Grade 8 English Model Paper 7

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 speech and choose the correct answers. (5 × 1 = 5)

> **Goodbye, Rabin Dai**
> Respected head teacher, teachers and friends, namaste.
> Today we say goodbye to someone who has never stood on this stage. Rabin Dai came to our school thirty-one years ago, when it had two rooms and no gate. Since then he has rung the bell, mended our desks, planted every tree in this yard and found every lost lunch box.
> When I cried on my first day in Grade 1, he gave me a guava and walked me to my classroom. I have never forgotten it.
> Rabin Dai, you have never been in any of our exam results, but you are part of all of them. Friends, please stand up and clap for him.
> Thank you.

a. Rabin Dai came to the school …

(i) twenty-one years ago. (ii) thirty-one years ago.
(iii) last year.

b. When he first came, the school had …

(i) two rooms and no gate. (ii) thirty-one rooms.
(iii) a gate but no rooms.

c. When the speaker cried on the first day in Grade 1, Rabin Dai gave …

(i) a lunch box. (ii) a new desk. (iii) a guava.

d. Which of these is NOT in the list of Rabin Dai's work?

(i) ringing the bell (ii) teaching in the classroom
(iii) planting trees

e. The speaker says that he "has never stood on this stage" to show that …

(i) he was afraid of the stage.
(ii) he did his work quietly, without any praise.
(iii) he was not allowed in the hall.

Reading 2

5 × 1 = 5

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

> **From:** Yubaraj
> **To:** Sathi Cycle Store, Butwal
> **Subject:** Problem with a new bicycle
> Dear Sir/Madam,
> I bought a red mountain bicycle from your store on 3 Asar for Rs. 18,500. I am sorry to say that it already has two problems. The chain slips off on every hill, and the back brake hardly works, which frightens me on the road down to my school.
> Your salesman told me that the bicycle had a one-year guarantee. A photo of the bill is attached.

Could you please repair it free of charge, or give me another one? I can bring it to your store on Friday after school.
Please let me know what you decide.
Yours faithfully,
Yubaraj

a. How much did the bicycle cost?

b. When can Yubaraj take the bicycle to the store?

c. What are the two problems with the bicycle?

d. Why do you think Yubaraj attached a photo of the bill?

e. Is a polite email better than an angry phone call in this case? Give a reason.

Reading 3 — 5 × 1 = 5

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

Chandi Mai Community Forest User Group, Kavre
Notice for All Members
Date: 25 Kartik 2083
The Committee has decided the following rules for collecting firewood and fodder this winter.

1. The forest will be open from 1 to 15 Mangsir only.
2. Each member household may take one load of dry firewood a day, for a fee of Rs. 20 a load.
3. Grass for animals may be cut free of charge on any of these days.
4. No green tree may be cut. Anyone who cuts one will pay a fine of Rs. 2,000.
5. Lighting a fire inside the forest is strictly forbidden.
6. Cards must be shown to the forest guard at the gate. Lost cards can be replaced at the office for Rs. 50.

Households that have not paid this year's membership fee must pay it before 1 Mangsir, or they can't enter the forest.
The money collected will be used to pay the guard and to plant new saplings in the burned area above the school.
Januka
Secretary

a. The forest will be open for fifteen days.

b. A load of dry firewood costs Rs. 50.

c. A household that takes one load of firewood every day that the forest is open will pay Rs. 300.

d. A fire has damaged part of the forest in the past.

e. The Committee wants the forest to be used up as fast as possible.

Reading 4 — 10 × 1 = 10

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

Baglung Paper House
Make Your Own Page of History
What is lokta?
Lokta is a shrub that grows on Nepal's hillsides between 1,600 and 4,000 meters. Our paper is made from the inner bark of this shrub, so no tree has to be cut down. When a lokta bush is harvested, it grows back to its full height in five to seven years.
Why is it special?
Lokta paper is strong. It resists tearing, damp and insects, and that is why it was chosen in the past for government records and for sacred books. By the 1960s, cheap factory paper had nearly killed the

craft, and only a few families in Baglung and Parbat still knew how to make it. Today it is back, and it is used for notebooks, book covers, restaurant menus and much more.

What can you do here?

- Watch our workers turn bark into pulp.
- Make a sheet of paper with your own hands.
- Print it with a wooden block, and take it home.
- Buy souvenirs at our shop.

Visit us

We are open Sunday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry is Rs. 100, or Rs. 50 for students. Making a sheet costs Rs. 150. School groups of more than twenty should phone a week ahead.

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. shrub	i. the covering of the stem of a tree or bush
b. bark	ii. a soft, wet mass of crushed material
c. sacred	iii. a small plant with many woody stems
d. pulp	iv. things that you buy to remember a place
e. souvenirs	v. holy; connected with religion
	vi. people who make shoes

a. shrub

b. bark

c. sacred

d. pulp

e. souvenirs

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

a. Which part of the lokta plant is used to make paper?

b. How much will a student pay to enter and make one sheet of paper?

c. Why do you think lokta paper was chosen for government records?

d. Would a visit to this paper house be useful for students? Give a reason.

e. Does this brochure make you want to visit? Say what works, or what does not.

Punctuation — 5 marks

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

have you seen the thangka paintings in boudha My friend pasang learned this art from his grandfather. He uses gold red and blue paint. One painting can take four months He doesnt hurry. On sunday i bought a small one. What patience he has

Guided writing — 5 marks

6. The table below shows the number of books that students borrowed from a school library in five months of one year. Describe the table in about 100 words. Use the verbs in the brackets to help you. (fall, rise, reach) **[5]**

Month	Books borrowed
Baisakh	120
Asar	90
Asoj	150
Kartik	60 (Dashain and Tihar holidays)
Magh	210

Free writing — 10 marks

7. Some people say that students should be allowed to bring mobile phones to school. Others disagree. Write a short essay of about 150 words on "Should Students Bring Mobile Phones to School?" **[10]**

Grammar: reproduction — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. The workers were painting the bridge. (Change into passive voice.)

b. Dolma went to the market yesterday. (Change into a negative sentence.)

c. Rohit said, "I will come tomorrow." (Change into indirect speech.)

d. Let's go to the river, ...? (Supply a correct tag.)

e. Sabina ..... (write) a letter to her aunt last night. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.)

Grammar: multiple choice — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. If you heat ice, it .....

(i) would have melted (ii) melts
(iii) melted

b. Bananas are ..... than mangoes in our market.

(i) cheaper (ii) more cheap (iii) cheapest

c. The pilot ..... we met in Jomsom comes from Tanahun.

(i) where (ii) which (iii) whom

d. Neither the driver nor the passengers ..... ready yet.

(i) is (ii) are (iii) has

e. Jeevan was born ..... 14 April.

(i) in (ii) at (iii) on

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