Grade 8 English Model Paper 5

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 diary entry and answer the questions. (5 × 1 = 5)

> **9 Jestha**
> Dear Diary,
> Aama had a fever today, so I cooked dinner for the first time in my life. How hard can it be, I thought. I put the rice on the fire and went to help my little brother with his homework. Ten minutes later, a terrible smell filled the house. The bottom of the rice had turned black! I saved what I could. Then I made lentils that tasted of nothing but salt.
> Baba ate every grain and said it was delicious, but he drank three glasses of water afterward. Aama smiled from her bed.
> Tomorrow I will try again, and this time I will stay beside the pot.
> Ritu

a. Why did Ritu cook dinner?

b. What did Ritu do while the rice was cooking?

c. Write the two things that went wrong with Ritu's dinner.

d. Why do you think Baba drank three glasses of water?

e. Was Baba right to say that the dinner was delicious? Give a reason.

Reading 2

5 × 1 = 5

2. Read the given announcement and write whether the given statements are true or false. (5 × 1 = 5)

> **Free Eye Camp**
> Attention, please! This is an important announcement from the Ward Office to everyone in Ward No. 6.
> A free eye camp will be held at Shree Himali Basic School on Friday, 19 Bhadra, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Three eye doctors are coming from Pokhara, and they will check everyone who comes, without any charge. They can see only 300 people in one day, so please come early.
> If you already wear glasses, bring them with you. Older people and people who can't walk far will be seen first. Anyone who needs an operation will be taken to the hospital by bus the following Sunday, also free of charge.
> Thank you. Please tell your neighbors.

a. The camp will be held at a school.

b. Each person must pay a small fee to see a doctor.

c. People who wear glasses should bring them to the camp.

d. Patients who need an operation will have it at the school on Friday.

e. A person who reaches the camp at three in the afternoon may not be seen.

Reading 3

5 × 1 = 5

3. Read the given chart and complete the sentences using the correct words/numbers. (5 × 1 = 5)

What Is in Your Tiffin Box?

Last month, the Health Club of Shree Bhawani Basic School, Gulmi, asked 120 students of Grades 6 to 8 one question: "What did you bring for tiffin today?" The chart shows their answers. Each block stands for four students.

Tiffin	Number	Chart
Instant noodles	48	■■■■■■■■■■■■
Beaten rice	28	■■■■■■■
Roti or sel roti	24	■■■■■■
Fruit	12	■■■
Nothing	8	■■

Club members were surprised by the results. Eight students had brought nothing at all, and most of them said that they had no time in the morning. Their school has a guava tree and a mango tree, but very few students bring fruit. The members have now put the chart on the notice board, and they have written a short note for parents. Next month, they will ask the same question again to see whether the note has made any difference.

a. The Health Club asked ..... students about their tiffin.

b. The most common tiffin was .....

c. Together, ... students brought either fruit or nothing.

d. The Health Club hopes that, after the note, more students will bring ..... for tiffin.

e. If next month's answers are the same as this month's, the club will know that its ..... has made no difference.

Reading 4 — 10 × 1 = 10

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

The Girl from the Hills of Bhojpur

Mira Rai was born on 31 December 1988 in a remote village in Bhojpur, in the east of Nepal. Her family lived by farming and struggled to meet their everyday needs. When she was twelve, she left school, because her family could not pay for it and needed her help at home. Day after day, she walked up and down the hills to collect water and to go to the market.

As a young woman, she traveled to Kathmandu to learn karate and to run. One morning, while she was running in the hills around the city, she met a group of runners, and they asked her to meet them the next week. When she arrived, she found that it was the start of a 50-kilometer race. She had no proper food or water and no running clothes. She won it.

With her mentor, Richard Bull, she began to race abroad, and she won one race after another. In 2016, a knee injury stopped her. Instead of sitting at home, she organized races in Kathmandu and Bhojpur and helped young women from Nepal's villages to train. In 2017, she came back and won the 120-kilometer Ben Nevis Ultra in Scotland, setting a new course record. In the same year, she was named National Geographic's People's Choice Adventurer of the Year.

A. What do the words in bold in the following sentences from the text mean? Choose and copy the correct answers. (5 × 1 = 5)

a. She was born in a **remote** village.

(i) close to a big city
(ii) far from towns and hard to reach
(iii) very rich

b. Her family **struggled** to meet their everyday needs.

(i) found it very hard
(ii) forgot
(iii) refused

c. She had no **proper** food or water.

(i) right for the purpose (ii) stolen

(iii) very old

d. With her **mentor**, Richard Bull, she began to race abroad.

(i) a person who owns a shop

(ii) an experienced person who guides and trains someone

(iii) a person who runs against you

e. In 2016, a knee **injury** stopped her.

(i) harm done to a part of the body (ii) a long holiday

(iii) a new rule

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

a. Why did Mira Rai leave school at the age of twelve?

b. What two things did she do while her knee injury kept her from racing abroad?

c. How did her childhood help her to win a race that she was not ready for?

d. Do you think the 50-kilometer race was only good luck? Give a reason.

e. Should a famous athlete spend time training young people? Give your opinion with a reason.

Punctuation — 5 marks

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

zeenat, my best friend, lives in nepalgunj. Her fathers shop sells dates nuts and sweets During ramadan, it stays open late at night. do you like dates I tried them for the first time last week. how sweet they are

Guided writing — 5 marks

6. Write a set of instructions in about 100 words on how to make a paper bag from an old newspaper, using the clues given below. **[5]**

why: plastic bags stay in the soil for years --- you need: a sheet of newspaper, glue, scissors --- fold the sheet in half, glue the open side --- fold the bottom up by 5 cm, glue it --- press the sides in to make it stand --- make two handles from strips of paper --- let it dry for one hour --- don't carry anything wet or heavy

Free writing — 10 marks

7. The drinking water tap at your school often runs dry, and the water is not clean. Write a letter to your head teacher in about 150 words, saying what the problem is and how it could be solved. **[10]**

Grammar: reproduction — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. Look! The monkeys ..... (climb) the temple roof. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.)

b. People speak Maithili in Janakpur. (Change into passive voice.)

c. Kamal broke the window. (Change into a 'who' question.)

d. Rojina went to Jumla last week, ...? (Supply a correct tag.)

e. "Please open the window," Salina said to her brother. (Change into indirect speech.)

Grammar: multiple choice

5 × 0.5 = 2.5

9. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence. (5 × 0.5 = 2.5)

a. Each of the students ..... a new book.

(i) has (ii) have (iii) are having

b. My grandmother has lived in Ilam ..... 2060 BS.

(i) at (ii) for (iii) since

c. If I had wings, I ..... over Rara Lake today.

(i) will fly (ii) would fly (iii) would have flown

d. Bharatpur is the city ..... my uncle works as a nurse.

(i) who (ii) where (iii) whose

e. Mount Everest is ..... mountain in the world.

(i) the highest (ii) higher (iii) high