Grade 8 English Model Paper 6

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

> **Grandmother's Phone**
> My grandmother got a phone last year,
>
> She held it far away from her ear,
>
> And shouted so loud that the chickens fled:
>
> "My son is far off in Doha!" she said.
> She learned to press the small green sign,
>
> And now she calls at half past nine.
>
> She shows him the goat, she shows him the tree,
>
> She shows him her ear and the top of me.
> "Aama, turn it round!" he calls with a grin.
>
> "I can see the roof and half your chin!"
>
> She says goodbye for a minute or two,
>
> Then sits by the door with nothing to do.
> "It's a clever thing," she says with a sigh,
>
> "But a phone can't eat the bread I fry."

a. The grandmother got her phone last year.

b. She calls her son at half past ten.

c. She shows her son the goat.

d. During the call, the son can see his mother's face clearly.

e. The phone has not taken away the grandmother's sadness at living so far from her son.

Reading 2

5 × 1 = 5

2. Read the given letter and answer the questions. (5 × 1 = 5)

> Birgunj, 2 Jestha
> Dear Karma,
> Thank you for your letter and for the dried apples. My whole family finished them in one evening!

You asked about summer in Birgunj. Right now it is so hot that the road feels soft under my sandals. We sleep on the roof at night, and my mother keeps our drinking water in a clay pot to cool it. You say that you still wear a jacket in your village. I find that hard to believe!
I would love to see snow for the first time, so I will come to you this Magh if my parents agree. Then you must come here in Asar, when you can eat mangoes until you can't stand up.
Your friend,
Bishal

a. What did Karma send to Bishal with his letter?

b. When does Bishal plan to visit Karma?

c. Write two things that Bishal's family does because of the heat.

d. What kind of place do you think Karma lives in? Why?

e. Is it useful for a student from the Tarai to have a friend in the mountains? Give a reason.

Reading 3 — 5 × 1 = 5

3. Read the following calendar and answer the questions. (5 × 1 = 5)

Hetauda Children's Library: Calendar for Magh 2083
Everyone under sixteen is welcome at our events. They are all free, except the painting class, which costs Rs. 50 for paper and paints. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Monday. Chess boards are provided, so you need to bring only yourself. Please bring your library card on quiz day.

Date	Day	Time	Event
Magh 1	Fri		Closed for Maghe Sankranti
Magh 2	Sat	11 a.m.	Painting class
Magh 6	Wed	4 p.m.	Chess club
Magh 9	Sat	11 a.m.	Story hour with our grandmothers
Magh 13	Wed	4 p.m.	Chess club
Magh 16	Sat		Closed for Martyrs' Day
Magh 20	Wed	4 p.m.	Chess club
Magh 23	Sat	11 a.m.	Painting class
Magh 27	Wed	4 p.m.	Book quiz, with prizes

a. What event will be held on Magh 9?

b. How much does the painting class cost?

c. On how many days in Magh does the chess club meet? Name the dates.

d. Which event on the calendar would you most like to go to? Say why.

e. Do you think a library should hold events as well as lending books? Give a reason.

Reading 4 — 10 × 1 = 10

4. Read the given short essay and do the tasks that follow.

The Stone Spouts of the Valley
Walk through the old parts of Kathmandu, Patan or Bhaktapur, and you will soon find steps going down to a sunken stone yard. At the bottom, water pours from the mouth of a carved creature. This is a dhunge dhara, or hiti, and some of these spouts have been in use for centuries.
The story begins in the Licchavi period. Manga Hiti in Patan, built in 570 AD, is thought to be the oldest one still working. The Malla kings later added many more.
These were not just pretty taps. Water from under the ground was collected in a chamber and brought to the spout through pipes of baked clay, while ponds and canals helped to keep the system supplied.

> Most spouts have the shape of the makara, a creature with a crocodile's snout, an elephant's trunk and a peacock's tail.
> Then modern piped water arrived in the late nineteenth century, and the old system was neglected. A survey in 2019 found 573 spouts on record in the valley. Of these, 94 had been lost entirely, and only 224 still gave water. Even so, many people rely on them every day.
> People in the past built something that lasted for more than a thousand years. Can we look after it for another hundred?

A. Find the words from the text that have the following meanings. (5 × 1 = 5)

a. below the level of the ground around it

b. cut into a shape from stone or wood

c. not looked after

d. a study that collects facts about something

e. depend on

B. Choose the correct answers. (5 × 1 = 5)

a. Manga Hiti was built in …
(i) 570 AD. (ii) the late nineteenth century.
(iii)

b. In 2019, how many of the spouts on record were not lost?
(i) 94 (ii) 224 (iii) 479

c. The writer says that the spouts "were not just pretty taps" because …
(i) they were part of a planned water system.
(ii) they were made of gold.
(iii) they gave no water at all.

d. The numbers from the 2019 survey show that …
(i) every old spout still gives water.
(ii) more than half of the spouts on record have stopped giving water.
(iii) new spouts are being built each year.

e. The question at the end of the essay asks readers to …
(i) build a new kind of tap. (ii) stop using the stone spouts.
(iii) take care of the spouts in the future.

Punctuation — 5 marks

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

last friday, we went to see sharmilas new calf. It has a white face black ears and a very long tongue Who would not love it? Her uncle said that it was born in baisakh. i touched its nose, and it licked my hand. what a wet tongue it has

Guided writing — 5 marks

6. Write a description in about 100 words of a chautari, using the clues given below. **[5]**

a resting place beside the trail --- a raised stone platform --- a pipal tree and a banyan tree growing together --- deep shade in summer --- porters put down their loads --- old men talk and play cards --- children climb the roots --- a cool wind in the afternoon --- the heart of the village

Free writing — 10 marks

7. Write an account of about 150 words of the annual sports day at your school. Say what happened in the order it happened, and how the day ended. **[10]**

Grammar: reproduction — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. Prabin will join the music club. (Change into a yes/no question.)

b. You must wash these vegetables. (Change into passive voice.)

c. Look at those black clouds! It ..... (rain) soon. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets, using *be going to*.)

d. "Why did you come late?" the teacher asked Bibek. (Change into indirect speech.)

e. Everyone has eaten, ...? (Supply a correct tag.)

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 I was small, old Narayan (a) ..... (used to mend, use to mend, using to mend) shoes under a tree near the bus park. He owned (b) ..... (a, an, the) only sewing machine in the bazaar. Everyone went to him (c) ..... (because, but, although) his prices were low. He sometimes let us children (d) ..... (turn, to turn, turned) the wheel. He is over eighty now, and his eyes are so weak that he (e) ..... (can't, needn't, shouldn't) see the thread.

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(i) because (ii) but (iii) although

d. He sometimes let us children ..... the wheel.

(i) turn (ii) to turn (iii) turned

e. His eyes are so weak that he ..... see the thread.

(i) can't (ii) needn't (iii) shouldn't