

ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2022-2023

Class - VIII

F.M : 90

Subject - ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : 2 Hrs.

1. Write a composition (250 to 300 words) on any one of the following. [20]
- School life is full of interesting and humorous events. Write a composition describing some of the humorous incidents during your school life.
 - Narrate an incident from your own experience when you helped a friend who was in trouble. Explain what happened. What did you do to make the situation better?
 - Democracy cannot survive without education. Express your views either for or against this statement.
 - Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it. However, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



2. (Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question) Select one of the following: [10]
- Your friend has not fared well in the recent examination. Write a letter to him/her to improve his/her performance.

b. Write a letter to the editor of a popular newspaper, pointing out the need for a play ground in your neighbourhood. Give reasons why you think a play area is necessary and point out how it would benefit everyone who live in that area

3. a. You are the cultural secretary of your school, draft a notice for an interschool fancy dress competition [5]

b. Write an e-mail to the neighbouring school principal suggesting to him/her that a joint effort by the two schools should be made to create a general awareness towards cleanliness and hygiene in the neighbouring slum area in order to prevent illness and disease [5]

4. It is interesting to note how different creatures defend themselves when in danger. The chameleon is a tree lizard, which can change its colour to camouflage itself by blending perfectly with its background. The pangolin's back is covered with overlapping scales, and at the slightest danger it tucks its head between its legs and rolls itself into a ball. The scorpion, which is closely related to the spider family, has a long jointed tail with a sting at the end. The scorpion's sting is said to be very dangerous, particularly to humans. The porcupine fish's body is covered with prickly spikes. In danger, it puffs itself up and the spikes stick out. Any sea animal would get a shock if it tried to eat this ball of prickles.

If we begin to think of strange defence mechanisms (the octopus, that has eight strong rubbery arms, called tentacles) could be described as a real marvel of nature. Some octopi release a cloud of black ink into the water and hide in it. Other octopi are cleverer. Instead of hiding inside the ink cloud, they release it in one direction and scurry away in another direction, leaving the predator with nothing but a mouthful of ink. In addition to confusing predators' sense of sight, these ink clouds also confuse their sense of smell. If an octopus cannot be seen or smelled, it obviously has a much higher chance of escaping an attack.

There are two other devices the octopi use to defend themselves. Some varieties of octopi have the ability to change their skin to the colour and texture of seaweed or coral allowing them to blend it with their environment. And some octopi can shed a limb and regrow it later as a lizard can regrow its tail. If a predator catches a tentacle, the octopus

6. Write the meaning and use the following idioms in your own sentences: [1x5=5]

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| i. turn a deaf ear | ii. tooth and nail |
| iii. with open arms | iv. rat race |
| v. keep an eye on | |

7. Name the figure of speech in the following: [1x5=5]

- i. I came, I saw, I conquered
- ii. Variety is the spice of life.
- iii. Opportunity knocks at the door but once.
- iv. Life is bitter sweet.
- v. I saw a saw that could not saw.

8. Pick out the Adjectives in the following sentences and classify them. [1x5=5]

- i. Nancy is more intelligent than any other girl in the class.
- ii. Jacob is taller than Robinson, but Robinson is the strongest of all.
- iii. He has no hope.
- iv. It is a long journey to Delhi.
- v. Iron is more useful than any metal.

9. Turn the following sentence in the indirect speech. [1x5=5]

- i. The doctor said, "If you take this medicine regularly you will soon get well".
- ii. The mother said to her daughter "Do you know where Akshay is?"
- iii. He said "Let me go".
- iv. He said "May you live long!"
- v. He said to me "Why did you strike him?"

sheds it immediately, frees itself and swims away. Of course it grows another tentacle later to replace the lost one. Isn't that interesting?

Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage [3]

Prickles / Predator / Seaweed

b. Answers the following question briefly in your own words

- i. How does a porcupine fish defend itself in danger? [2]
- ii. What is common to a chameleon and some octopi? [2]
- iii. Describe the defence mechanism of a pangolin? [2]
- iv. How some octopi use the cloud of mucus?

c. In not more than 50 words summarise the passage. [8]

5. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instruction given after that may be necessary. [1x10=10]

- i. As soon as the chief guest had arrived the play began (Begin No sooner....)
- ii. He is the best student in the class. (use better instead of best)
- iii. He is too weak to stand up without help (Use: So.....that)
- iv. He can do this work (change into interrogative)
- v. Is not virtue its own reward (Change in to Assertive)
- vi. The teacher is too weak to control the class (Remove the Adverb 'too')
- vii. Mumbai is one of the richest towns in India. (Change into positive)
- viii. His conduct displeased his mother. (Change in Passive Voice)
- ix. He is so short that he cannot be a soldier. (Rewrite using the adverb 'too')
- x. This coffee is too cold for me. (Remove too)