

ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL NO. 3

RAWATBHATA

CLASS 08 - ENGLISH

Post Mid term

Time Allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

Section A

1. **Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow:- (5)** [5]

Food can maintain body and save a life. It can destroy life as well. Proper food serves as medicine, improper food works like poison. A little care about the quality and quantity of food will keep us healthy and happy. If we go about eating all sorts of things, we shall become sick. We take pride in calling ourselves civilized. Being sensible means to know the difference between good and bad, right and wrong. It will not do to become slaves to our tongue or taste. Even cattle, birds and beasts eat only what is best for their body. We mostly eat processed food and refined sugar. We pay heavily for junk food, for Chinese dishes or deep-fried snacks. As a result, we catch diseases. We have drifted away from mother nature. We laugh at the rules of hygiene, healthy diet and the advice of our elders. This has given rise to diabetes. We offer chocolates, cakes, and ice creams too often to our children. We also attend parties or dine out every day. This way we invite obesity and diabetes.

Answer the following questions briefly:- (4 x1 = 4)

- What are the functions of food?
- What is meant by 'improper food'?
- What does civilised life imply?
- Explain: We have drifted away from nature.

Find words from the passage that mean the same as:- (2 x 1/2 = 1)

- being fat
- cleanliness

2. **Read the following poems carefully: (1x5=5)** [5]

I lay in sorrow deep distressed;
My grief a proud man heard,
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kind word.
My sorrow passed I paid him back
The gold he gave to me,
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his charity.
I lay in want and grief, and pain
A poor man passed my way
He bound my head, he gave me bread;
He watched me night and day;

How shall I pay him back again
For all, he did to me?
Oh, gold is great but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.

i. One day the poet was in

- a. trouble
- b. need of money
- c. the need of a friend
- d. depression.

ii. The proud rich man offered the poet

- a. sympathy
- b. money
- c. bread
- d. tea.

iii. The poet was in a fix because

- a. he didn't know how to pay back to the proud rich man
- b. he didn't know the poor man who served him so much
- c. he wanted to give money to the poor man but he had no money
- d. he didn't know how to pay back to the poor man's service to him.

iv. The poet realized in the last that

- a. the poor man was better than the rich man
- b. sympathy was more valuable than gold
- c. the rich man was better than the poor man
- d. money was the most important thing in the world.

v. The word that means opposite to sorrow is

- a. carelessness
- b. ability
- c. joy
- d. beauty.

3. Tapan Ghosh of Class VIII A is the Secretary of the Holy Christ School Geography Forum. The geography teacher has asked Tapan to put up a notice to invite the students of geography to participate in the Geography Quiz Contest to be held after a fortnight in St Anthony's School. The first prize carries ₹1000 and a Trophy. Write this notice, using not more than 50 words. **[5]**

OR

You are Rohit. Today morning you received a call from Mr. Joseph, your father's friend. Your father was on his morning walk. Mr. Joseph asked you to please convey to your father that he is suffering from fever. He is not in a position to go to the office today. He has asked your father to inform the Managing Director about it by message.

4. You are Sunil Kumar, a resident of B-168 Vijay Vihar. Write a letter to the Accounts Manager of **[5]** State Bank of India for opening a new savings account.

OR

Give below is an outline of the story given in the form of phrases, develop a readable story.

A shepherd boy looked after a flock of sheep___ cried wolf? For fun___ neighbours gathered in a large number___ no wolf___ the boy laughed at them___ one day wolf really came___ the boy cried for help___ neighbours did not believe him___ the wolf killed the boy and his sheep.

5. **There is one error in each line. Point out the errors and make corrections. Also, underline the correct words. The first one has been done for you.** [5]

		Incorrect	Correct
Theophil Eshley was an artist of	e.g.	of	by
profession. He is very good at his	(a)	_____	_____
work, and could painted any	(b)	_____	_____
subject he could think from,	(c)	_____	_____
but circumstances have forced him	(d)	_____	_____
to specialise to pictures of cows.	(e)	_____	_____

6. **Fill in the following blanks with correct tense of the verbs given in brackets:** [5]

- i. Thousands of people _____ their lives in the earthquake. (lose)
- ii. Gangu _____ ten rupees from me. (borrow)
- iii. When _____ you _____ from Allahabad? (return)
- iv. I _____ to her house on foot. (go)
- v. A thief _____ into our garage last night. (break)

7. **Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:** [6]

- a) How did Jody take care of the fawn?
- b) What surprise did Ranji discover after a month in Rajpur?
- c) Sum up the main ideas of the author's Monsoon Diary in about 100 words.
- d) Where was the Duck's home and what was her deep desire?

8. **Answer Any one of the Following** [4]

- a) Did Kanga consider Hawking brave? How?
- b) Give details of the fight that took place between Ranji and Suraj.