 'Best Student of the Year'. You are thrilled as now you will receive the award at the Annual Day Celebrations. Make a diary entry recording your feelings in it.

#### OR

ii. You are Rajasri/Rohan a student of Delhi Public School, Ghaziabad. Write a letter to the editor of local daily regarding the bad condition of roads in your locality.

## **SECTION C: LITERATURE (40 MARKS)**

# 6. Read the extract and answer ANY FOUR of the following questions given below. (4)

"I must prevent thee, Cimber.

These couchings and these lowly courtesies

Might fire the blood of ordinary men,

And turn pre-ordinance and first decree

Into the law of children. Be not fond,"

- i. Who is Caesar speaking to?
- A. MetellusCimberB. Brutus C. Cinna
- D. Calpurnia
- ii. Why did Cimber approach Caesar?
- iii. What is the word that means 'polite gestures' in the given lines?
- iv. Explain: "Might fire the blood of ordinary men".
- v. What is the MetellusCimber's petition to Caesar?
  - A. to banish his brother

B. to call back his exiled brother

C. to read the schedule

D. to beg for enfranchisement

## 7. Read the extract and answer ANY FOUR of the following questions given below. (4)

"Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;

At least no one ever has done it;"

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it."

- i. How did somebody discourage the man?
- ii. What two things did the man do before beginning the task?
- iii. What is the poetic device mentioned in the first line of the extract?
  - A. Simile B. Metaphor C. Alliteration D. Repetition

- iv. Pick out a synonym for the word 'mocked'
- v. What is the tone of the above lines?
- A. Encourages the reader never to give up B. A Warning not to listen to anyone
  - C. Advises you to be innocent
- D. Complain about others

# 8. Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (12)

- i. How did Mrs. Jones react when Roger tried to steal her purse? (Thank You, Ma'am)
- ii. Why did Shankar wake up one night? What did he see when he turned on his torch?(The Station)
- iii. Why is the whale 'crying' for its 'life' and 'crying' for its 'kind'?(The Song of the Whale)
- iv. What was the device helped Satyajit Ray in his childhood? How does it work? (Old Toys and New magic)
- v. What emotions do the last words of Caesar 'Et tu Brute' express? (The Death of Caesar)
- vi. Why was Raju's wife ashamed of him? What change did she expect in him? (Trail of theGreen Blazer)
- vii. What is the 'only other sound' besides that of harness bells? (Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening)

# 9. Answer ANY TWO of the following question in about 50 words each. (6)

- i. How do you handle a difficult situation and what effort you put to overcome the challenges in life? Explain with reference to the poem, 'It Couldn't Be Done'.
- ii. What are the benefits of having hobbies or interests? State how they have an impact on someone's career progression and well-being. (Old Toys and New Magic)
- iii. Do we focus only on the 'bad' qualities we see in people or do we also make an effort to see their 'good' with their 'bad'? Explain with reference to the lesson 'Trail of the Green Blazer'.

# 10. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 80-100 words each. (8)

- i. Write the character sketch of Julius Caesar (The Death of Caesar)
- ii. How did Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Joneschanged Roger's life? What impact did it have on Roger? (Thank you ma'am)
- iii. What is the poet's message to the readers in the poem 'The Song of the Whale'? What feelingsdoes the speaker wish to convey in this poem?
- 11. Give the meaning of ANY THREE of the following words and use them to frame meaningful sentences.
- i. thrive(6)
- ii. reform
- iii. persist
- iv. tumble

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