

## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR PRE-MID TERM EXAMINATION 2024-25 <u>ENGLISH REVISION PAPER</u>

Grade: VIII Date: May 2024 <u>General Instructions</u>:

Maximum Marks:30 Time allotted: 1 hr

## The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING, WRITING, GRAMMAR and LITERATURE Attempt questions based on the specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A-READING (10 Marks)	
Q.1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.	
A 92-year-old lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock with perfect make-up, even though she is blind, moved to an old age home. Her husband recently passed away. She didn't even have childre too. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby she smiled sweetly when she was ready. She was provided a visual description of her tiny room. "I love it," stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-o having just been presented with a new puppy. "Butbut Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room," said the attenda "That doesn't have anything to do with it,' she replied. "Happiness is something you decide, I have already decided to love it. It's a decision make every morning I wake up. I can spend the day in bed, recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that don't work or get or of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as I am alive I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life. 'The attendant was touched by the elderly woman's sense of cheer and boundless enthusiasm.	en Id nt. I
On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the questions: Q 1) Why did the old woman move to an old age home? Ans. The old woman moved to an old age home because her husband passed away and she didn't have children to take care of her.	1
Q 2) How did she react when the attendant gave a description of the room she had to live in?	
Ans. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old	
having just been presented with a new puppy.	1
Q 3) Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option.	1
The resolution the old lady made every morning when she woke up	
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	Ans. "Happiness is something you decide. Q 4) Find the antonym of the following words from the passage:	2
	<ol> <li>Whole: parts</li> <li>dead: alive</li> <li>Q5. State whether the given statement is True or False.</li> <li>The Old lady got annoyed after listening to the visual description of the room.</li> <li>Ans. False</li> </ol>	1
2.2.	<b><u>Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.</u></b>	
	When we enter New York harbour, the first thing we see is the Statue of Liberty. What impresses us the most is its size and magnificence. Have you ever wondered how it came to be there? The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France to mark the one-hundred-year anniversary of American Independence. In 1869, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi began to plan his concept for the monument.	
	Bartholdi chose the look of classic Greek and Roman figures. He envisioned Liberty as a strong and proud figure, one who personified not only the majestic Greek goddesses of the past, but also the working men and women of the present. Finally, in 1884, the work was finished, and Liberty was packed into 214 crates and sent to New York city. Only one problem stood in the way. While the French had raised a lot of funds to build the statue, New York had not secured the funds to build its foundation. It was not until a New York newspaper implored people for donations that money became available. Finally, on 28th October 1886, Americans celebrated the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty.	
	<ol> <li>Why was the Statue of Liberty given as a gift to America by France?</li> </ol>	1
	<ol> <li>What is the name of the sculptor of the monument 'the Statue of Liberty'?</li> <li>What did the sculptor imagine the Statue of Liberty to be ?</li> <li>How many years did it take to unveil the Statue of liberty ?</li> </ol>	1
	<ul><li>A. 5 years</li><li>B. 10 years</li><li>C. 2 years</li></ul>	1⁄2
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	Answers	
	<ol> <li>The Statue of Liberty was given as a gift to America by France to mark the one-hundred-year anniversary of American Independence.</li> <li>Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.</li> <li>The sculptor imagined the Statue of Liberty as the majestic Greek Goddesses of the past and also as the working men and women of the present.</li> <li>2 years</li> <li>envisioned</li> </ol>	
	<b>SECTION B -WRITING (4 Marks)</b>	
Q.3.	FORMAT: 2 CONTENT: 2	4
	SECTION C -GRAMMAR (4 Marks)	
Q.4.	Fill in the blanks with correct determiner to complete each sentence.	2
	<ol> <li>He had built <u>a</u> house.</li> <li>Hello! <u>This</u> is Shreya. Can I speak to Aman?</li> <li>What is your sister doing <u>these</u> days?</li> <li>I met <u>my</u> old friend after 5 years.</li> </ol>	1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2
Q5.	Choose the correct determiner from the bracket.	2
	(few, a few, all, no, none, each, every)	
1.	I like many of her songs, but not <u>all</u> of them are good.	1/2
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	I like many of her songs, but not <u>all</u> of them are good.	1/2
2.	I like many of her songs, but not of them are good.         We invited a few friends over to our house for a barbecue.	1/2 1/2
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	to be her husband who l from war. Her face beca Q3. What wasn't she lis	p with recongnition as she mistook the narrator nad promised her that one day he would return me suffused with a sudden glow of happiness.	
Q 7.	Answer these question	s in short. (Any Three)	1x3=3
1.	and why?	What will become of me?" When does he say it, these words when he is in his home and he says bod to eat in winter.	1
2.	Had Hans Wolf ever been to Dorset? Why did he say he knew it? Answer: No, he had never been to Dorset. He learned about the place from school and reading books in English		
3.	Why do you think the desk had been sold, and when? Answer: The desk, I think, must have been sold when the house got fire. As it was badly burnt, it must have been sold to a junk dealer by Mrs. Macpherson. She left then the place to live in a Nursing Home.		
4.	The ant tells the cricket to "dance the winter away." Do you think the word 'dance' is appropriate here? If so, why? Ans: The word 'dance' here means 'merry making and wasting time.' It is appropriate here. The irresponsible cricket does not deserve any sympathy.		
Q.8	Match the following w	ith the correct meanings.	2
	lay nothing by	destroyed by fire (2)	1/2
	burned out	a musical instrument like a large violin (3)	1/2
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	cello	found it (4)	14

00	Answer these questions in brief. (Any two)	2x2=4
Q9.		2X2=4
1.	Do you think the soldiers of the two armies are like each other, or	
	different from each other? Find evidence from the story to support your	
	answer.	
	Answer: Soldiers are like each other and they are not at all different.	
	Both wanted peace and harmony. They enjoyed wine and meat together,	
	celebrated Christmas on the battlefield. Moreover, they played football.	
	At night they applauded each other by singing carols. Hans Wolf also	
	narrated that each soldier must wish the fight to end soon and they	
	wanted to go homes. Even they wanted to resolve the conflicts by sports.	
2.	Why was the letter written–what was the wonderful thing that had	
2.	happened?	
	Answer: The letter was written to describe an unusual thing/event	
	happened on the Christmas eve at the battlefield. Both the enemies	
	celebrated the eve in the ferocity of war. They enjoyed together German	
	drinks and sausage. And their carols were praised by each other. It was	
	the wonderful event that had happened on the battlefield	
3.	Why do Jim and Hans think that games or sports are good ways of	
	resolving conflicts? Do you agree?	
	Answer: As no one dies in a game or sport, it can be a right way to	
	resolve conflicts between the two nations or societies. Sports don't make	
	children orphan and nor make wives widows. I agree to this concept of	
	resolving conflicts. It would be better for the entire humanity.	
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