

Atomic Energy Education Society
Annual Examination-2019-20

Class : VIII

Time : 3 Hours

Subject : English

Marks : 80

General Instructions:

(i) The question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A –Reading	20 marks
Section B- Writing	20 marks
Section C- Grammar	15 marks
Section D- Literature	25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section should be attempted in the correct order.

(v) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.

(vi) Don't write anything in the question paper.

SECTION A: READING**20 Marks****Q.1 Read the following passage carefully:**

Smiles are good for your health. Studies in the USA have shown that when you smile your heart rate slows down, your blood pressure goes down and the body begins to relax. This happens whether you are feeling happy or not. In fact, if you are feeling unhappy, the simple act of smiling is the first step of feeling better.

A smile makes you attractive. According to American dentists Melvin and Elaine Denholtz, an attractive smile should show most of the upper teeth, at least two third of the length, just the tips of the lower teeth.

When you smile a real smile, two things happen to your face: your lips move towards your cheeks and your cheeks themselves go up and gather in the skin around the eyes. And a real smile will usually only last for up to four seconds. False smiles are seen on the faces of politicians who have just lost an election and door to door salesmen who fake they're happy to see you. False smiles usually appear slightly too early or too late, and they tend to go on for too long.

But if you really want to know if a smile is real or false, look at the eyes. They brighten up. In a false smile they don't change- however much the person has practiced smiling.

Answer the following questions on the basis of your understanding of the above passage. (8x1=8)

- Why is a smile good for health?
- What is the characteristic of a real smile?
- What should you do if you are feeling unhappy?
- What positive physical effect does a smile have?

- e) What do American dentists Melvin and Elaine Denholtz say about 'smile'?
- f) Who are the people who usually put on a false smile?
- g) How can we judge a genuine smile?
- h) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 x 2=8m)

The Green Mamba

1. Oh! Those snakes! How I hated them! They were the only fearful things about Tangyanika, and a newcomer, very quickly learnt to identify most of them and to know which were deadly and which were simply poisonous. The killers apart from the black mambas were the green mambas, the cobras and the tiny little puff adders that looked very much like small sticks lying motionless in the middle of a dusty path and so easy to step on.
2. One evening I was invited to go and have tea at the house of an Englishman called Fuller who worked in the Customs office in Dar es Salaam. He lived with his wife and two small children in a plain white wooden house that stood alone some way back from the road in a rough grassy piece of ground with coconut trees scattered about. I was walking across the grass towards the house and was about twenty yards away when I saw a large green snake go gliding up the veranda steps to Fuller's house and go in through the open front door. The brilliant yellow green skin and its great size made me certain it was a green mamba, and for a few seconds I was so startled and dumbfounded and horrified that I froze to the spot. Then I pulled myself together and ran round to the back of the house shouting, 'Mr Fuller! Mr Fuller!'
3. Mrs Fuller popped up her head out of an upstairs window, 'What on earth's the matter?' she said. 'You've got a large green mamba in your front room,' I said, 'I saw it go up the veranda steps and right in through the door!'
4. I heard Mrs Fuller call out to her husband and in a moment his red face appeared at the window beside his wife's. I told him about the snake. Without much questions and hesitation he said, 'Stay there, and prop up that ladder and I'm going to lower down the children to you one at a time.' He was completely unruffled. He didn't even raise his voice. With everyone out of the house he said he would fetch the 'snake-man'. He trotted away, got into his small ancient black car and drove off.

(*The Green Mamba' from – Going Solo' by- Roald Dahl)

2.1 Now answer the questions briefly:

(4 X 2=8m)

- What did any newcomer learn quickly?
- Who had invited the author and for what?
- What did the author see as he had neared the house?
- How did the author react to what he had seen?

2.2 . Answer the following in a few words or phrases:

(4 X 1=4m)

- The snake that was easy to step on was
- The snake was a green mamba for sure because.....
- Identify the word in para 2 that means 'spread out'
- Identify the word in para 4 that means 'relaxed'

SECTION B: WRITING (20 Marks)

3. Use the following information provided in the box below and write a short bio-sketch of Mother Teresa. (4)

Mother Teresa

- **Birth-** 27 August 1910 of Albanian parents in Skopje
- **Real Name:** Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu
- **1928-** joined convent in Ireland: 18 years old
- **1929-** sent to Darjeeling, India
- **1931-** Began teaching at Kolkata Girls' School.
- **1948-** Left teaching to work among the poor in slums of Kolkata
- **1950-1996-** Worked for the downtrodden and sick destitute
- **1979-** Awarded Nobel Prize
- **Death:-** 5 September 1997

OR

Read the following telephone conversation and write the message that Rama leaves for Mr. Debu, her employer, using not more than 50 words.

Murli: Hello, This is Murli from Madras. May I speak to Mr. Debu please?

