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STD VIII

Subject : English
Date : 25.03.2025

Marks - 50
Time : 8.00 am to 10.00 am

Q1. A. Do as directed. (Any 6) (6)

1. Dick fetches his cat and said goodbye to it sadly.

(Identify the part of speech of the underlined word)

2. Our team lost the match.

(Underline the verb and state whether it is Transitive or Intransitive)

3. The dying swallow fell at his feet.

(Say whether the underlined word is Gerund, Participle (Present or Past), Infinitive)

4. a) He is trying to finish the story.

b) Skilled craftsmen had demonstrated age-old skills.

(State the tense of the above sentences)

5. I hurt myself while playing.

(Underline the pronoun and state its kind.)

6. Make two words of minimum four letters each from the word – kindergarten.

7. The teacher punished the students who behaved badly.

(Underline the subordinate clause and state its kind)

8. The old women entered the train and sat near the window.

(Identify whether the above sentence is simple, compound or complex)

B. Do as directed. (Any 1) (2)

1. Make sentences of your own using the word 'watch' in two separate sentences, the word having different meanings (homograph).

2. The sun is the brightest star.

Complete the following sentences with the help of the sentence given above.

No other star is _____

(Positive Degree)

The sun is _____

(Comparative Degree)

3. Richard said, "I lost my credit card"

(Rewrite the above sentence using Indirect Speech)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (8)

1. State whether the following statements are true or false. (2)

- a) General anaesthetics like ether or chloroform developed in the eighteenth century.
- b) Major surgery could not develop for centuries.
- c) Revolutionary steps have not been taken in different types of complicated surgery
- d) Heart patients were treated with sedatives.

Surgery dates back to as early as 600 BC. 'Sushruta Samhita' is one of the oldest works in the world dealing with surgery. It indicates that Sushruta was probably the first surgeon to perform surgical operations (plastic surgery). Later, some ancient surgeons performed tooth extraction and bloodletting.

Major surgery could not develop for centuries because of lack of knowledge and technology. The doctors had to cut open the part of the body that was not healthy, remove it or set right that part. This would involve a lot of pain to the patient. General anaesthetics like ether or chloroform developed only from mid - nineteenth century making painless surgical operations possible and successful.

Modern techniques are used nowadays for anaesthesia. General anaesthesia benumbs the whole body, and it is used for surgery of any region of the body. For local anaesthesia, local anaesthetics are injected into the surgical spot or an area near nerves.

Over the years now, revolutionary steps have been taken in different types of complicated surgery and these have made such operations successful. Let us start with Cardiac surgery. Today, if you need to have a heart surgery, you can choose from many fine doctors. However, before 1893 this type of surgery was unknown. Doctors did not have modern medical tools and procedures, essential for heart surgery. In those days heart patients were treated with sedatives and they usually did not survive. Then in 1893 Daniel Hale Williams, a young African American surgeon, attempted a new medical technique in order to save a patient's life.

2. Write information about the following. (2)

- a) Sushruta Samhita
- b) Daniel Hale Williams

3. Find the antonym from the passage for the given words. (1)

- a) same X
- b) youngest X

4. If you need to have a heart surgery, you can choose from many fine doctors.

(Underline the conjunction and state its kind) (1)

5. What measures can be taken to improve your health either than medical help? (2)

Q3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (8)

1. Who said the following and to whom. (2)

- a) "Are there people in the world foolish enough to die because of leaves dropping off from a vine?"
- b) "The fever has made her mind full of fancies."

Old Behrman was a painter who lived on the ground floor, but he was a failure in art. For forty years he had wielded the brush but had not made any money. He had been always about to paint a masterpiece, but had never yet begun it. For several years, he had only made a few paintings. He earned a little by serving as a model to the young artists in the colony, who could not afford other models. He always talked of his coming masterpiece.

Sue told Behrman about Johnsy's fancy. Old Behrman was shocked that anyone could have such idiotic 'imaginings'. "What!" he cried. "Are there people in the world foolish enough to die because of leaves dropping off from a vine ? I have not heard of such a thing. Why did you allow this thought to enter her brain?" "She is very ill and weak," said Sue. "The fever has made her mind full of fancies." "This place is not good for Miss Johnsy. Some day I'll paint a masterpiece and we shall all go away. Yes !" said Behrman.

Johnsy was sleeping when the two went upstairs. Sue showed Behrman the ivy vine that Johnsy saw through the window. They looked at each other for a moment without speaking, and then began their work. Outside a cold rain was falling continuously, mingled with snow. Sue closed the window.

