



Post -Midterm Examination (2023-24)

Class: VIII

**Subject: English
SET -II**

**Max Marks: 30
Time: 1 hour**

Instructions:

- (i) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *Please write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.*
- (iii) *The question paper consists of four sections. Section A-Reading (10 marks), Section B- Grammar (5 marks), Section C- Writing (5 marks) and Section D- Literature (10 marks).*
- (iv) *Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.*
- (v) *Use of correcting fluid (whitener) is prohibited.*

SECTION A: READING (10 marks)

Q1. Read the given passage carefully.

1. The Road to success is not straight, there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith and a driver called god, you will make it to a place called success!
2. Despite all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road are unavoidable, but you will never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become stepping stones.
3. The key thing to realize is that working harder is same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and a better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping stones.
4. 'Success' is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.
5. Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick-and-mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but for

the spirit of achievement they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude underline the grandeur of a truly rewarding.

6. Success can be measured from two standpoints - the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and recognition. Internally it is the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfilment of desire.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the correct option. (1×5=5)

1. The author refers to determination as _____.

- a) Speed bumps
- b) Flats
- c) A spark
- d) Insurance

2. Bumps become stepping stones when _____.

- a) you are willing to drive over them
- b) willing to avoid them
- c) cursing the authorities
- d) taking an alternative route

3. Difference between disaster and triumph lies in _____.

- a) sulking and moving forward
- b) not being prepared to face disaster
- c) dreading to face failure
- d) willing to weather the storm

4. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?

- a) Success is a matter of chance and not a choice.
- b) Material achievements define life.
- c) The road to success is straight.
- d) Success is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights to others.

5. Pick out the synonym of the word “abundance”?

- a) scarcity
- b) fruitlessness
- c) plenty
- d) rare

QII. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1X5 =5)

1. Reading is a fundamental skill that plays a vital role in our lives. It’s not just about deciphering words on a page but about the doors it opens, the knowledge it imparts, and the worlds it allows us to explore. Reading is an essential tool for learning, expanding our horizons, and fostering imagination.

2. When we read, we acquire knowledge. Whether it's reading textbooks, newspapers, or online articles, we gain information that helps us understand the world. Books, in particular, are a treasure trove of knowledge. They contain the wisdom of generations, the discoveries of great minds, and the stories of diverse cultures. Reading books can educate us on history, science, literature, and countless other subjects. It's like having a mentor, guiding us through the complexities of life.
3. Reading also broadens our horizons. It exposes us to different viewpoints, perspectives, and experiences. When we read about characters from various backgrounds or explore far-off lands through the pages of a novel, we step into their shoes and see the world from a different angle. This broadening of perspective fosters empathy and understanding, making us more tolerant and open-minded individuals.
4. Furthermore, reading fuels our imagination. Whether it's a fantasy novel, a science fiction story, or a compelling mystery, books transport us to other worlds and challenge us to envision the unimaginable. Our minds become the canvas, and words paint the pictures. It's a magical experience that ignites creativity and inspiration.
5. Moreover, reading is a skill that transcends academic boundaries. It's not just about scoring well on tests; it's about developing critical thinking, analytical skills, and the ability to communicate effectively. A person who reads regularly is likely to have a broader vocabulary, better writing skills, and an improved ability to express their thoughts and ideas.
6. In our modern digital age, reading has taken on new forms. E-books and audiobooks have made it more accessible and convenient. With just a few clicks or taps, we can access a vast library of literature. However, there's something timeless and intimate about holding a physical book, flipping its pages, and smelling the scent of paper and ink.
7. In conclusion, reading is not just a hobby; it's a cornerstone of education, personal growth, and cultural enrichment. It empowers us with knowledge, broadens our perspectives, ignites our imagination, and equips us with essential skills. Whether we're reading for pleasure, information, or self-improvement, reading is a journey that enriches our lives and shapes us into more informed, empathetic, and creative individuals.

1. What are some of the benefits of reading mentioned in the passage?

- a. Acquiring knowledge
- b. Physical exercise
- c. Developing writing skills
- d. Enhancing video game proficiency

2. How does reading broaden our horizons and foster empathy?

- a. By encouraging isolation.
- b. By exposing us to different viewpoints and experiences.
- c. By promoting narrow-mindedness.
- d. By making us less tolerant.

3. What role does reading play in developing critical thinking and communication skills?

- a. It has no impact on critical thinking or communication skills.
- b. It broadens horizons but does not impact skills.

