



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

FINAL EXAMINATION (2023-24)

ENGLISH

SET -I

Grade: VIII
Date:03/03/2024

Max Marks: 80
Time: 3 hours

Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Please write down the serial number of the questions before attempting it.
- (iii) The question paper consists of three sections. Section A-Reading (20 marks), Section B- Grammar (15 marks), Section C- Writing (15 marks) and Section D- Literature (30 marks).
- (iv) Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.
- (v) Use of correcting fluid (whitener) is prohibited.
- (vi) This question paper consists of 7 printed pages.

SECTION A: READING		20 marks
I.	<p>Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>Milkha Singh, also known as The Flying Sikh, was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. He was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements.</p> <p>The race for which Singh is best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games. He led the race till the 200 m mark before easing off, allowing others to pass him. Singh's fourth-place time of 45.73 seconds was the Indian national record for almost 40 years.</p> <p>From beginnings that saw him orphaned and displaced during the partition of India, Singh became a sporting icon in the country. In 2008, journalist Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced."</p> <p>He was disappointed with his debut performance at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. "I returned to India, chastened by my poor performance in Melbourne. I had been so excited by the prospect of being part of the Indian Olympic team, but hadn't realized how strong and professional the competition would be. My success in India had filled me with a false sense of pride and it was only when I was on the track that I saw how inconsequential my talents were when pitted against superbly fit and seasoned athletes. It was then that I understood what competition actually meant, and that if I wanted to succeed in</p>	10 marks

	<p>the international arena, I must be prepared to test my mettle against the best athletes in the world.”</p> <p>Then he decided to make sprinting the sole focus of his life. “Running had thus become my God, my religion, and my beloved. My life during those two years was governed by strict rules and regulations and a self-imposed penance. Every morning, I would rise at the crack of dawn, get into my sports kit, and dash off to the track, where I would run two or three miles cross-country in the company of my coach.”</p> <p>On how he pushed himself through the tough days of vigorous training: “I practiced so strenuously that often I was drained of all energy, and there were times when I would increase my speed to such an extent that after my rounds, I would vomit blood or drop-down down unconscious through sheer exercise. My doctors and coaches warned me and asked me to slow down to maintain my health and equilibrium, but my determination was too strong to give up. My only focus was to become the best athlete in the world. But then images of a packed stadium filled with cheering spectators, wildly applauding me as I crossed the finishing line, would flash across my mind and I would start again, encouraged by visions of victory.”</p>	
1.	What is Milkha Singh known as? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics?	1 mark
2.	List any two achievements of Milkha Singh.	2 marks
3.	What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow?	1 mark
4.	State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice.	2 marks
5.	What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world?	1 mark
6.	The antonym of ‘satisfied’ as mentioned in the above passage is i. chastened ii. decided iii. disappointed iv. drained	1 mark
7.	Complete the given analogy: <i>Strong: Weak, Discouraged: _____</i>	1 mark
8.	Rohit Brijnath described Singh as “the finest athlete India has ever produced” in the year.... i. 1960 ii. 1958 iii. 1956 iv. 2008	1 mark

