

DWARKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SEC-12, DWARKA, NEW DELHI
CLASS-VIII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
SAMPLE PAPER
FINAL EXAMINATION

M.M.: 80
Time: 3hrs

General Instructions:

- The question paper is divided into three sections.
- All questions are compulsory.
- The marks have been assigned against each question.
- The handwriting should be neat and clean.

Section A: Reading	20 Marks
Section B: Writing & Grammar	30 Marks
Section C: Literature	30 Marks

SECTION – A (READING) (20M)

Q1. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

1. The Corbett National Park, which is 290 km north east of Delhi, in the Central Himalayan foothills, was established in 1936. It was originally called Halley National Park but was renamed in 1957 after the renowned naturalist and legendary hunter Jim Corbett of the Maneaters of Kumaon fame.
2. The entry to the park is through three manned points.
3. The varied topography and vegetation gives Corbett Park a rich and diverse natural beauty. Flat valleys are interspersed with hilly ridges. Ravines, plateaus, marshy depressions and grasslands provide natural heavens or one can say heavens.
4. The reserve is widely known for the Bengal tiger and Asiatic elephant. Leopards are found in the hilly terrain and sloth bears in the lower regions. The jackal, wild boar, langur, Rhesus monkey, cheetah, sambhar, spotted deer, hog deer, jungle cat all are abundant. One can spot the gharial and the marsh crocodile along the river. The Indian python, viper, king cobra and krait also reside here. There are about 600 recorded species of birds, such as pelicans, herons, egrets, storks, lapwings, falcons, eagles, buzzards, owls, vultures, parakeets, pheasants, partridges, etc.
5. Smell the sal and the shisham but inhale gently- city lungs are not used to such fresh, clean air. Trail the tiger, lose track of time. Unwind in the unspoiled uplands. Discover wildlife, watch the woods, and wake up to the birds warbling. Get bedazzled by the beauty and the beast. Soak up the stillness, serenade your senses, savour the serenity, shake away your stress. Experience the magical therapeutic effect of wilderness-it is meditation with your eyes wide open. If animals or plants could speak, their message to mankind would be: 'This jungle is better than the concrete one you live in. Will you please let it be?'

A. Complete the following sentences by choosing the best word from the option given below. (4)

1. The reserve is widely known for the _____ and _____.
- a) monkey; bear b) crocodiles; apes
c) jungle cats; jackal d) Bengal tiger; Asiatic Elephant

2. One can smell the _____ and _____ trees.

- a) neem; banyan b) sal; shisham
c) oak; sal d) jamun; sheesham

3. _____ are found in the hilly regions and _____ in the lower regions.

- a) wild boar; langur b) cheetal; sambhar
c) python; king cobra d) leopards; sloth bears

4.) One can spot the _____ and the _____ along the river.

- a) hog deer; jungle cat b) leopards ; seals
c) wild boar; monkey d) gharial; marsh crocodile

B. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences. (8)

The Corbett National Park, which is 290km north east of Delhi, was established in (a) _____ and originally called (b) _____ . It was renamed in 1957

after (c) _____ . The entry of the park is (d) _____ .

(e) _____ give Corbett National Park a rich and diverse natural beauty.

(f) _____ provide natural heavens or one can say heavens. People living in the cities are not used to (g) _____ . One can surely experience

(h) _____ in the Corbett National Park.

Q.2. Read the given poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

1. I've been for a ride

In our lovely new car,

Out into the country

Oh, ever so far!

2. It has round silver lamps

And big shiny wings

And a dash board all covered

With dials and things

3. They tell you the speed

And the miles that you go,

And they warn you in time

If the petrol runs slow.

4. The windows won't break

Though they look just like glass,

And the horn says politely,

'Will you please let me pass?'

5. And out on the road

We go sailing along

While the engine just murmurs

A soft sleepy song

6. When we are safe through the town

I have to go fast,

While trees and hedges

Rush dizzily past

7. Or go softly through woods

And narrow deep lanes,

That nobody knows of

Who travels in trains.

8. Then on the way home,
 Though the night may be black,
 The lamps spread before you
 A broad gleaming track.
9. And often you will see
 The bright startled eyes
 Of rabbits and wild things
 You've caught by surprise.
10. Oh, when I'm grown up,
 With a car of my own,
 I'll never be greedy
 And drive all alone.
11. But I'll ask all my friends
 To come riding with me,
 And go right away down
 To the beautiful sea!

A. Read the questions given below and choose the option you consider the most appropriate. (7)

1. The car dials tell _____.
 (a) the miles one goes and the speed (b) the number of cars passed
 (c) time (d) the destination of the driver and riders
2. The poet imagines that he has gone for a ride into the _____.
 a) village b) town
 c) countryside d) forest
3. The lines 'The windows won't break, though they look just like glass' mean they are _____.
 a) inbreakable b) unbreakable
 c) breakable d) tough
4. Car horns are blown to say _____.
 a) block the way b) I'm out of fuel
 c) I can't move ahead d) let me pass
5. When the poet grows up, he will show that he is not greedy by _____.
 a) going all alone in his car b) the wall
 c) taking his friend's for a ride d) not killing rabbits for food
6. The poet returns home when it is _____.
 a) day b) evening
 c) night d) none of the above
7. The poet will ask his friends to go riding with him till the _____.
 a) grasslands b) desert
 c) ocean d) beautiful sea

B. Give a suitable title to the poem. (1)

SECTION-B (WRITING+GRAMMAR) (18+12=30M)

Q3.a) You are Ritika Sharma, the Head Girl of the school. The Principal wants to hold a meeting of all the monitors of the class, in order to give special instructions for the discipline of their classes as the Education Minister is coming on the occasion of the Republic Day celebration in the school the next week. Write the notice in about 50 words.