- c. It expands vocabulary, improves writing skills, and enhances communication abilities.
- d. It only helps with imagination but not critical thinking or communication.

4. What are the advantages of reading physical books compared to digital formats?

- a. Physical books are more expensive.
- b. Physical are more environmentally friendly.
- c. Physical books offer a timeless and intimate experience.
- d. Physical books are easy to carry.

5. How does reading enrich our lives and shape us as individuals, according to the passage?

- a. Reading has no impact on personal growth.
- b. Reading makes us less informed and less creative.
- c. Reading empowers us with knowledge, broadens our perspectives, and equips us with essential skills.
- d. Reading only fosters creativity but not empathy.

SECTION B- GRAMMAR (5 marks)

QIII. Change the following sentences into passive voice.

(½ X 5 = 2 ½)

- 1.They have won the football match.
- 2.Who wrote the poem?
- 3.They disturbed the passengers.
- 4.Mr. Dev teaches us English.
- 5.The doctor is helping the patient.

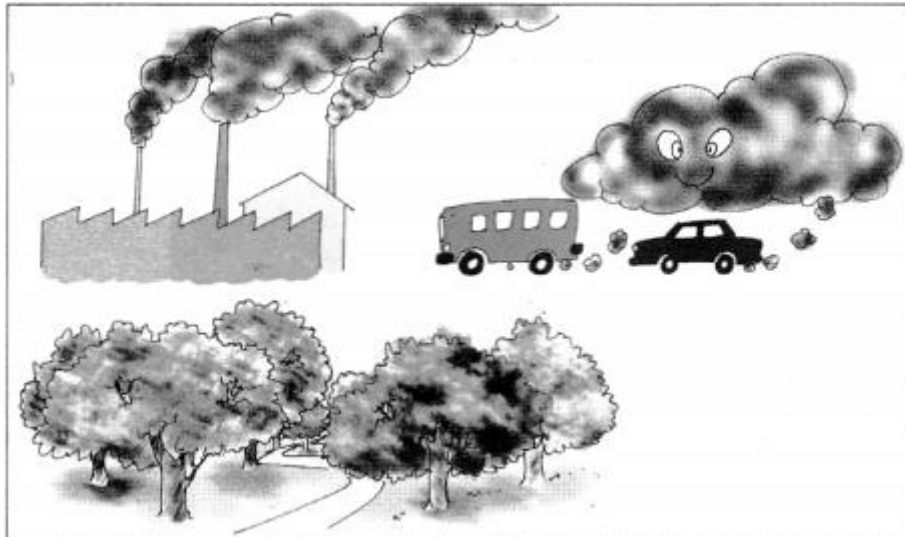
Q IV. Change the following sentences into reported speech.

(½ X 5 = 2 ½)

- 1.They said, “We went out yesterday.”
- 2.The teacher said to the students, “Do your homework.”
- 3.Ramesh said to me, “Are you reading this book?”
- 4.He said to his sister, “Please speak slowly.”
- 5.My uncle said to Sheela, “I have a surprise for you.”

SECTION C- WRITING (5 marks)

QV. You have experienced a very hot summer this year. Taking ideas from the hints given, write an article in 100-150 words for your school magazine on ‘Why is it warmer in the cities and what can be done to improve the environment in the cities.’ Give a suitable title to your article.



SECTION D-LITERATURE (10 marks)

QVI. Read the following extracts and answer ANY ONE question. (1X3=3)

1. *'She was an interesting girl...Can you tell me – did she keep her hair long or short?'*

- a. Whom did the speaker ask this question to?
- b. Why did the speaker ask this question?
- c. What happened immediately after this? How is that the most important part of the story?

OR

2. *"...I almost get a creepy feeling that they will all walk in through that window..."*

- a. Who is the speaker here?
- b. Whom is the speaker addressing? Who is being referred to here?
- c. When is this statement made?

QVII. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in one or two sentences. (1x3=3)

1. Why had Mr. Nuttel come down to the 'rural retreat'?
2. How has the speaker personified autumn in the poem?
3. How did the narrator learn that his companion wore slippers?
4. Which season does the speaker compare autumn to in the last stanza and why?

Q VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in detail. (2x1=2)

1. What instructions did the girl's parents give her and why?
2. According to Vera, what tragedy had befallen Mrs. Sappleton three years ago?

Q IX. Match the words in column A with the correct meaning in column B. (½X4=2)

A	B
1) lingered	a) criticism
2) bog	b) a farm worker
3) gleaner	c) held
4) borne	d) wet spongy ground
	e) stayed; remained