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Code No : BEM8205

YEARLY ASSESSMENT

CLASS – VIII

ENGLISH

Time allowed: 2½ hour

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:**i)** The question paper is divided into **four** sections.

SECTION A	: Reading & Writing	10 Marks
SECTION B	: Writing & Grammar	25 Marks
SECTION C	: Literature	45 Marks

(ii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A**I. READ THE FOLLOWING SEEN PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS GIVEN:**

I was in Chancery Lane at about nine in the evening. After a hard day's work, I had a slight headache and was not interested either in entertainment or any more work. I decided to move away from the noise and go down to the embankment and rest my eyes and cool my head by watching the multi coloured lights upon the river. Through the arches of the Waterloo bridge one can watch different colours of light as well as the towers of Westminster. "A warm night", said a voice at my side.

I turned my head and saw the side of a man who was leaning over the parapet beside me. It was a sophisticated face, handsome, though tired and pale. I looked at him curiously. "Would he have anything to tell me?". He looked intelligent.

QUESTIONS:

5 x 1 = 5

1. Who had a slight headache?
2. Where did the narrator meet the mysterious man?
3. Where did the narrator decide to go?
4. Describe the mysterious man's appearance.
5. Find a word in the passage which means the same as "a wall on the river to keep water back".

II. READ THE FOLLOWING UNSEEN PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE**QUESTIONS GIVEN:**

Benjamin Franklin was born in 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts. He came from a big family. He had sixteen brothers and sisters. When Benjamin was fifteen, his brother started the first Boston newspaper. It was called the New England Courant. He worked for the newspaper for a short time but he was not happy. So, he went to Philadelphia and worked as a printer. In 1729, he bought a newspaper business. The newspaper was the Pennsylvania Gazette. He was very busy. In 1733, he started publishing poor Richard's Almanac. His pen name was Richard Saunders. This book came out every year. Almanacs have information about weather and crops. They also have wise sayings. "A Penny saved is a Penny earned", comes from poor Richard's Almanac. Benjamin Franklin was also an inventor. In 1743, he invented a very good stove called Franklin stove. He invented swim fins. He invented bifocal glasses. He retired from his newspaper business in 1749.

QUESTIONS:

5 x 1 = 5

6. Which newspaper did Benjamin Franklin buy?
7. What was Benjamin Franklin's pen name?
8. He started publishing his Almanac in _____.
9. What did Benjamin Franklin invent?
10. When did Benjamin Franklin retire from his newspaper business?

SECTION B

III. LETTER WRITING :

1 x 5 = 5

11. Write a letter to your friend inviting her/him to your birthday party. Give details regarding the day, time, venue etc. Add interesting details like theme, dress code etc.s

(OR)

12. Write a letter to the Mayor of your city seeking a solution to the problem of water logging in your area.

IV. NOTICE MAKING / REPORT WRITING:

1 x 5 = 5

13. You are the head girl/boy of Sacred Heart school. Your school has planned an excursion to biscuit factory. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students for the field trip.

(OR)

14. Your school organised an event called "Tree plantation week" this month.

Write a report of the programme in about 80 words.

V. PUNCTUATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES:

3 x 1 = 3

15. mahima said i am going now

16. rahul said to her where are you going

17. he said please tell me may be i can come with you

VI. CONVERT THESE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS INTO STATEMENTS: 3 x 1 = 3

18. Is this the time for frolicking?

19. If you prick us, do we not bleed?

20. Aren't you proud of yourself?

VII. COMBINE THESE PAIRS OF SENTENCES USING THE WORDS

WHO, WHEN, WHERE, WHICH, OR THAT:

3 x 1 = 3

21. Sonia's grandparents live in Nagpur. She is going there this summer.

22. They have an orange orchard. They look after the orchard.

23. Sonia is excited about her visit to Nagpur. She spent her early childhood there.

VIII. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE OPTION GIVEN BELOW:

(because of, in front of, instead of, next to, according to, apart from) 3×1=3

- 24. My car is parked _____ my house.
- 25. The match was delayed _____ the rain.
- 26. The house _____ ours belongs to Mr. Menon.

IX. PUT THE WORDS IN THE BRACKETS IN THE RIGHT ORDER TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE:

3×1=3

- 27. These flowers _____ (long/fresh/stay/time/for/a).
- 28. These mangoes _____ (delicious/taste).
- 29. A strawberry _____ (not/actual/an/is / berry).

SECTION -C

X. WRITE THE SYNONYMS:

5×1=5

- 30. Expose
- 31. Toppled
- 32. Wrecked
- 33. Voyage
- 34. Great

XI. WRITE THE ANTONYMS:

5×1=5

- 35. Strange
- 36. Quick
- 37. Curl
- 38. Alike
- 39. Accidental

XII. FRAME SENTENCES:

4×1=4

- 40. Convinced
- 41. Astonished

42. Threatened

43. Terrified

XIII. EXPLAIN WITH REFERENCE TO CONTEXT:

3×2=6

44. "I wonder if I am going to die like that".

a) Who said these words to whom?

b) Why did she say this?

45. "It was he who called my attention to this advertisement. Well, I didn't know what to think".

a) Who said these words to whom?

b) What was the advertisement all about?

46. "He used to make railroad men from out of town walk a long way to see my head".

a) Who is 'he' in the given line?

b) Whose head did the railroad men walk to see?

XIV. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN SHORT (ANY 7) :

7×2=14

47. What feeling did the realisation of truth evoke in the narrator?

48. Justify the title of the narration.

49. Give evidence to show that Sadako was a good student and a talented child.

50. Do you think Sadako believed in the thousand cranes legend?

51. Who was Bruno and what was his reaction when he saw Shmuel in his house.

52. Why was Lieutenant Kotler satisfied to know that the two boys were not friends?

53. What were the two boys looking at? Why were they different?

54. How does Sadako's strength and hope inspire people even after his death?

55. What is the inscription that is carved into the stone in front of the monument?

XV. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN A PARAGRAPH (ANY 1):

1×3=3

56. Write a summary of the poem "The Old wife and the ghost".

57. What happened to uncle Misak when he turned forty?

58. Write few qualities of Sadako that made her an engaging person.

XVI. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN DETAIL (ANY 1) : 1×4=4

- 59. Write the life sketch of Sadako.
- 60. Narrate the sad end of uncle Misak.
- 61. Write a character sketch of Bruno.

XVII. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM LITRATURE READER

IN DETAIL: 1x4=4

- 62. Narrate the story “The best Christmas present in the world”.
- 63. Describe the story “Spring time A La Carte”.
- 64. Narrate the story “The surgeon”.
