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Summative Written Test - 1 (2025-26)
Standard - VIII

Subject : English

Marks : 50

Date : 04.10.2025

Time : 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm

Q1. A] Do as directed. (Any 5) (5)

- 1] He decided that he would go there at once.
(State the kind of a sentence)
- 2] What are the advantages of learning science?
(Underline the pronoun and state its type)
- 3] Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given as per the tense indicated in the bracket.
That is because you _____ (do) a good thing. (present perfect)
- 4] Her surmise became a certainty.
(Identify the word class of the underlined words.)
- 5] Complete the word chain adding four verbs.
Smile, _____, _____, _____, _____
- 6] Make two words of minimum four letters from the given word.
presentation

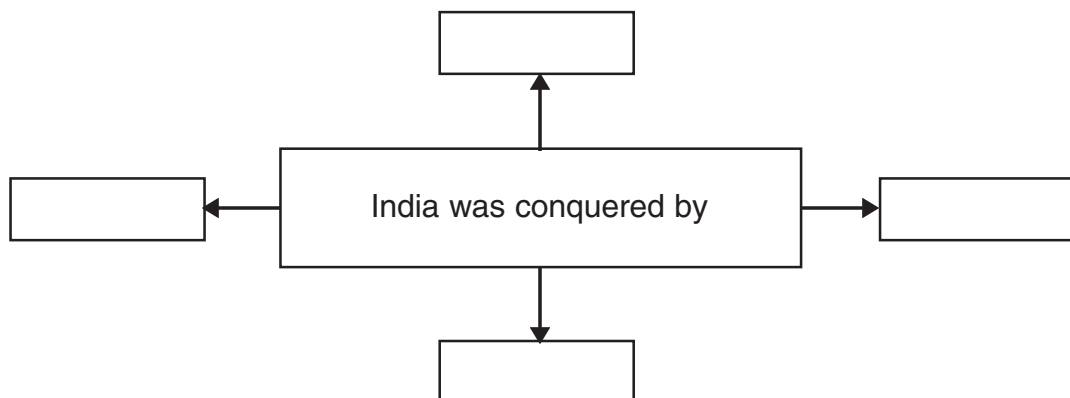
B] Do as directed. (Any one) (2)

- 1] State whether the underlined parts of the following sentences are phrases or clauses.
 - a] I believe that India had its first vision of freedom in 1857.
 - b] People from all over the world have invaded our nation.
- 2] Make a word register of following word of minimum four words.
Hospital

Q.2 Read the given passage carefully and do the activities based on it.

1] Read the web diagram

(2)



Passage-

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, the father of India's integrated guided missile program, states three visions for India based on the achievements and progress that he has witnessed in the history of the nation and during his own career, as a missile scientist. Dr Kalam's three visions for India are FREEDOM, DEVELOPMENT, and STANDING UP. The focus of his presentation is on developing India to its fullest potential, while standing up to the rest of the world with fully validated self respect for the achievements that have been obtained in the modern times.

If we are not free, no one will respect us.

I have three visions for India. In 3,000 years of our history, people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our land and conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards the Greeks, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch - all of them came and looted us and **took over** what was ours. Yet we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture and their history, nor tried to force our way of life on them. Why ? Because we respect the freedom of others.

That is why my first vision for India is FREEDOM. I believe that India had its first vision of freedom in 1857, when we started the War of Independence. It is this freedom that we must protect and **nurture** and build on. If we are not free, no one will respect us.

2] Find the evidence for the following from the passage.

(2)

- a) Dr.Kalam fixed the three visions for India.
- b) Indians respect the freedom of others.

3] Find the words from the passage which mean the following.

(1)

- a) capacity
- b) confirmed with proof

- 4] Indians never try to force their way of life on others. (1)

(State whether the underlined word is infinitive/past or present participle/gerund)

- 5] What do you think, will happen if everyone in the world respected the freedom of others? (2)

Q.3 Read the given passage carefully and do the activities based on it.

- 1] **Complete the table** (2)

The words	Who said	To whom
1] How can you prove that the plants are yours?		
2] I know my plants and I share a secret with them.		

Passage:

That evening, all her friends were going to the prize distribution ceremony. She did not want to attend. But her friends forced her to. After reaching the place, she went to the benches where the potted plants were displayed. Revathi was shocked. There was her pot of plants on a bench, with the name of a distant neighbour of hers as the competitor written on a small piece of cardboard and placed in the soil. She knew it was her pot of plants. She went to the organisers of the show and told them about it.

The organisers were not convinced. They said, "How can you prove that the plants are yours? The lady who submitted them is a regular participant. How can we doubt her?" Revathi wondered how to convince them. She sat there for a few minutes looking at the plants. The sight of the plants bending towards her while she played her violin flashed across her mind. She told the organisers that she could prove the plants were hers. She ran home. When she returned a few minutes later with her violin in, they started laughing.

But their ridicule did not deter her from her mission. She told them, "I know my plants and I share a secret with them. My plants are music - lovers like me and you could see how they respond when I play to them."

