



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

FINAL EXAMINATION (2023-24)

ENGLISH

Grade VIII
Date :03/03/2024

Max Marks: 80
Time: 3 hours

ANSWER KEY

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 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.
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	SECTION A: READING	20 marks
I.	Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.	10 marks
1.	What is Milkha Singh known as? What realization did Milkha Singh have when he was on the track during the Melbourne Olympics? Ans. Milkha Singh was known as ‘The Flying Sikh’. He realised how inconsequential his talents were when pitted against superbly fit seasoned athletes. He also realised that he needed to prepare well to test his mettle against the best athletes in the world.	1 mark
2.	List any two of Milkha Singh’s achievements. Ans. (i) The only athlete to win 400 meters at the Asian Games as well as Commonwealth Games. (ii) Won gold in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. His national record stood unbroken for 40 years. (iii) He was awarded Padam Shiri for his sporting achievements.	2 marks
3.	What strict rules and regulations did Milkha Singh follow? Ans. Every morning he would rise at the crack of the dawn, get into his sports kit and dash off to the track, where he would run two or three miles cross-country with his coach.	1 mark
4.	State two consequences of his hard and strenuous practice. Ans. (i) He was drained of all energy. (ii) He would vomit blood or drop down unconscious through sheer exercise.	2 marks

5.	What motivated Milkha Singh to become the best athlete in the world? Ans. He was motivated by his vision of victory at a packed stadium with spectators cheering and applauding him as he crossed the finishing line.	1 mark
6.	The antonym of 'satisfied' as mentioned in the above passage is Ans. disappointed	1 mark
7.	Complete the given analogy: <i>Strong: Weak, Discouraged: <u>Encouraged</u></i>	1 mark
8.	Rohit Brijnath described Singh as "the finest athlete India has ever produced" in the year.... Ans. 2008	1 mark
II.	Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:	10 marks
1.	What are the symbols of the unique culture of Rajasthan? Ans. Colourful attires, heavy jewellery, the palatial mansions and havelis, joyous festivals and fairs, etc. are the symbols of the unique culture of Rajasthan.	1 mark
2.	Describe the living conditions of the Rajasthani people. Ans. The living conditions of Rajasthani people are dull and harsh.	1 mark
3.	What makes the life of Rajasthani people colourful? Ans. A Large number of joyous fairs and festivals make the life of Rajasthani people colourful.	1 mark
4.	Why do the people of Rajasthan follow all rituals and traditions piously? Ans. Since the people of Rajasthan are very religious, they follow all rituals and traditions piously.	1 mark
5.	Why is Rajasthani embroidery famous? Ans. Rajasthani embroidery is famous for its handwork, no machines are involved in it.	1 mark
6.	How is the weather in Rajasthan? Ans. The weather in Rajasthan is hot and dry throughout the year.	1 mark
7.	Choose from the passage the words that mean..... Ans. a) multitude b) unique	2 marks
8.	Which word in para 2 is the opposite of 'interesting' Ans. Dull	1 mark
9.	Even though Rajasthan has hot and dry weather throughout the year, every season has its own charm. True/False Ans. True	1 mark
SECTION B: GRAMMAR		15 marks
III.	Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners from the brackets.	$\frac{1}{2} \times 6=3$
A.	Some/Many	$\frac{1}{2}$
B.	Several/many	$\frac{1}{2}$
C.	This	$\frac{1}{2}$
D.	Their	$\frac{1}{2}$
E.	Every	$\frac{1}{2}$

F.	A	½
IV.	Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.	½ x 6=3
a)	are	½
b)	is	½
c)	knows	½
d)	were	½
e)	don't	½
f)	debates	½
V.	Rewrite the following sentences to reported speech	1 x 3= 3
(a)	The chef ordered the helper to chop the vegetables quickly.	1
(b)	Ashwin asked his mother where she had kept his new pair of jeans.	1
(c)	The plumber told the lady that he would replace the tap the following week.	1
VI.	Fill in the blanks with can, could, will, may, might and must.	½ x 6 =3
1.	Can	½
2.	Must	½
3.	Will	½
4.	might	½
5.	may	½
6.	Could	½
VII.	Identify the Voice of the following sentences:	1 x 3 =3
1.	ACTIVE	1
2.	PASSIVE	1
3.	ACTIVE	1
SECTION C: WRITING		15 marks
VIII.		6
IX.		5
X.		4
SECTION D: LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READER		30 marks
XI.	Answer any three the following reference to context. questions.	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;</i></p> <p>a. How is the ship described?</p> <p>Ans: The ship is described as victorious.</p> <p>b. What does the phrase 'voyage closed and done' mean?</p> <p>Ans: The phrase means that the ship's voyage, which had been a difficult one, was finally over.</p> <p>c. Why does the speaker call the trip fearful?</p>	3 marks

