Grade 8 English Model Paper 10

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 complete the sentences using the correct words/phrases. (5 × 1 = 5)

> **After the Long Dry Days**
> For weeks the fields lay brown and bare,
>
> And dust hung heavy in the air.
>
> The buffalo stood with drooping head,
>
> The stream lay sleeping in its bed.
> Then, late one day, a cloud came by,
>
> And darkness climbed across the sky.
>
> A cold wind shook the bamboo tree,
>
> And one fat drop fell down on me.
> My mother laughed and ran outside,
>
> My brother stretched his arms out wide.
>
> The thirsty ground began to drink,
>
> And all the frogs woke up, I think.
> We danced like fools, we shouted loud,
>
> We called out thanks to that dark cloud.

a. For weeks, the fields were brown and .....

b. The cold wind shook the ..... tree.

c. When the rain began, the poet's mother laughed and ran .....

d. The rain came at the end of a long period of ..... weather.

e. The family danced and shouted because they were ..... to see the rain.

Reading 2

5 × 1 = 5

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

> **How to Play Bagh-Chal**
> Bagh-Chal is an old Nepali game for two players, played on a board of twenty-five points joined by lines.
> 1. One player takes the four tigers, and the other takes the twenty goats.
> 2. Put the tigers on the four corners of the board.

3. The goat player starts by placing one goat on any empty point.
4. The tiger player then moves one tiger along a line to the next empty point.
5. Take turns. Goats can't move until all twenty are on the board.
6. A tiger takes a goat by jumping over it to the empty point just behind it.
7. The tigers win when they have taken five goats. The goats win when no tiger can move.

a. Where are the tigers placed at the start of the game?

b. What are the two ways in which a game can end?

c. Why do you think the goat player should keep the goats close together?

d. Is it fair that one player has twenty pieces and the other only four? Give a reason.

e. Would you rather play Bagh-Chal with a friend or a game on a phone? Give a reason.

Reading 3 — 5 × 1 = 5

3. Read the following timetable. Then match the passengers in Column A with the buses in Column B. There is one extra bus that you do not need. (5 × 1 = 5)

Birtamod Bus Park: Morning Buses

Tickets are sold at the counter from 4:30 a.m. Please be at your bus fifteen minutes before it leaves.

Bus	Leaves	Arrives	Rs.
Sandakpur Sewa to Taplejung	5:00	2:00 p.m.	1,200
Kanchan Sewa to Ilam	6:00	9:00	350
Tamor Yatayat to Phidim	7:00	12:00	700
Kankai Sewa to Damak	7:30	8:30	80
Mai Deluxe to Ilam	8:30	11:00	450
Mechi Express to Ilam	10:00	1:00 p.m.	350

Sandakpur Sewa stops for lunch at Phidim. Kanchan Sewa and Mechi Express stop at every village. Mai Deluxe makes fewer stops and has reclining seats.

Bags over 20 kilos are charged extra. Children under five travel free if they sit on a parent's lap. If a road is closed, your money will be returned at the counter on the same day. For lost property, ask at the office beside the counter.

Column A	Column B
a. Ankita is going to Taplejung.	i. Sandakpur Sewa
b. Bedant has a ticket that cost Rs. 700.	ii. Kanchan Sewa
c. Nasreen wants to spend the shortest time on the road to Ilam.	iii. Tamor Yatayat
d. Sandesh must be in Ilam by ten o'clock.	iv. Mai Deluxe
e. Sneha can't reach the bus park before nine, and she has only Rs. 400 for her fare to Ilam.	v. Mechi Express
	vi. Kankai Sewa

a. Ankita

b. Bedant

c. Nasreen

d. Sandesh

e. Sneha

Reading 4 — 10 × 1 = 10

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

The Woman Who Dug Up Sea Monsters

Mary Anning was born in 1799 in Lyme Regis, a small town on the south coast of England. Her father, a carpenter, earned extra money by digging fossils out of the cliffs and selling them to visitors. When he died in 1810, he left the family with debts and no savings, so they went on selling fossils from a table near an inn. Mary's schooling was very limited, but she learned to read and write at a Sunday school.

In 1811, her brother Joseph dug up a strange skull more than a meter long. A few months later, Mary, who was about twelve, found the rest of the skeleton. It was an ichthyosaur, a reptile that swam in the sea long ago, and it went on show in London.

Mary went on to find the first complete plesiosaur in 1823 and a flying reptile in 1828. She copied scientific papers by hand to teach herself.

The work was dangerous. The best time was winter, when landslides exposed new fossils. In 1833, a falling cliff almost killed Mary, and it buried her dog, Tray, at her feet. Yet she kept going.

Scientists came to her for advice, but as a woman she could not join the Geological Society of London, and she did not always get full credit for her finds. She died in 1847.

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. Her father earned money by digging **fossils** out of the cliffs.

(i) the remains of very old plants or animals, turned to rock
(ii) gold coins
(iii) pieces of a broken pot

b. Her schooling was very **limited**.

(i) small in amount (ii) expensive (iii) famous

c. Landslides **exposed** new fossils.

(i) hid (ii) uncovered (iii) broke into dust

d. It **buried** her dog at her feet.

(i) covered completely (ii) bit
(iii) woke up

e. She did not always get full **credit** for her finds.

(i) money for rent (ii) a place to live
(iii) praise for having done something

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

a. How did Mary's father earn extra money?

b. Why was winter the best time to look for fossils?

c. Make a list of the three great finds of Mary Anning named in the text.

d. What does the fact that she copied scientific papers by hand show about her?

e. Was it fair that Mary Anning could not join the Geological Society? Give 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)

bimala and her brother keep bees in chitwan. Every autumn they collect honey wax and pollen. Isnt that a sweet job Last friday i went with them A bee stung Bimalas thumb, and we all laughed. How it must have hurt

Guided writing — 5 marks

6. Your school's Science Club is holding a science fair. Write an announcement of about 100 words to be read out at the morning assembly, using the clues given below. **[5]**

Science Club --- science fair on Friday, 22 Magh --- school hall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. --- students of Grades 5 to 8 can show models --- give your name to Radhika Miss by Tuesday --- prizes for the best three --- parents welcome --- the Club can help with materials

Free writing — 10 marks

7. The street lights in your neighborhood have not worked for months, and people are afraid to walk at night. Write a letter of about 150 words to the mayor of your municipality, saying what the problem is and what should be done. **[10]**

Grammar: reproduction — 5 × 0.5 = 2.5

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

a. Ishwori teaches science. (Change into a yes/no question.)

b. I think Nepal ..... (win) the match tomorrow. (Write the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.)

c. Sagar hasn't eaten anything today, ...? (Supply a correct tag.)

d. Someone had cleaned the room before the guests arrived. (Change into passive voice.)

e. "I have lost my key," Roshan said. (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. ..... the heavy rain, the match went on.

(i) Because (ii) Although (iii) In spite of

b. You ..... smoke in the hospital. It is against the law.

(i) needn't (ii) mustn't (iii) wouldn't

c. Samikshya got her phone ..... at a shop in Hetauda.

(i) repair (ii) to repair (iii) repaired

d. I saw ..... one-horned rhino in Chitwan.

(i) a (ii) an (iii) (no article)

e. This bag is not as heavy ..... that one.

(i) than (ii) as (iii) then