II.	<p>Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>1. The culture of Rajasthan is very different and unique. The unique mixture of diverse topography, history and curious lifestyle is what gives Rajasthani culture its rich heritage. The rich culture in Rajasthan is visible in each and every aspect of the state. The colourful dresses, the heavy jewellery, the palatial mansions and havelis, the diverse and joyous festivals and fairs, all are symbols of the rich and unique culture of Rajasthan.</p> <p>2. The dull and harsh living condition of people in Rajasthan is made a bit colourful and lively by the multitude of fairs and festivals that are celebrated there. The only way people here enjoy the simple pleasures of life, is by celebrating each and every occasion and event on a grand scale. Any festival, big or small, is celebrated with much enthusiasm and joy. Rajasthan comes alive during fairs and important festivals. Monsoons are also the time to indulge in festivity and grand feasts, as rains are an occasion to celebrate in Rajasthan.</p> <p>3. The most common language spoken in Rajasthan is Hindi. The people of Rajasthan speak in Rajasthani and Marwari. Hindi is the official language of the state. The people over here are very religious and follow all rituals and traditions piously. Hinduism is the dominant religion here followed by Islam, Jainism, Sikhism and Christianity. The architecture of the state is also a very evident aspect of the culture of Rajasthan. The magnificent mansions and havelis speak volumes about the royal historical grandeur of the place. The forts and palaces are living testimonies of the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan.</p> <p>4. Rajasthan is famous for its exquisite embroidery. The most unique thing about this embroidery is that it is totally done by hand and no machines are involved. The designs like block printing, Zari, Bagaru, Tie and Die, Sanganeri are famous all over the world and are also exported to many countries abroad. The place is also famous for its Kundan gold jewellery, brass work, etc. Another famous product of Rajasthan is the famous Rajasthani Bandani Saris. Come to Rajasthan and experience the royal cultural heritage of this beautiful state.</p> <p>5. Rajasthan is a place that is dominated by hot and dry weather almost throughout the year. However, there is no such ideal time to visit Rajasthan. The variation between the day and night is pretty high. This means that though days are hot, the nights can get pretty cold. Every weather and season in Rajasthan are enjoyable and has its own charm.</p>	10 marks
1.	What are the symbols of the unique culture of Rajasthan?	1 mark
2.	Describe the living conditions of the Rajasthani people.	1 mark
3.	What makes the life of Rajasthani people colourful?	1 mark
4.	Why do the people of Rajasthan follow all rituals and traditions piously?	1 mark
5.	Why is Rajasthani embroidery famous?	1 mark
6.	How is the weather in Rajasthan?	1 mark
7.	<p>Choose from the passage the words that mean.....</p> <p>(a) extremely large number of people</p> <p>(b) being the only one of its types.</p>	2 marks
8.	Which word in para 2 is the opposite of ‘interesting’?	1 mark
9.	Even though Rajasthan has hot and dry weather throughout the year, every season has its own charm. True/False	1 mark

SECTION B: GRAMMAR		15 marks
III.	Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners from the bracket. (an, some, several, every, this, many, a, their)	$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks
1.	I have more files to complete.	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	I rang him up times but there was no reply.	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	Hello!.....is Varun. Can I speak to Rahul?	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	The children are walking with parents.	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	I drive 5 kms day to reach my office.	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	I have boughtnew car.	$\frac{1}{2}$
IV.	Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.	$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks
a)	His trousers torn. (is/are)	$\frac{1}{2}$
b)	Either my mother or my father coming to the meeting. (is, are)	$\frac{1}{2}$
c)	Nobody..... the trouble I've seen. (know, knows)	$\frac{1}{2}$
d)	There fifteen candies in that bag. (was, were)	$\frac{1}{2}$
e)	George and Sharon want to see that movie. (doesn't, don't)	$\frac{1}{2}$
f)	The committee these questions carefully. (debates, debate)	$\frac{1}{2}$
V.	Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech.	1 x 3=3marks
(a)	The chef said to the helper, "Chop the vegetables quickly."	1
(b)	Ashwin said, "Mother, where have you kept my new pair of jeans?"	1
(c)	The plumber said to the lady, "I will replace the tap next week."	1
VI.	Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate modal from the given options.	$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks
1. I use a calculator in the class? a. can b. must c. might	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	You stop when the traffic lights turn red. a. Must b. shall c. will	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	My mother.....scold me if I don't go back on time. a. Can b. will c. could	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	I thought that he.....help you to get in. a. ought to b. might c. should	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	The rebellion.....lead to many deaths a. Must b. should c. may	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. you show me the road to the market? a. should b. could c. may	$\frac{1}{2}$
VII.	Identify whether the sentences are in Active Voice or Passive Voice.	1 x 3=3marks
1.	He gifted a new pen to his friend.	1
2.	When was the work completed by you?	1
3.	They laughed at the clown.	1
SECTION C: WRITING		15 marks
VIII.	Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Hindustan Times' highlighting the importance of proper garbage disposal to create awareness among the city residents. You are Rubal of Shakti Nagar, Delhi.	6

