Grade 8 English Model Paper 8

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

> **The Black Umbrella**
> It was raining hard when school ended. Lochan had his father's big black umbrella, and he was the only boy in the class who did. At the bridge, he saw an old woman standing in the rain with a basket of eggs. Without a word, he gave her the umbrella and ran home, wet to the skin.
> His father scolded him for losing it, and Lochan said nothing. That night, he had a high fever.
> Three days later, when he was better, the old woman came to their door with the umbrella in one hand and twelve eggs in the other. "Your son," she told his father, "is worth more than this umbrella."

a. Lochan was the only boy in his class who had an umbrella.

b. The old woman at the bridge was carrying a basket of vegetables.

c. Lochan's fever began before his father scolded him.

d. Lochan became ill on the same day that he gave away the umbrella.

e. Lochan's father did not know why the umbrella was gone until the old woman came.

Reading 2

5 × 1 = 5

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

> **It Is Never Too Late to Read!**
> **Free Evening Classes for Women**
> Can't read your child's report card? Do you ask a neighbor to read your messages? You are not alone, and you are not too old.
> **Where:** Ward Office Hall, Ward No. 3
> **When:** Sunday to Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m., starting 1 Poush
> **How long:** six months
> **What you will learn:** to read and write Nepali, to do simple sums, and to use a mobile phone for payments
> Books and pencils are free. Bring your baby if you need to. A helper will look after small children in the next room.
> "I signed my own name for the first time at 46." Roshni, last year's student
> To join, speak to Sheetal at the health post.

a. On which days are the classes held?

b. How long does the course last?

c. Whom should a woman speak to in order to join?

d. Why do you think the classes are held in the evening?

e. Is a helper for small children a good idea? Give a reason.

Reading 3

5 × 1 = 5

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

An Announcement at the Bus Park

Attention, please! Attention, all passengers! This is an important announcement from the Bus Park Office, Pokhara.

Because of last night's heavy rain, a landslide has blocked the road to Baglung about twelve kilometers beyond Kusma. Workers are clearing it now with two machines. They hope to open one lane by two o'clock this afternoon, but this is not certain.

All buses to Baglung and Beni are held here until further notice. The eight o'clock and nine o'clock buses have been canceled. If you hold a ticket for either of these buses, you may use it on any later bus today or tomorrow, or you may ask for your money back at Counter 3.

Buses to Kathmandu, Butwal and Syangja are running on time.

Passengers who are waiting may leave their bags at the office free of charge. Please don't leave them outside, and please keep your ticket safe.

Tea and noodles are on sale at the canteen behind Counter 5. We are sorry for the trouble. The next announcement will be made at noon. Thank you.

a. The road to Baglung has been blocked by .....

b. A passenger with a ticket for the eight o'clock bus has two choices: to use it on a later bus, or to .....

c. The next announcement will be made at .....

d. A passenger for Syangja ..... have to wait for the road to open.

e. The office says "this is not certain" because the road may stay ..... after two o'clock.

Reading 4 — 10 × 1 = 10

4. Read the given news story and do the tasks that follow.

Teacher's Bicycle Brings Books to Five Villages

Rajbiraj, 18 Mangsir. Every Saturday morning, a retired teacher ties two boxes onto an old bicycle and sets off along the dusty roads of Saptari. By evening, more than a hundred children have something new to read.

Indra Yadav, 63, taught in a government school for thirty-four years. He noticed that many children who read well in Grade 2 had nearly forgotten how by Grade 5, because they had nothing to read at home. So when he retired three years ago, he spent his savings on two hundred storybooks.

Today his "library on wheels" has 1,400 books, and most of them have been donated by former students. He visits the five villages in turn and lends each child two books for a week. He writes down every loan in an old exercise book. Only eleven books have been lost so far. "And two of those," he says, laughing, "were eaten by a goat."

Parents were suspicious at first. "We thought that he wanted money," said Bhawana Mandal, a mother of three. "Now my daughter reads to me every night."

The municipality has promised him a cart to pull behind the bicycle. Mr. Yadav says that he will go on pedaling as long as his knees allow.

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. A **retired** teacher ties two boxes onto an old bicycle.

(i) very tired
(ii) newly trained
(iii) no longer working because of age

b. Most of them have been **donated** by former students.

(i) given without payment
(ii) written
(iii) sold at a low price

c. He writes down every **loan** in an old exercise book.

(i) price
(ii) a thing that is lent
(iii) prize

d. Parents were **suspicious** at first.

(i) not trusting (ii) very happy (iii) asleep

e. He will go on **pedaling** as long as his knees allow.

(i) selling books

(ii) pushing a bicycle's pedals round with the feet

(iii) laughing loudly

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

a. How long may a child keep the books?

b. How many more books does the library have now than when Mr. Yadav began?

c. What change in Bhawana Mandal's family shows that the project is working?

d. Do you think only eleven lost books out of so many is surprising? Give a reason.

e. Should the municipality give Mr. Yadav more help than a cart? Give your opinion with a reason.

Punctuation — 5 marks

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

rizwan is my neighbor in birgunj He repairs radios fans and old clocks. Have you ever seen a clock from 1950. His grandfathers clock still works, but it cant ring. On monday i took my watch to him. How quickly he fixed it

Guided writing — 5 marks

6. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on "My Favorite Season". Use the following guidelines. **[5]**

which season you like best --- what the weather is like --- what grows or happens in that season --- what you and your family do --- why you like it more than the others

Free writing — 10 marks

7. Your uncle in Dhangadhi has sent you a bicycle for doing well in your exams. Write a letter to him in about 150 words to thank him, and tell him how the bicycle has changed your days. **[10]**

Grammar: reproduction — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. Anup visits his grandparents twice a month. (Change into a 'how often' question.)

b. "Can you swim?" Sanjeev asked Rachana. (Change into indirect speech.)

c. Susmita is tired. She ..... (study) since six o'clock this morning, and she hasn't finished yet. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.)

d. Nobody called me, ...? (Supply a correct tag.)

e. The team will have finished the bridge by Asar. (Change into passive voice.)

Grammar: multiple choice — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. I bought a kite yesterday, but ..... kite is already torn.

(i) the (ii) a (iii) an

b. Bibisha saved her pocket money ..... she could buy a dictionary.

(i) in spite of (ii) so that (iii) because of

c. Arjun had the cobbler ..... his shoes.

(i) to mending (ii) mended (iii) mend

d. You have a bad cough. You ..... see a doctor.

(i) should (ii) were (iii) has

e. My father ..... smoke, but he gave it up ten years ago.

(i) used to (ii) uses to (iii) is using to