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CLASS VIII

Model Test Paper- 2019-2020

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ENGLISH

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## SECTION-A (READING)

A.1. Read the following passage carefully:

### Water

Water is one of the most precious gifts of nature. It is impossible to survive without it. Human beings do not understand its values. Scientists have predicted that in the years to come more than half of the population will live on absolute water scarcity.

All of us must take a pledge to save water. Every year 'World Water Day' is celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The day focuses on the importance of fresh water and advocates for sustainable management of water resources. Every drop of water must be preserved. We can conserve water in ponds and tanks. Rainwater harvesting can be done. We should try our best to use water cautiously.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions: [5]

(a) What will happen in the near future, according to scientist's prediction?

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(b) What is the significance of 'World Water Day'?

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(c) How do you think we can conserve water?

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(d) Which word in the passage means 'to save enough for the future'?

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(e) Mention two more such precious gifts of nature.

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**A.2. Read the passage carefully and complete the following sentences based on it:**

Indian festivals are a testimony to India's rich cultural background. Every festival is celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country. India is home to several ethnic and religious groups, which speak different languages, follow different traditions and perform varied rituals. Hence there is a multitude of festivals that are celebrated all across the nation.

There are a few festivals, which are celebrated with immense fervor in certain parts of the country. Makar Sankranti is one of the most auspicious days for the people belonging to the Hindu sect. On this day, several people take a dip in the holy water of the river Ganges. People in Gujarat celebrate this festival by flying kites. Pongal is celebrated with a lot of gaiety in the southern part of the country. The devotees of Lord Shiva keep a fast on Maha Shivratri and chant prayers the whole day.

**2.1. Complete the sentences:** **[4]**

(a) We have a huge diversity of festivals in India as

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) In Gujarat, \_\_\_\_\_ by flying kites.

(c) The devotees of Lord Shiva \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate Maha Shivratri.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ - word in the passage is the antonym of 'seriousness'.

**2.2. Write one word from the passage that means the same:** **[1]**

(a) proof / evidence \_\_\_\_\_ (b) large number \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION - B** **GRAMMAR**

**B.1. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences:** **[4]**

(a) major / the / of / are / South Indian states / producers / in / coffee / India

(b) parts / many / coffee / popular / in / world / the / is / very / of

(c) instant coffee / grind / to make / the beans / manufacturers

(d) brew / they / mixture / percolators / then / in / the

**B.2. Complete the paragraph using the suitable form of the verb given in bracket.** **[3]**

Cheese is a food (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (derive) from milk and is produced in a wide range of flavours, textures and forms in coagulation of the milk protein. It (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (comprise) of protein and fat from milk, usually the milk of cows or buffalo. Cheese (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (contain) a host of nutrients like calcium, protein, phosphorous, zinc, vitamin A and vitamin B12. Dairy products represent a perfect source of nutrients for bone health.

**B.3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Correct the incorrect word in the space given below. One example is done for you. [4]**

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| Two firemen were killed where two others were     | where     | while     |
| injured after the cylinder blew on. This happened | (a) _____ | (a) _____ |
| during their attempt to entering a shop where the | (b) _____ | (b) _____ |
| fire were reported on Friday morning. The two     | (c) _____ | (c) _____ |
| firemen, which were in their 40s, were thrown     | (d) _____ | (d) _____ |
| aside after one of the four cylinder in the shop  | (e) _____ | (e) _____ |
| caught flames. The other two fireman who suffered | (f) _____ | (f) _____ |
| severe injuries has been admitted into a nearby   | (g) _____ | (g) _____ |
| hospital. These is one of the gruesome accident   | (h) _____ | (h) _____ |
| in the recent years in the city.                  |           |           |

**B.4. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:: [2]**

- (a) Mongooses are a common sight \_\_\_\_\_ (on, in) many parts of Africa.
- (b) If the rattlesnake feels threatened, it coils \_\_\_\_\_ (to, for) bite.
- (c) Some snakes are so poisonous that they can kill a man \_\_\_\_\_ (with, by) just one bite.
- (d) The humps function as storage containers and help camels to survive \_\_\_\_\_ (in, within) deserts.

**B.5. Change the following from Direct Speech to Indirect Speech: [2]**

Gita : When are you going to return my notebook?  
 Hina : Notebook! Which notebook are you talking about?  
 Gita : My science notebook that you took yesterday.  
 Hina : Sorry, it couldn't be with me as I had not come to school yesterday.

Gita asked Hina when (a) \_\_\_\_\_ . Surprised Hina asked  
 Gita which (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gita explained it was her science notebook that she (c) \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Hina clarified it couldn't be with her (d) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Answers:

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