Grade 8 English Model Paper 4

MODEL PAPER

Full marks 50 · 2 hours

Name _____ Class _____ Roll no. _____ Date _____ Marks _____ / 50

All questions are compulsory. Time: 2 hours.

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English: Reading and Writing (Written Test). Candidates are required to give their answers according to the given instructions.

Reading 1 — 5 × 1 = 5

1. Read the given email and complete the sentences using the correct words/phrases. (5 × 1 = 5)

> **From:** Rabina
> **To:** Deepa
> **Subject:** Come to our new house!
> Dear Deepa,
> Guess what? After two years of saving and building, we have finally finished our new house in Tulsipur, and we are having a small party on Saturday, 15 Falgun. My mother is making her famous sel roti, and my cousins will play the madal after lunch.
> Please come! The seven o'clock bus from Ghorahi takes about an hour, and my brother will meet you at the bus park. You don't need to bring anything but a warm jacket, because the evenings are still cold and you can stay the night.
> Please reply by Wednesday, so that my mother knows how much to cook.
> Love,
> Rabina

a. Rabina's family has built a new house in .....

b. The party will be held on Saturday, ...

c. After lunch, Rabina's cousins will play the .....

d. If Deepa takes the bus from Ghorahi, she will reach Tulsipur at about .....

e. Rabina asks Deepa to bring a warm jacket because she expects her to ..... at their house.

Reading 2 — 5 × 1 = 5

2. Read the following instructions and answer the questions. (5 × 1 = 5)

> **Turn Your Kitchen Waste into Compost**
> Vegetable peels don't belong in the rubbish. In a few months, they can become food for your garden.
> 1. Choose a shady corner of your yard, and dig a pit about one meter wide and half a meter deep.
> 2. Put a layer of dry leaves or straw at the bottom.
> 3. Add vegetable and fruit peels, tea leaves and eggshells. Never add meat, plastic or glass.
> 4. Cover the waste with a thin layer of soil, so that flies stay away.
> 5. Keep the pit damp but not wet. In the dry season, pour on a little water.
> 6. Turn the heap with a spade every two weeks, so that air can reach it.
> 7. When the compost is dark and crumbly and smells like earth, it is ready.

a. How deep should the pit be?

b. Why should the waste be covered with soil?

c. Make a list of the three layers that go into the pit, from the bottom to the top.

d. Why do you think plastic must not go into the pit?

e. Is a compost pit a good idea for a family with a small yard? Give a reason.

Reading 3 — 5 × 1 = 5

3. Read the following menu and choose the correct answers. (5 × 1 = 5)

Trishuli View Restaurant, Malekhu

Welcome, travelers! Open every day, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Your bus stops here for twenty minutes, so please order as soon as you sit down. Everything is cooked fresh in our own kitchen.

Food and drink	Price (Rs.)
Breakfast (until 10 a.m.)	
Sel roti with potato curry	120
Omelet with toast	150
Lunch and dinner	
Dal-bhat, vegetarian	300
Dal-bhat with chicken	450
Dal-bhat with fried fish	550
Vegetable momo (10 pieces)	180
Chicken momo (10 pieces)	220
Drinks	
Black tea	30
Milk tea	40
Lassi	100

Please note:
Dal-bhat comes with rice, lentils, two vegetables and pickle. Extra rice and lentils are free.
Children under eight pay half price for any dal-bhat.
Our fish is caught fresh every morning, and it is often finished by the middle of the afternoon.
All prices include tax.

a. You can order sel roti …

(i) until 10 a.m. (ii) only at lunch time.
(iii) after 9 p.m.

b. A plate of chicken momo costs …

(i) Rs. 180. (ii) Rs. 220. (iii) Rs. 450.

c. A father and his six-year-old daughter each eat a vegetarian dal-bhat. Together, they pay …

(i) Rs. 300. (ii) Rs. 600. (iii) Rs. 450.

d. Most of the restaurant's customers are probably …

(i) people on a bus journey. (ii) guests who stay for a week.
(iii) students of a nearby school.

e. A traveler who arrives at seven in the evening and asks for fried fish …

(i) will get it for half price. (ii) may be told that there is none left.
(iii) has to wait until 10 a.m.