They all laughed louder saying that they had never heard of plants enjoying music. They asked her, "Do plants have ears like us to enjoy your music?" No one believed her.

- 2] **Give reasons for the following.** (2)

- a) Revathi was shocked.
b) The organisers refused to believe that the plants were hers.

3] Add the appropriate prefix to make the following words opposite in meaning. (1)

- a) place
- b) regular

4] Use the following expression to make a meaningful sentence of your own. (1)

knew no bounds

5] What impact does music have on human beings? (2)

Q.4 A] Read the given extract of the poem and do the activities based on it.

1] Fill in the blanks. (1)

- 1) A portion of His_____love
on that poor worm bestow'd.
- 2) The sun, the moon,_____He made
To all His creatures free

Extract-

Turn, turn thy hasty foot aside,
Nor crush that helpless worm!
The frame thy scornful looks deride
Requir'd a God to form.

The common Lord of all that move,
From whom thy being flow'd,
A portion of His boundless love
On that poor worm bestow'd.

The sun, the moon, the stars He made
To all His Creatures free :
And spreads o'er earth the grassy blade,
For worms as well as thee.

Let them enjoy their little day,
Their lowly bliss received;
O do not lightly take away
The life thou canst not give !

2] Explain the thought in the following lines in simple words. (2)

Let them enjoy their little day,
Their lowly bliss received;
O do not lightly take away
The life thou canst not give !

3] Identify the figure of speech used in the following line and explain the reason. (1)

Turn, turn thy hasty foot aside,

B] Write the appreciation of the poem “The Pilgrim” using the following points in a paragraph format. (5)

- Name of the poem, poet
- Rhyme scheme
- Figure of speech
- Central idea of the poem

The Pilgrim

A pilgrim, going a lone high way
Came at evening, cold and gray
To a chasm, deep and vast and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim.
The chasm held no fear for him.
But he paused when he reached the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“Why waste your time in building here?
Your journey ends with the close of the day
You never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide
Why build ye here at even tide ?”

The pilgrim raised his old gray head,
“My friend in the path I’ve come,” he said,
“There followeth after me today
A fair haired youth, who must pass this way.
The chasm which held no fears for me
To the fair haired youth, may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.
My friend, I am building this bridge for him.”

- Anonymous

Q.5 Read the given passage carefully and do the activities based on it

1] State whether the following statements are true or false.

Rewrite the statement

(2)

- i] The konark Sun Temple was built by King Ashoka in the 13th century.
- ii] The temple is still admired for its grandeur.
- iii] It becomes a UNESCO world Heritage site in 1948.
- iv] The temple is one of the most famous monuments of India.

Passage-

The Konark Sun Temple, located in Odisha, is one of the most famous monuments of India. It was built in the 13th century by King Narasimhadeva I of the Eastern Ganga dynasty. The temple is designed in the shape of a gigantic chariot with twelve pairs of wheels, pulled by seven horses. These wheels are beautifully carved with detailed artwork.

The temple was built in honour of the sun God, and it reflects the skill of ancient Indian architects and sculptors. Although part of the temple is now in ruins, it is still admired for its grandeur. In 1984 it was declared a UNESCO world Heritage Site. Today, thousands of tourists visit Konark every year to witness this architectural wonder.

2] Answer the following questions.

(2)

- a] Why was the temple built and what does it reflect?
- b] Describe the design of the temple.

3] Find the synonyms of the following words from the passage.

(1)

- a] visitors
- b] Popular

4] Identify whether the underlined verb is finite or non-finite.

(1)

Thousands of tourists visit Konark every year.

5] Why is it important to preserve ancient monuments? Give your opinion.

(2)

Q.6 You are Rohini/Rohan Sharma residing at 54/Green Park, Dadasaheb Phalke Road, Pune 411002. You have been selected to represent your school in upcoming ZP badminton Matches to be held at Balewadi from 7th October to 15th October 2025.

Write a letter to your Principal requesting her to grant permission to attend the matches. (5)

Make the use of following points.

- Convince the Principal by highlighting the importance of participation
- Exposure and experience in sports
- Develop confidence, teamwork, discipline and overall development alongwith studies.
- Representing school in such events brings pride and recognition
- Assure to maintain discipline and complete missed lessons.

OR

Information Transfer - Verbal to non-verbal

Here are some tips about keeping healthy. Read the paragraph carefully and write in the form of Do's and Don'ts .Give a suitable title.

You must include vegetables and fruits in your diet and drink plenty of water. Don't eat junk food and aerated water. Don't sit for long periods of time. Rather you should exercise regularly. Don't ignore the importance of good breathing habits. Try breathing deeply wherever possible. See to it that you sleep for at least seven hours a day. Infact, don't sleep at irregular timings.

Do's	Dont's

Q.7 Expand on any one of the following in about 100 words.

(5)

- 1] Unity is strength
- 2] A stitch in time saves nine

OR

Write an essay on any one of the following in about 100 words.

- 1] The impact of social media on young people.
- 2] Importance of Education

