

CLASS- VIII

SUB- ENGLISH

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

To feel for others and to do righteous acts of help to living creatures is indeed real kindness. If one can stop a heart from breaking, if one can ease the aching in one's life or cool one's pain, he has not lived in vain.

To some, helping others is matter of faith. An elderly stranger went to a hospital in Peter Brough, New Hampshire and performed countless tasks ; sweeping, dusting, building ramps, removing lint from the place where clothes are washed, etc. for four months . He never revealed his identity. Only after he had left the place, the hospital staff realized that he was the former Vice President of the Peninsular Railroad, a private railway company in the USA .

All along the route of the funeral procession of Lord Shaftesbury, a well – known social reformer of England, stood groups of people (whom he had helped in one way or the other) to pay homage to him . Thousands of people hailing from all classes of society held aloft banners with the words that he had helped them in their hour of suffering . Instances of this type are may.

A) a) What can be considered as real kindness ? (1)

b) Whose life is not lived in vain ? (2)

c) What countless tasks were performed by the elderly stranger in the hospital of New Hampshire ? (2)

B) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following :-

a) A number of people or vehicles moving forward in an orderly fashion-

b) Respect or honour (1+1=2)

2) Rewrite the following jumbled words to make meaningful sentences :- (1X4=4)

a) to read / that / reading novel /or articles / get some books / are at your own

b) silently / practise / then / reading

c) the page and make / your eye move faster / use your finger across /while you read, /or a pencil to sweep

d) what / you read / you understand / make sure

3) Choose the correct alternative from those given in brackets (1X6=6)

a) The train..... before they reach the railway station. (has left / left / will have left)

b) Did you think you me somewhere before ? (were seeing / have seen / had seen)

c) Everyday last month my sister..... a plate. (break / broke / was breaking)

d) My daddy to speak to you. (once / is wanting / was wanting)

e) We our best today. (do / did / have done)

f) He jumped off the train while it(moved / had moved / was moving)

4) There is one error in each sentence . Rewrite the sentences correctly. (1X4=4)

a) Your scissors is sharp.

b) I gave him three hundreds rupees.

c) Furnitures was purchased.

d) The board is divided on the issue of bonus.

5) Answer the following questions :-

a) What did the narrator's daddy do for the grandmother ? How did he do that?
(Granny's Tree Climbing) (1+2=3)

b) What was the second question asked by the king ? What did various people answer to this question (Three Questions) (1+2=3)

c) How did the king and the hermit help the bearded man ? (Three Questions)

d) ' You are tired'- Who said this to whom ? What did the speaker do after listening this ? (Three Questions) (1+2=3)

6) Write an article on the topic :-

Media – impact on teenagers. (10)

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT -2

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1. Read the following poem carefully and fill in the blanks.

(5)

I lay in sorrow, deep depressed ...
My grief a proud man heard...
His looks were cold. He gave me gold.
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed- I paid him back.
The gold he gave me.
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his charity...

I lay in want, in grief and pain.
A poor man passed my way.
He bound my head. He gave me bread.
He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me ?
Oh! Gold is great. But greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.

The poet was lying sad in pain. A man heard his pain and gave him (a)_____ without saying (b)_____. Poet's days of sorrow passed and he paid him his money back with thanks. Once again, the poet was in need, sad and in pain . A poor man saw him. He served him (c)_____. The poet wonders how can he (d)_____ whatever he did for him. The poet concludes by saying_____ Money is great but (e)_____ than it.

2) Answer the following questions:-

(2x3=6)

a) Why did the king decide to visit the hermit? Why did he go disguised as a commoner?

b) What were the answers given by the hermit to the king for his first and second questions?

c) ' Well, I'll grow old disgracefully'- Who said this? What did the speaker mean by 'disgracefully'?

