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Class-VIII, Subject: English

Time: 3 hrs.

M.M.100

(Part-A)

Q.1 Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

Finally, he decided that he really wanted to be a dog. All that day, he ran around on all fours, barking at strangers . He even tried to bite an elderly lady when she wanted to pat his head. Little Daddy learned very well how to bark, but he couldn't learn how to scratch behind his ear with his foot though he tried very hard. He thought that if he went outside and sat next to Rover, he'd learn more quickly. That's exactly what he did.

1. What did little Daddy finally decide to do ?
2. What did little Daddy learn very well ?
3. **Choose true and false statements and write them in your answer-book :**
 - a) Finally, little Daddy decided to have a pet dog.
 - b) Little Daddy went outside and sat next to Rover.
4. **Complete the following sentences according to the meaning of the passage :**
 - a) Little Daddy tried to bite an elderly lady when -----
 - b) Daddy thought that if he sat next to Rover -----
5. **Write the meaning of the following words in English (any two) (10)**
 - i) scratch
 - ii) strangers
 - iii) quickly

ii) Rubber was called rubber because at first its chief use was for rubbing out pencil marks. We still use it for that purpose in our daily life. It was called Indian rubber because it was found in the first instance, by Europeans in the West Indies. It is said that Columbus the discoverer of America, saw the Indians as he called them, of these Islands playing will balls. They were made of rubber. Rubber is juice of certain trees. This juice oozes out like gum, then dries and becomes solid. But though solid it remains soft and pliable. The trees from which rubber is obtained grow chiefly in South America and Central Africa.

 - a) How did rubber get its name ?
 - b) Why was it called Indian rubber ?
 - c) How is rubber obtained from rubber trees ?
 - d) Where are the rubber trees chiefly grown ?
 - e) Pick out words from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following words
 - i) dead
 - ii) liquid

Q.2 a) Answer any three of the following questions in 20-25 words (each) :

- i) How did monkey and crocodile become friends ?
 - ii) Who was Gopal ?
 - iii) What were the three questions ?
 - iv) When is the National Anthem sung ?
 - v) What did Kansa do to his sister ?
- (3×3=9)

b) Answer any two of the following questions :

- i) What is the central idea of the poem, 'True Growth' ?
- ii) Why does the poet repeat the words 'Give me the strength' in the poem 'This is My Prayer to Thee'.
- iii) What did the father ask Lucy to do on a stormy night ? (2×3=6)

Q.3 a) Use any five of the following words / phrases in sentences of your own :

puzzled, a good shot, get the better of, certain, look after, kindled, atrocity, strange. (5×1=5)

b) Fill in the blanks with the words given in the list :

hoisted, agility, vital, documents, imbibe, first.

1. Lord Buddha delivered his -----sermon at Sarnath.
2. We should do our best to ----- the qualities of truth and honesty.
3. Important official ----- carry the print of the National Emblem.
4. Our Principal ----- the Tricolour in our school compound on the Republic Day.
5. The Tiger is known for its ----- . (5×1=5)

Q.4 Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow :

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold, And to the presence in the room he said, "What writest thou ? --- The vision raised its head, And with a look made of all sweet accord, Answer'd, "The names of those who love the Lord."

1. What had made Abou bold ?
2. What was the angel's reply to Abou's questions ?

OR

No mate, no comrade, Lucy knew :
She dwelt on a wide moor,
The sweetest thing that ever grew
Beside a human door !

(2×2½=5)

1. Where did Lucy Gray live ?
2. Had she any companion to play with ?

(Part-B)

Q.5 Do as directed :

i) Name the part of speech of the underlined words : (any two) (2)

- a) India is a great country.
- b) Jim and Seema are good friends.
- c) He works carefully.

ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (2)

- a) My grandfather is hard hearing.
- b) A burglar broke our house last night.

iii) Put the correct verb in the blanks : (2)

- a) All the players in my team done well. (has, have)
- b) Oil and water mix. (does not, do not)
- c) One of my friends the owner of this factory. (is, are)

- iv) **Fill in the blanks with 'much, many, some, any.** (3)
- Will you please give me water ?
 - He did not make mistakes in the essay.
 - He did not have milk.
- v) **Combine together the following pairs of sentences by means of Relative pronouns given in the brackets.** (1)
- I met a girl. She was very honest. (Who)
 - I do not go to that place now. I was born there. (where)
- vi) **Fill in the blanks with the comparative and superlative degree of the adjectives given in the brackets :** (2)
- This is the book I have ever read. (good)
 - This dress is than that. (costly)
- vii) **Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners :** (2)
- His parents would refuse to buy him flowers.
 - It was daring idea.
- (viii) a) He has done wrong. (change into Interrogative)
- b) Play the game nicely. (change into Negative) (2)
- ix) **Conjugate the following : (any two)** (2)
- bet, lose, feed.
- x) a) The bride was less of sixteen. (change the gender of nouns)
- b) Her tooth is aching. (change the number of nouns and pronouns) (2)

Q.6 Suppose you are Rajesh Sharma studying IX-A at Arya High School, Batala. You are a poor student. You can't pay your fees. Write an application to your Headmaster requesting him to grant you full fee concession.

OR

Suppose you are Ravinder. You live at 38-Manvata Park, Hoshiarpur. Invite your friend to come to your birthday party. (6)

Q.7 Attempt any two of the following : (6×2=12)

- You have found a purse lying in one of the lawns of your school. Write a notice asking the owner of the purse to contact you.
- Write a telegram to your father for sending you some money.
- Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 10-15 words.
Manmohan calls for reforms in education.

Q.8 Attempt any two of the following in 80-100 words each :

Describe on the basis of the hints given 'An Indian Farmer'.

Hints : India..... a land of villages.....farmers are the back bone of the country..... the Indian farmer.....a simple but useful person.....rise, before sunrise.....carries the plough and other implements..... a pair of bullocks..... reaches the fields.....works in all weathers and seasons..... little rest..... his wife brings lunch for him at noon..... works till evening..... returns home.

b) Complete the following paragraph :

Last Sunday, I got up early in the morning, I changed my clothes and went out for a walk.
I called on my friend on the way. We both went to the canal

c) Suppose a friend of yours wants to know your school library. The answers you gave are given below. Complete the dialogue by writing questions your friend asked.

Q.1

Ans. Yes, our school has a big library.

Q.2

Ans. It has three sections- Punjabi, Hindi and English.

Q.3

Ans. Mr. Dharam Singh is its incharge.

Q.4

Ans. There are fifteen big steel almirahs in the library.

Q.5

Ans. There are more than six thousand books in the library.

Q.6

Ans. We can take out only one book at a time.

(6×2=12)