Rama: Mr. Debu is not in at the moment. May I take the message for him?

Murli: Please convey my thanks to him. I have just received the encyclopaedia I ordered.

The payment would reach him tomorrow. I would also like some information on the latest reference book on Geography.

Rama: I'll make sure he gets that message, Mr. Murli.

Murli: Thank you.

4. You read about the ban on 'plastic bags' in the newspaper. You are very happy with its implementation in the country. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily praising the ban and expressing your views on the ban of plastic bags. (80- 100 words) (6)
5. On the basis of the given outline write a story in your own words (i.e. about 120-150 words) and give a suitable title. (10)

Elephant in a village..... went for a bath to the river everyday passed a tailor's shop tailor gave him something to eat everyday one day tailor has a fight with a customer..... pricks elephant's trunk with a needle instead of giving him food..... Elephant fills water in his trunk Spoils tailor's stitched clothes.....tailor felt sorry..... moral.

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

6. The following passage has not been edited. Identify the mistakes and write down both the errors and the corrections in your answer sheet. Use the right question numbers. (6 x ½ =3m)

	is correct	correct
Hockey player Vivek Prasad say winning the 'Rising star of the Year' award won't push him to work hard and achieve greater feats on the coming years. The 17 year old was gave the opportunity to represent India in several tournament. He feels very happy to be a part of the Indian team. He want to maintain focus and bring laurels to the country. He score India's opening goal against world champions Belgium on February 9 th .	ex: say	says
(a) .....	.....	.....
(b) .....	.....	.....
(c) .....	.....	.....
(d) .....	.....	.....
(e) .....	.....	.....
(f) .....	.....	.....
	X	X

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

7. Do as directed. (4 Marks)

a. Pick out the verbs in the following sentences and mention whether they are transitive or intransitive.

i) The fawn lifted its nose. ii) He walked all day.

b. Complete the following sentence using right form of the adjective given in the brackets.

i) My friend has one of the _____ cars on the road. (fast)

c. Complete the following sentence using the appropriate form of the verb in the brackets.

i) If it _____ (rain) today, we shall not go to play.

d. Write the noun forms of the following words.

i) enormous ii) pleasant

8. The words in the following sentences are not ordered correctly. Reorder them to form meaningful sentences: (4 X 1=4m)
- be / daytime / indoors / summer / it is / during the / in better to
 - water / or / buttermilk / of / drink / plenty
 - as they / avoid / don't contain / cool drinks / nutrition / drinking
 - when / the day / cap / an umbrella / you go out / or carry / during / wear a

9. Read the following conversation and change the narration from direct to indirect speech and fill in the blanks. (4×1=4)

Mother: Why are you looking so pale? Are you alright?

Daughter: I have not eaten anything since morning.

Mother: What is the matter?

Daughter: I lost my bottle.

Mother: You should have told me this earlier.

Mother asked her daughter (a) _____ and whether she was alright. The daughter replied that (b) _____. Mother asked her daughter what the matter was. The daughter replied that (c) _____. The mother told her that (d) _____ that earlier.

SECTION D: LITERATURE (25 Marks)

10. Read the extract from the poem given below and answer the questions that follow: (4 x1=4m)

'The poetry of earth is never dead:

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,

And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run.....'

- Identify the poem and the poet of the above lines.
- What is the poetry of earth?
- Why do the birds 'faint' in the above lines?
- Whose voice will run?

11. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. 4×1=4

"But I'm afraid to leave you, boy. Suppose you got lost or got bitten by the snake, too?"

"I'll take care. It might take me a long time to find the fawn, if he's wandered. Leave me off right here."

- Who is 'I' in the first line?
- Who is the 'boy' here?
- Why is the speaker afraid to leave the boy there in the first line?
- Why did they come there?

12. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (4×2=8)

1. The writer expresses his great gratitude to Stephen Hawking. What is the gratitude for?
2. Why did the grandmother ask children not to kill the *Chuchunda*? How did it prove correct in case of the author?
3. What was the story attributed to the Great Stone Face?
4. What made the poet proclaim Ernest was the Stone Face?
5. Jody didn't want Mill-wheel with him for two reasons. What were they?

13. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2×2=4)

- 1) In what way is the forest pool different from the one which Ravi knew in his village?
- 2) When it is time to pay the fees after he spent money on jalebis, what does the boy do? How is he disobeying the elders by doing so?
- 3) Did Sir John buy Christmas presents on December 15? How did Duttada know about it?

14. Answer the following questions. (5×1=5)

- a) Being disabled Stephen Hawking was an embodiment of the bravest soul to be successful and happy in life. Justify.

OR

- b) Is fighting the only way to resolve conflicts? What else can be done? Draw ideas from the unit '*Fight*' and express your views in a paragraph in 50-70 words.