3) Fill in the blanks with the simple past or the past perfect tense of the verb given in the brackets:- (9)

1. I _____ who _____ my dictionary. (wonder, take)

2. I _____ to a restaurant and _____ my dinner. (go, take)

3. The salesperson _____ us that all prices _____ up by 10 percent. (tell, go)

4. I am sure I _____ the window before I _____ to bed. (close, go)

5. She _____ that her friends would help her. (hope)

4) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in future continuous tense. (1x6=6)

1. I _____ harder next year. (work)

2. I _____ to you off and on. (write)

3. I am sure she _____ for you. (wait)

4. We _____ forward to your visit. (eagerly look)

5. She _____ the luggage when I reach home. (pack)

6. Do not ring him in the afternoon .He _____. (sleep)

5) It is definitely true that reading is a dying habit, and one of the major reasons is the advent of the electronic medium. Even reading of newspapers has been limited to that of headlines and few introductory paragraphs. It is very sad that we are losing the very flavor of life. You are Niharika Naman. Using ideas of your own and from the hints given below , write a letter to the editor of ' The Indian Express' Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg , New Delhi , highlighting the importance of reading. (8)

Importance Of Reading

- **Source of knowledge**
- **It widens the horizon of thinking and develops imagination**
- **It plays a key role in academic success**
- **It's an unending company**
- **It soothes and relieves tension and loneliness**
- **Highly valued for social and economic advancement**
- **Lasting impact on the mind can be provided by written words**
- **It brings the best out of someone**
- **6) Prepare a speech on the topic " Tradition against Modernity". (6)**

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT -3

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Section-A (Literature)

Answer the following questions:

1. Why did the author call his grandmother a 'genius'? What happened to the granny when she was in town?
2. "I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed."
 - a. Who is the speaker of the above line?
 - b. Who is recommended rest? Why?
3. What did granny advise her son to do for her and why?
4. What is referred to as a 'season in hell' in the poem? What do you mean by this phrase?
5. "The outcome was different"----
 - a. What was this outcome?
 - b. How was it different from what everyone had expected?

Section- B (Grammar)

Choose the correct Verb form from those in brackets:

1. The plane _____ at 3.40. (arrive, will arrive).
2. I will call you when he _____ back. (comes, will come).
3. When I get home, my dog _____ at the gate waiting for me. (sits, will be sitting).
4. I _____ the Sharmas this evening. (visit, am visiting).
5. Look at those black clouds. It _____ (will rain, is going to rain).
6. The train _____ before we reach the station. (arrives, will have arrived).
7. Perhaps we _____ Mahabaleshwar next month. (visit, will visit).
8. Unless we _____ now we can't be on time. (start, will start).
9. I _____ into town later on. Do you want a lift? (drive, will be driving).
10. Oh dear! I _____ . (will sneeze, am going to sneeze).
11. The next term _____ on 16th November. (begins, is beginning).
12. By 2005, computers _____ many of the jobs that people do today. (will be taking over, will have taken over).
13. I'm sure she _____ the exam. (passes, will pass).
14. I _____ home next Sunday. (go, am going).
15. I _____ you one of these days, I expect. (see, will be seeing).
16. Help! I _____ fall. (will, am going to).
17. She has bought some cloth; she _____ herself a blouse. (will make, is going to make).
18. I _____ your house this afternoon. It is on my way home from work. (will be passing, am passing).
19. Hurry up! The programme _____. (will start, is about to start).
20. This book is not long. I _____ it by lunch time. (will be reading, will have read).

Find out the meanings of the following **Idioms** and use them appropriately in sentences of your own:

1. break down
2. bring about

3. call for
4. carry out
5. look up
6. go through
7. come by
8. cry out
9. get off
10. speak out

Section- C (Writing)

1. You are the Head boy/ Head girl of your school. Your school is about to organize a Literacy Campaign the motto of which is “ Education to all is important”. Draft a **Notice** for the students of your school mentioning the purpose, date, time and venue of the Campaign. Also mention some necessary information regarding the Campaign.
2. Write an e-mail to your younger brother staying in hostel expressing your views on how good character is instrumental in shaping a person's future.

ACTIVITY

Paste a photograph of Sarojini Naidu and study any other poem of the same poet. Critically appreciate that poem in your own words in pen and paper. The poem that you choose must be a poem that is not prescribed in your book.

N.B- All the assignments and activity must be done in the loose pages of practical note book and attach the pages set wise. Make a channel file with all the pages.