IX.	<p>India is a tourist’s dream destination. Give your views on the tourism potential of India in an article, in 150 words using the clues given below. You are Navtej/Navita.</p> <p>Hints: <i>places of worship – religious tourism – foreigners – places of historical interest- the rich hill stations during summers – the beaches– leisure tourism – medical tourism – world class hospitals.</i></p>	5
X.	<p>Based on the information given below, write the bio-sketch of Ruskin Bond in about 100 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born: 19 May 1934 at Kasauli. • Sent to a boarding school in Mussoorie • Schooling from Bishop Cotton School in Shimla where he graduated in 1950 • An Indian author of British descent • An author and a poet by occupation • Works influenced by life in the hill stations at the foothills of the Himalayas • ‘Our Trees Still Grew in Dehra’, ‘A Flight of Pigeons’, ‘The Blue Umbrella’ and his autobiography ‘Lone Fox Dancing’ are his notable works • Awarded Padma Shree, Padma Bhushan, Sahitya Academy Award etc. • Wrote fiction, short stories, novella, travelogue, books for children • Influenced by Charles Dickens and Mark Twain 	4
SECTION D: LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READER		30 marks
XI.	Answer any three of the following reference to context questions.	3x3=9 marks
1.	<p><i>The ship is anchor’d safe and sound, Its voyage closed and done, From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won; (O Captain! My Captain!)</i></p> <p>a. How is the ship described? b. What does the phrase ‘voyage closed and done’ mean? c. Why does the speaker call the trip fearful?</p>	3marks
2.	<p><i>‘There was once a road through the woods……’ (The Way Through the Woods)</i></p> <p>a. What happened to the road that once ran through the woods? b. How long ago did it exist? c. How has it disappeared?</p>	3 marks
3.	<p><i>Dear Father, I want my husband to be highly skilled in fighting. He should be able to overpower me in fight. (A Promise Not Kept)</i></p> <p>a. Who said this and to whom? b. Why did the speaker lay down this condition? c. Did the listener agree with the speaker?</p>	3 marks
4.	<p><i>‘Did you admire my lamp, ’quoth he, ‘As much as I your minstrelsy...’ (The Nightingale and the Glow-worm)</i></p> <p>a) Who said these words and to whom? b) What ‘lamp’ is the speaker referring to? c) What is the speaker trying to do?</p>	3 marks

XII.	Answer <u>any seven</u> of the eight questions given.	1x7=7marks															
1.	Why had Mr. Nuttel come down to the ‘rural retreat’? (<i>The Open Window</i>)	1															
2.	What happened when the fireworks began? (<i>The Remarkable Rocket</i>)	1															
3.	What was the nightingale doing all day long?	1															
4.	On what condition did the ghost, Betaal, promise to accompany King Vikramaditya? (<i>A Promise Not Kept</i>)	1															
5.	What can happen to a nation’s pride? (<i>A Nation’s Strength</i>)	1															
6.	What are the various creatures that can be seen and heard in the woods? (<i>The Way Through the Woods</i>)	1															
7.	How has the poet described the Spring season of a human’s life? (<i>Human Seasons</i>)	1															
8.	How did the nightingale see the Glow-worm?	1															
XIII.	Answer <u>any two</u> of the three questions given.	2x3=6 marks															
1.	Write a character sketch of the Remarkable Rocket. Was the Rocket truly ‘remarkable’? Support your answer with examples from the story.	3															
2.	Write a short note on the imagery used in the poem ‘The Human Seasons’?	3															
3.	Give instances from the story <i>The Eyes Have It</i> to show that the narrator was a sharp observer.	3															
XIV.	Match the following words with their meanings.	1x4=4 marks															
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XV.	Choose the correct meaning of the words from the given options.	1x4=4 marks															
	1. routed a. clearly stated b. defeated completely in a battle c. feasting	1															

	2. scarlet a. loose shirt b. a type of fish c. a brilliant red colour	1
	3. lingered a. stayed b. shiver c. confident	1
	4. oration a. purpose b. singing c. speech	1