

GRADE VIII

SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT - I

ENGLISH LANGUAGE, PAPER- I

TIME 2 HRS

M.M 80

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately. 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

Question 1

Write a composition on any two of the following:

- The cell phone is an important part of everyday life now. Do you think it is possible to survive without using it? Validate your opinion with real life experiences.
- Narrate an incident which motivated you to move ahead in life when you had given up all hope and was leading a dull and dejected life.
- "School children should not have long holiday. Give your views either for or against the statement.
- Write an original short story which begins-"I was very angry with my best friend and had decided never to talk to her or him....."
- Study the picture below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you



Question 2

Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting her to increase the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time from ten minutes to thirty minutes stating reasons why you want to increase DEAR time.

OR

Write a letter to a friend who is discouraged by his/her failure in the examination, encouraging him/her not to lose heart and to try again with renewed vigour.

Question 3

a) On behalf of the Librarian of your school, draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board, informing the students of Grade VII and VIII to return all the library books before October 10th, 2023 and in case of failure to do so, they will not be allowed to appear in the Final Exams.

b) Write an email to the Class Teachers of Grade VII and VIII, requesting them to inform their students about returning their library books. Use the details given in Q.3 (a).

Question 4

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In India, the use of robots in surgeries is still at an early stage, but it has already been hailed as the future of surgical procedures.

In a robotic surgery, robotic arms and instruments are inserted into the human body through a 5-10 mm hole. The surgeon takes his position in front of a computer and gives instructions. These instructions are transmitted to the robotic arms, which actually carry out the surgical steps on the body. So, in a way, the surgery is a joint operation by the surgeon and the robot.

Robotic surgery has several advantages over normal mechanical surgery. The range of movement robotic arms can manage is not possible to achieve with human wrists and fingers. Since the surgeon is all the time getting a three-dimensional view of the inside of the body, he is able to operate on areas which are not easy to access in open surgery. He also feels less stressed up and gets less fatigued. The hole through which the instruments are inserted being very small, the healing process is really fast. The body gets fewer and smaller scars. There are fewer infections and the number of people being readmitted to the hospital is much smaller. To top it all, robotic surgery proves to be much cheaper.

India offers reliable robotic surgery which is 60 to 80 per cent cheaper as compared to prevailing rates in the US. So India is gradually becoming a preferred destination on the medical tourism map. The number of international patients visiting India for robotic surgery is slowly but steadily on the rise. However, the number of Indian surgeons who have made their mark in robotic surgery is not very large because our educational institutions lack facilities to impart the specialised knowledge or the specialised practical training required for it.

a) Give the meaning of each of the following words or phrases as used in the passage

i) surgery

ii) impart

b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

i) How is the surgery a joint operation by the surgeon and the robot?

ii) Why is India becoming a preferred destination on the medical tourism map?

iii) Why haven't Indian surgeons made a mark in robotic surgery?

iv) What are the two advantages of the surgery taking place through a 5-10 mm hole?

v) What is steadily increasing in India as far as robotic surgery is concerned?

c) In not more than 50 words, write about the various advantages that robotic surgery has over mechanical surgery.

Question 5

Do as directed

a) Fill in the blanks with the present continuous form of the verbs in the brackets.

i) The government _____ (unveil) plans for a new scheme today.

ii) You are, your friends _____ (get) nervous.

b) Fill in the blanks with the present perfect form of the verbs in the brackets.

i) Look! Somebody _____ (break) that window.

ii) Hope you _____ (not/wait) long

c) Fill in the blanks with the simple past and past continuous form of the verbs in the brackets.

i) The bus _____ (move) very slowly, so we _____ (miss) train.

ii) The sun _____ (shine) when I _____ (get) up this morning.

d) Fill in the blanks with the simple future form of the verbs in the brackets.

i) The organisers _____ (send) us an invite soon.

ii) We _____ (shift) to a new home.)

e) Fill in the blanks with the correct options.

i) It is Teacher's Day next week, so we _____ (will give/are going to give) flowers to our teachers.

ii) The train _____(is going to/will) leave Run or we'll miss it.

f) Fill in the blanks using can, could, will or would appropriately.

i) When _____ it be a convenient time to call you, Ma'am?

ii) _____ it be appropriate to call her this late?

iii) _____ we ask the policeman for direction?

iv) _____ you please close the door on your way out?

g) Fill in the blanks using may, used to or dare.

i) He _____ not deface the walls with graffiti.

ii) It _____ think that learning coding would be difficult but it is not.

h) Fill in the blanks the adverb form of the words in brackets.

i) Read the questions _____ (careful)

ii) I _____ like my food cooked (well)

i) Rewrite the sentences by placing the adverbs in the correct positions.

i) He is on time. (never)

ii) Did you enjoy the meal? (both)

j) Fill in the blanks with preposition of time in the following paragraph.

Belgium and Denmark _____ are only an hour or so apart _____ airplane, Danes look a lot like Belgians, and if you were dropped _____ a street corner _____ Copenhagen, you wouldn't find it all that different a street corner _____ Brussels.

k) Use conjunctive adverbs to complete the sentences.

i) This cream is very good for oily skin;.....,it is Purely organic.

ii) He treated me to a decent dinner;.....,he paid for my fare.

h) Add commas as needed in the given sentences.

i) Cabs that are not sanitized are banned in the city

ii) The box contained warm clothes scarves woollens socks and caps.