	Ans: The speaker calls the trip fearful because the ship had had to face many a storm and tempest during its voyage.	
2.	<p><i>'There was once a road through the woods.....'</i></p> <p>a. What happened to the road that once ran through the woods? Ans: The road that ran through the woods disappeared.</p> <p>b. How long ago did it exist? Ans: It existed seventy years ago.</p> <p>c. How has it disappeared? Ans: It has disappeared due to weather and rain.</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.</i></p> <p>a. Who said this and to whom? Ans: Sona, the princess of Kishanagar said this to the King, her father.</p> <p>b. Why did the speaker lay down this condition? Ans: Sona was herself a swordsman par excellence and the person who defeated her would undoubtedly be someone who could defend the kingdom if any powerful enemy attacked it. That is why she laid down this condition.</p> <p>c. Did the listener agree with the speaker? Ans: The King and Queen felt proud of their daughter's wisdom. The king made the announcement of Sona's wishes in Kishanagar as well as in the neighbouring kingdoms.</p>	3 marks
4.	<p><i>'Did you admire my lamp, 'quoth he,</i> <i>'As much as I your minstrelsy...'</i></p> <p>a) Who said these words and to whom? Ans: The glow worm said these words to the nightingale.</p> <p>b) What 'lamp' is the speaker referring to? Ans: The 'lamp' refers to the glowing lamp that the glow worm is carrying.</p> <p>c) What is the speaker trying to do? Ans: The speaker is trying to save his life.</p>	
XII.	Answer any seven of the eight questions given.	1x7=7marks
1.	<p>Why had Mr. Nuttel come down to the 'rural retreat'?</p> <p>Ans: Mr. Nuttel was suffering from some ailment of the nerves and had come to rural retreat to recover.</p>	1
2.	<p>What happened when the fireworks began?</p> <p>Ans. When the fireworks began, all the crackers were burst except for the rocket, because it had become too damp with its own tears.</p>	1
3.	<p>What was the nightingale doing all day long?</p> <p>Ans. The nightingale was singing all day while the villagers cheered for her.</p>	1

4.	On what condition did the ghost, Betaal, promise to accompany King Vikramaditya? Ans. Betaal promised to accompany the King on the condition that the King would remain silent and not answer Betaal's queries.	1
5.	What can happen to a nation's pride? Ans. A nation's pride can quickly lose its sheen if God so wills it. An act of nature can also destroy monuments, towns and places of natural beauty.	1
6.	What are the various creatures that can be seen and heard in the woods? Ans: The creatures seen and heard in the woods are ring-doves, badger, trout, otter and horse.	1
7.	How has the poet described the Spring season of a human's life? Ans: The poet has described the spring season as 'lusty' which refers to vigor and excitement of the youth.	1
8.	How did the nightingale see the Glow-worm? Ans. While the nightingale was busy looking for food around, she saw something glowing and realized it was a glowworm.	1
XIII.	Answer any two of the three questions given.	6 marks
1.	Draw a character sketch of the Remarkable Rocket. Was the Rocket truly 'remarkable'? Support your answer with examples from the story. Ans. The remarkable rocket is an arrogant character. He believes of himself as superior to his peers and boasts about himself. For every personal failure he faces, every negative interaction, and every insult directed towards him, he reinterprets it to reaffirm his own self-image as an utterly remarkable individual.	3
2.	Write a short note on the imagery used in the poem The Human Seasons? Answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poet describes the seasons of the year as the seasons in the mind of a human. He describes each season differently. He calls the spring as 'lusty' when everything is fancy clear, which means anything seems possible and he observes 'all beauty'. The idea is that during that phase he can take in all beauty in an easy span. • He describes summer as honied cud of youthful. This means that man can reflect on things with more clarity and chew and re chew (ponder more). Man gains more enlightenment. • He describes autumn as a stage when man enters the quiet coves. He uses words like "furleth close" its "wings" to compare man to a bird. The image of a bird, unlike that of a cow, suggests an ability to transcend or harness powers of higher imagination. This aligns with the wiser years of later adulthood and the introspection it brings. • According to the poet, winter brings pale misfeature which refers to death. • The imagery is very clearly exposed: Spring describes childhood, Summer describes maturity, Autumn, when men wait the final moment and Winter- the death. 	3

3.	Give instances from the story <i>The Eyes Have It</i> to show that the narrator was a sharp observer. Ans: The narrator observed the following things:	3															
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sound made by the girl’s slippers. • He heard the panting of the engine, the rumbling of wheels and imagined telegraph posts flashing by. • He smelled the girl’s perfume. • He heard the chaos at the door when the train halted at the station. 																
XIV.	Match the following.	4 marks															
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B.	Choose the correct meaning.	4 marks															
	1. routed a. stated clearly 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															