Reading 4 — 10 × 1 = 10

4. Read the given autobiography and do the tasks that follow.

My Life at the Wheel

I was born in a village in Nuwakot, the third of five daughters. I left school in Grade 7, and at twenty-two I came to Kathmandu with two small children and no skills at all.

> For three years I washed dishes in a hotel. My hands cracked, and I earned barely enough for rent. Then, one morning, I saw a woman driving a tempo through the traffic. She looked so calm and so free that I followed her to the stand and asked her how she had learned.
> I borrowed Rs. 15,000 from my sister and joined a driving class. The men at the stand mocked me. "Go back to your kitchen," they shouted. On my first day I reversed into a wall, and I cried behind a tree. But an old passenger patted my arm and said, "Daughter, everybody hits a wall once."
> That was fourteen years ago. I cleared my debt in the second year. My son is an electrician now, and my daughter is studying nursing. Last year I bought a tempo of my own, and the men who once laughed at me now ask me to check their brakes.
> Twelve young women have learned to drive in my tempo so far. When they are frightened, I tell them about the wall.
> Sandhya Tamang

A. Match the words from the text in Column A with their meanings in Column B. There is one extra meaning that you do not need. (5 × 1 = 5)

Column A	Column B
a. cracked	i. laughed at someone in an unkind way
b. mocked	ii. drove backward
c. reversed	iii. money that a person owes
d. patted	iv. a person who repairs cars
e. debt	v. broke open in thin lines
	vi. touched gently with the flat of the hand

a. cracked

b. mocked

c. reversed

d. patted

e. debt

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

a. How did Sandhya pay for her driving class?

b. What has happened to each of Sandhya's two children?

c. What did the old passenger mean by "everybody hits a wall once"?

d. Do you think Sandhya is a good teacher for young women? Give a reason.

e. What can a student learn from Sandhya's life? Write one lesson and say why it matters.

Punctuation — 5 marks

5. Identify ten errors in the given paragraph. Rewrite the paragraph by correcting the errors. **[5]**
(10 × 0.5 = 5)

my cousin, nirajan, works in a bakery in bhaktapur. Every day he wakes up at four oclock and lights the oven He bakes bread cakes and biscuits. Have you ever tasted his coconut biscuits. Last saturday i ate five of them, and he laughed at me. What a greedy boy I am

Guided writing — 5 marks

6. Write a story in about 100 words from the following outline. Give it a suitable title. **[5]**

Dawa, a bus conductor, cleans his bus at night --- finds a cloth bag under a seat --- Rs. 80,000 inside --- an old farmer had sold his buffaloes for his daughter's treatment --- Dawa asks the driver about the passengers --- walks to the farmer's village at dawn --- the farmer weeps with joy --- offers a reward --- Dawa only accepts a cup of tea

Free writing — 10 marks

7. Imagine that you got separated from your family in a crowd at a big fair, and were lost for an hour. Write a diary entry of about 150 words about that day. **[10]**

Grammar: reproduction — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

8. Rewrite the given sentences as indicated in the brackets. (5 × 0.5 = 2.5)

a. Manoj said, "I live near the river." (Change into indirect speech.)

b. Yangchen can't ride a bicycle, ...? (Supply a correct tag.)

c. A carpenter repaired the old door. (Change into passive voice.)

d. By the time the rain started, the farmers ..... (finish) the harvest. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.)

e. Simran likes spicy pickle. (Change into a negative sentence.)

Grammar: multiple choice — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

9. Choose and copy the best answer for the numbered blanks below. Rewriting is not compulsory. (5 × 0.5 = 2.5)

> When my aunt was a child, the women of her village (a) ..... (used to fetch, use to fetching, using to fetch) water from a stream an hour away. One spring, an engineer came and looked at the hillside for (b) ..... (a, an, the) hour. Then he got the villagers (c) ..... (to dig, dug, digging) a long trench for a pipe. (d) ..... (Although, Because, So) the ground was very hard, they finished the work in just a week. Now there is a tap at the village square and a strict rule beside it: everyone (e) ..... (must, might, could have) close the tap after use.

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(i) Although (ii) Because (iii) So

e. There is a strict rule: everyone ..... close the tap after use.
(i) must (ii) might (iii) could have