



**JKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, VIJAY NAGAR
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION-(2019-2020)**



CLASS VIII- ENGLISH- BLUE PRINT & SAMPLE PAPER

Time: 3 Hrs

M.M:-80

BLUE PRINT:

	Reading (Section-A): Unseen passages	Marks 8+7=15
	Writing + Grammar (Section B+C): Letter writing/Report writing Article Writing/Diary entry, Story writing, Tenses, Conjunctions, Editing/Omission, Adjectives, Active/Passive	38
L.No. 2 L.No. 4 L.No. 5	Literature (Section-D) C.B: The Tsunami, Bepin Choudhary' Lapse Memory, The Summit Within Poems : Macavity- The Mystery Cat, The School Boy	22
	General Awareness	5

Variation in marks due to internal choices will be there.*

Section-A (READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

Preparations had begun for our annual school day. Two plays were to be staged. The senior section was to enact Merchant of Venice and junior section, The story of Rama. I was hoping with all my heart that the drama teacher would include me in the cast. I had never acted in a play, but was sure that, once on stage, I would give an excellent performance.

Radhika, the prettiest girl in our class, would certainly get Sita's role. since I was shorter than Radhika and had a shrill voice, I could not hope to be Rama, but I wouldn't mind being Rama's brother Lakshmana, I decided. I went round for a few days, imagining myself on the stage with a bow and arrow slung on my shoulders, giving an excellent performance as Lakshmana. How my surprised my parents would be ! I could almost hear my father saying, "Imagine we had such a gifted daughter and we didn't even realize it."

I was terribly disappointed when the drama teacher smiled and said, "I have a role for you. you'll be one of the monkeys in the Vanar sena." " Can't I at least get the role of Hanuman?" asked timidly. " No, your voice is too shrill," was the teacher's reply.

Complete the sentences on the basis of your reading:

- The senior section had to stage _____ whereas the junior section was going to enact _____
- The writer had never acted in a play, still she was hopeful that _____
- She couldn't hope to get the role of Rama as _____
- She had hoped to get _____
- She was terribly disappointed because _____
- She was denied even the role of Hanuman because of _____
- She finally got the _____

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(7)

I had been sitting on the bank of a small canal, looking at a couple of herons fishing in muddy water, when I felt my elbow nudged. Looking around, I found at my side a little goat, jet black and soft as velvet, with pretty grey eyes. Neither her owner nor her mother was around.

As she continued to nudge me, I looked in my pockets for some titbit, and finding a ginger biscuit, held it out to her. She ate it with pleasure, and then sat down beside me and began nibbling at the grass.

A little later I got up to leave. The goat rose too. "Go home!" I said, as she danced around me. But home, it seemed, was on the other side of the river bed, and she followed me to its bank.

It was obvious that her thin legs would not stand up to the current, so I took her in my arms and carried her across the stream. When I set her down, hoping she would now find her way home, she remained beside me, rubbing her warm body against my legs.

I set out for home at a quick pace, feeling sure that I would soon leave the young one behind. But her legs were stronger than I had supposed. She came along at hop, skip and a jump, right up to the gate of our house. There was nothing I could do but carry her in from the gate and present her to Grandfather.

Complete the sentences on the basis of your reading:

- a) The little goat nudged the boy when_____
- b) The boy offered a ginger biscuit to the little goat as she_____
- c) The boy carried the little goat across in his arms because_____
- d) After crossing the stream the boy had hoped that_____
- e) He started walking home at a quick speed as he believed that_____
- f) When he couldn't get rid of the little goat, he decided to_____
- g) Write the synonym of: nudge, nibble

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- 3. Write a letter to your younger sister advising her to be diligent at her studies and to not neglect her studies any more. (8)**

OR

Your school organised a free health check-up camp for the students of your school during winter break. Well known physicians were invited on this occasion. You are Sumit Sachdeva, the school headboy. Mention the date, the number of students got checked-up, write a report in about 100 words.

- 4. You are judged the best budding poet of your school. Your poem was widely cheered. You felt elated. Express your feelings in a page. Write diary. (8)**

OR

Write an article in about 120 words on Child Labour. Suggest some ways to curb this menace.

- 5. Complete the story below on the basis of the hints given below:(8)**

Two friends--- goes on a journey --- promise to help each other --- pass through forest--- one sees a bear --- becomes afraid --- climbs a tree --- other lies down and saves his life.

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- 6. Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of verb given in the bracket. (4)**

- a. He _____(prepare) his speech by tuesday.(Future Perfect Continuous)
- b. He _____(play) in the ground before it started raining(Past Perfect negative Continuous)

- c. The traffic police _____ (declare) a heavy penalty for those who violate traffic rules. (Present Perfect)
- d. _____ I _____ (attend)the meeting tomorrow? (Simple Future)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the Correct and Incorrect word in the given space. Also underline the incorrect word (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Anger is a fact for life. Everyone	_____	_____
experiences this emotion from time and	_____	_____
time. When anger is control it does not	_____	_____
harm anyone. Uncontrolled but selfish	_____	_____
anger distroyed everything. If you	_____	_____
have to understand somebody character,	_____	_____
find out what makes him anger.	_____	_____
Anger is not always a sign of	_____	_____
strength. It make a person look childish.	_____	_____

8. Fill in the blank with the suitable adjectives indicated in the brackets (3)

- a. His _____ cry disturbed everyone. (Quality).
- B. I don't have _____ milk to drink. (Quantity)
- c. _____ diary is not updated. (Possessive)

9. Change the voice of the following sentences from Active to Passive (3)

- a. How did he solve the problem?
- b. She was buying postcard.
- c. Children had drawn beautiful paintings.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

10. Answer the following questions briefly. (Any 6) (2x6=12)

- a. What did Ignacious do with his television ?
- b. Why would Bepin Babu go to Kalicharan's?
- c. What are the three qualities that played a major role in the author's (H.P.S Ahuwalia) climb?
- d. Where is Yala National Park? What animals can you see there ?
- e. Where did Bepin Babu say he went in October '58?
- f. Why was Almas traumatised?
- g. Who was Chunilal? What did he want from Bepin Babu?
- h. What did the dogs in Galle do?

11. Answer any one (1) of the following questions in a descriptive manner. (3)

- a. What were the "symbols of reverences" left by the members of the team on everest?
- b. Who was Sanjeev and how did he sacrifice his life?

12. Reading the poem lines given below and answer the questions . (4)

"but to go to school in a summer morn,
 O! it drives all joy away;
 under a cruel eye outworn,
 the little ones spend the day,
 In sighing and dismay.

- a. What is the cause of child's fear?
- b. What is the poem written about?
- c. Who is the speaker in the poem?
- d. Who is the poet of the poem?

13. Read the extract below and answer the questions (3)

“ The Smith family from South-East England were celebrating Christmas at a beach resort in southern Thailand. It was December 2004 when tsunami struck Phuket beach in Thailand. They had been triggered a massive earthquake off northern Sumatra earlier at morning “

Questions:

- a) On which date tsunami hit the Thailand?
- b) Name the beach which was hit by tsunami?
- c) How old was Tilly Smith?

14. General Awareness (5)