OR

You are the Secretary of the 'Cultural Club' of your school. The club has decided to organize a tour to visit places of historical importance in Udaipur. Write a notice in about 50 words informing students about the tour. Give all the relevant details. (4)

Q4.a) You are Anjali/Bharat. Write an article on the topic 'Reckless Driving in Youngsters'. You may take help from the clues given below. (4)

- A great nuisance
- Dangerous to the driver and others
- Results in fatal accidents
- Road rules not strictly enforced
- Punishment for rash driving

OR

b) There have been angry outbursts against sharp rise in petroleum products. People have taken to arson and rioting. You are the staff reporter of 'The Hindustan Times' sent to report the incident. Write a report with the help of hints given.

- People gathered in large numbers, slogan rising
- Workers of opposition parties clash with those of the ruling party
- Shouting and brick batting
- Arson and rioting
- Situation calm but tense

Q5. a) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, appealing for help for the victims of Kerala flood. (6)

OR

b) You are Rohan/Rima. Write a letter to the health officer expressing your views on problems caused by street dogs in your colony.

Q6. a) Write out a story using the following outline and give a suitable title for it.
A handsome stag.....grazing in the forest.....feels thirsty.....pond of fresh water....quenches thirst.....admires antlers.....condemn thin legs....hounds swarm....flees for escape....runs to hide....horns stuck up in the branches....stag pulled down....wisdom dawns late. (4)

OR

b) Write an advertisement to make people aware of pollution.

Q7. Do as directed: (4)

a) 'Tell me more about the incident so that we can investigate it properly,' said the policeman to the people. (Change into indirect speech)

b) Lata has lived in New York for twenty years. Change into present perfect Continuous tense)

c) Can they lift this heavy bag? (Change into passive voice)

d) Kolkata is larger than most other seaports of India. (Change into positive degree)

Q8. Complete the following sentences using the correct type of conditional clause. (2)

a) If you tried to do this exercise without an expert's help, _____.

b) If I hit a jackpot, _____.

Q9. In the following passage, there is an error of preposition in each line of the passage. Write the incorrect word and the correction. (2)

Brushing the teeth on regular intervals. (a) _____
bacteria thrive in sweets and do a lot (b) _____
for damage to the teeth. Teeth, a unique (c) _____
gift of nature, should be taken care with (d) _____

Q10. Read the given passage, fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions. (2)

(a) _____ they could argue any further, a traveller, wearing a coat, appeared.
(b) _____ the sun (c) _____ the wind agreed to test their power on him
(d) _____ make him take off his coat.

Q11. Capitalise and punctuate the following sentences. (2)

a) as a brilliant student you must perform better than most of your classmates.
b) how long have you been waiting for steve

SECTION-C (LITERATURE) (30)

Q12. Read the following extract and answer the following questions: (4x1 =4M)

A newspaper is a collection of half-injustices
Which, bawled by boys from mile to mile,
Spreads its curious opinion
To a million merciful and sneering men,

a) What do you think the poet means by half-injustices?
b) Explain: bawled by boys.
c) Why is the opinion of men described as curious?
d) Name the poet of the above given stanza.

Q13. Read the following extract and answer the following questions: (4x1 =4M)

But, despite all this, she exudes an unusual sense of confidence which she has acquired over the years through her experiences, and which is a source of inspiration for others.

a) Who is being referred to here?
b) What does all this refer to?
c) Suggest one word to describe her experiences.
d) Give a synonym for 'exudes'.

Q14. Answer any five questions in about 25-30 words: (5x2 =10M)

1. In the poem 'The Light of Other Days' whom has the poet seen falling? What does he mean by 'fall'?

2. What is the message that the poet wants to convey in this poem 'A Newspaper Is a Collection of Half-Injustices'?

3. Why did Chaplin not want his idea to be disclosed? What measures did he take to keep it a secret?

4. How has Sindhutai been a source of inspiration for others?

5. The blossom turns around all the negative aspects of its existence into positive ones. How does it do that?

6. How is this poem 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa TS' a satire?

Q15. a) Write the summary of the poem 'Hall and Knight'. (1x4=4)

OR

b) Write the summary of the poem 'A newspaper Is a Collection of Half-injustices'.

Q16. a) Who had called Swami an idiot and why? Why did the prospect of being caned please Swami? (1x4=4)

OR

b) What was the incident that affected Sindhutai? What did she realize after she started begging?

Q17.a) Describe some of the things that Red Chief did to annoy Bill. (1x4=4)

OR

b) Describe briefly the boy who was observing Oliver.