2. Complete the sentences. (2)

- a) Behrman earned a little_____
- b) Old Behrman was shocked_____

3. Find word from the passage which means. (1)

a) Mixed -

b) A most valuable, outstanding work of art -

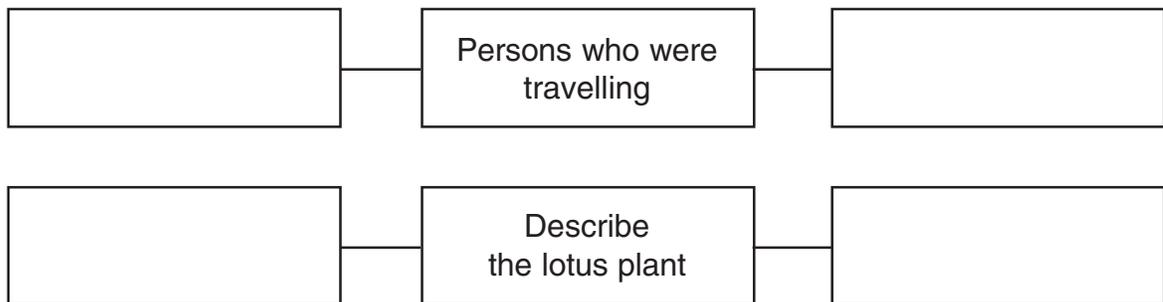
4. Sue closed the window. (1)

(Rewrite the sentence beginning with –The window_____)

5. How will you help your friend who is suffering with a chronic disease? (2)

Q4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (8)

1. Complete the webs. (2)



One day a young man called Niru and his wife Nima were travelling to Benaras. The day was hot. The bullock cart bumped slowly along the dusty road. On the way, they passed a pool with lotus plants at the edge. These plants had huge leaves and beautiful flowers. Nima was hot and thirsty, so Niru helped her from the cart and they knelt by the pool. While they were drinking the cool water and were washing the dust from their faces, Nima heard a weak cry.

“What’s that?” She asked Niru. “Listen”

The cry came again. Niru went into the pond and looked among the lotuses. He found a baby on a big lotus leaf.

“Nima, look! A baby!” he cried.

When Nima saw the baby, she said, “Poor little thing, we cannot leave it to die here.”

At first Niru did not want to take the baby because they were not rich, but Nima was already holding it in her arms and walking towards the cart. Niru watched his wife laugh and play with the baby, and he began to feel sorry for it. When they reached Benaras he said “You were right. We couldn’t leave the child to die. We’ll keep him and he’ll be our son.” The next day they took the child to a mosque and asked the priest to give him a name. The priest opened the Quran and found the name Kabir.

2. Complete the given questions. (2)

1) Why Niru did not want to take the baby?

2) Why was the child taken to the mosque?

3. Arrange the following words in alphabetical order. (1)

bullock, bay, Benaras, bumped

4. We couldn't leave the child to die. (1)

(Add a suitable question tag)

5. How will you extend help to your friend who feels left out due to your classmates? (2)

Q5. A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below. (4)

1. Say where the following are seen- (1)

a) Stars shine in the daytime-_____

b) Cows and sheep stand-_____

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare ?

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows ?

No time to see, when woods we pass
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass ?

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night ?

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance ?

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

2. Why does the poet call our life to be poor? (1)

3. Match the given sentences with the correct Figures of Speech (1)

Sentences	Figure of speech
a) We have no time to stand and stare.	a) Metaphor
b) And watch her feet, how they can dance?	b) Alliteration
	c) Personification

4. Do you think the poet's message about the need for leisure is still relevant today? (1)

B) Write the appreciation of the given poem using the following points. Write in a paragraph. (4)

1. Name of the poem, poet
2. Rhyme scheme
3. Figures of speech
4. Central idea of the poem

The Bees

So work the honey- bees, creatures that by a rule in nature teach

The art of order to a peopled kingdom,

They have a king and officers of sorts;

Where some, like magistrates, correct at home;

Others, like merchants, venture trade abroad;

Others, like soldiers, armed in their stings;

Make boot upon the summer's velvet buds;

Which pillage they with merry march bring home

To the tent royal of their emperor ;

Who, busied in his magesty, surveys,

The singing masons building roofs of gold,

The civil citizens kneading up the honey,

The poor mechanic porters crowding in

Their heavy burdens at his narrowgate,

The sad eyed Justice, with his surly hum,

Delivering over to executors pale

The lazy yawning drone

- William Shakespeare

Q6. Do any one of the following - (5)

Imagine you are Dipesh/Disha Shashtri residing at J M Road, Shivajinagar, Pune-411004. Write a letter to your school Headmaster/Headmistress thanking him/her for initiating the Adventure Club. Use the points given below.

- Wonderful learning opportunity
- First hand experience
- Essential for physical and mental health
- Major life skills develop like-teamwork, risk taking, problem-solving

OR

Read the following information and complete the table on the basis of the given points. Suggest a suitable title.

For a man, both physical as well as moral courage are necessary. There is ,however ,a wide difference between the two. The examples of physical courage are wrestlers and racers. The examples of moral courage are found in the personalities of Swami Vivekanand and Mahatma Gandhi.Both of them had lean figures. Physical courage can be acquired through physical exercise. Mental courage can be acquired by the exercising the mind which infuses moral courage. The Pre-requisite of physical courage is nutrition and diet, whereas for moral courage it is a strong value system. It is a widely known fact that, for cultivating moral courage, it is necessary to keep away from the desires of the material world, and to cultivate physical courage one should be away from dominating others on the basis of their physical strength. Moral courage is more powerful than physical courage

Points	Moral courage	Physical courage
1) Acquired through		
2) Pre requisite for		
3) Keep away from		
4) Examples		

Q7. Do any one of the following -

(5)

Develop a story in about 80-100 words with the following ending. Give a suitable title.

_____ and they realized the importance of water.

OR

Expand the following idea into 80-100 words. (Any 1)

1. Nature - The Best Teacher.
2. Sports an integral part of life.



