

**DAV BR PUBLIC SCHOOL, BINA (MP)**  
**Practice Paper Annual Examination 2023-24**  
**Class - VIII** **Subject - English**

**Time Allowed – 3 Hours**

**MM: - 80**

**General Instructions :**

1. This paper consists of three sections : A, B, & C
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Do not write anything in the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the sheet provided to you.
5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
6. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
7. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question..

**Section - A (Reading)**

**(20 Marks)**

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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1. Traditionally, women have always been home makers, but today a career of her own is of great importance.

In India working women lead a life of dual responsibilities if they are married and have a family. In the West many women are hard-headed careerists and are committed to their jobs. Here in India women still have traditional roles to fulfil and prefer a career to avoid domestic drudgery.

2. There are four categories of working women in India. Some work while they are waiting for matrimony. A majority work because they are qualified, want a second income and a different kind of life for part of the day. A small section consists of career-women. A sizeable section of women are bread-winners.

3. It is quite apparent that with a majority of working women the family takes precedence over the job. They prefer to stay in joint families where their children can be taken care of while they are at work. When they come back in the evenings from the relatively modern surroundings of their workspots, their personalities have to undergo a change to accommodate the demands of their time and attention by different family members whose predominant feelings are of having been neglected. These women often do their shopping on the way from office.
4. They reserve their weekends for heavy housework which will help them to cope with the rest of the week with relatively less tension. Weekends are also reserved for spending time with their spouses and children, for entertainment, family duties, visits and other such endless chores. Actually speaking they hardly have time for personal needs.

(Slightly adapted)

1.1. Now, choose the most appropriate option to complete each of the sentences given below: 1x6=6

- (a) The life of an Indian working woman is difficult because
  - (i) She prefers academics
  - (ii) She is more career oriented
  - (iii) She gives importance only to her family
  - (iv) She has a life of dual responsibilities
- (b) A joint family is important for Indian working women because
  - (i) they dislike household work after a hard day at office.

- (ii) then home remains safe in their absence.
  - (iii) Their children can be taken care of in their absence.
  - (iv) the house is kept in order when they are away at work.
- (c) The basic feature of their personal life is that
- (i) They have no social life of their own.
  - (ii) They work like machines without any rest or comfort.
  - (iii) They always feel burdended with work
  - (iv) They have no time for their personal needs
- (d) There are..... categories of working women in India.
- (i) Two
  - (ii) Three
  - (iii) Five
  - (iv) Four
- (e) Working women reserve their weekends for
- (i) Spending time only with spouse
  - (ii) Spending time only with children.
  - (iii) Spending time with family and for entertainment.
  - (iv) Spending time only with friends.
- (f) Women in India prefer a career to
- (i) achieve empowerment
  - (ii) achieve equality
  - (iii) avoid domestic drudgery and difficult traditional roles
  - (iv) Matrimony

1.2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

- (a) Heavy house work is reserved for the weekends for\_\_\_\_\_

(b) State whether the following statement is True/False

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Life is very easy for a working woman in India.

2. Read the following passage carefully :

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1. Diet has always been a matter of choice We eat what we like to eat.

Being a vegetarian can be a boon if one is eating right and a bane if one is not taking care of what one eats! There are vegetarians all over the world, but there is a remarkable difference between vegetarians in India and vegetarians overseas.

2. People abroad mostly become vegetarians for philosophical and health reasons and therefore, are careful that their diet is nutritionally adequate and healthful. Indians, being culturally vegetarian since generations, do not pay heed to their diet. Which is why, despite being vegetarian, we suffer from disorders which are associated with a non-vegetarian diet.

3. An unbalanced non-veg diet is associated with heart disease, cholesterol problems, high blood pressure, cancer and obesity. A vegetarian diet is supposed to check these problems. But the strange thing is that an unbalanced pure vegetarian diet can lead to exactly the same disorders!

4. An unbalanced veg-diet consists of fried food, lots of potatoes, dal makhni and similar dals, white rice, deep-fried veggies, lots of paneer. Similarly an unbalanced non-veg diet consists of lots of non-veg food, very few vegetables and lots of butter, ghee and few fruits, if any.

5. To follow a balanced pure vegetarian diet, here are some tips :

Veg diets have lots of dals, which have only 30 per cent protein' content of low biological value, with missing amino acids. To keep these in

proper quantity, add tofu, the best, because it is partially fermented and therefore, has better digestibility. It is also a complete protein. Eat a variety of dals.

6. Veg diets lack in Vitamin B12 which is found mostly in animal-based products like milk and eggs, besides chicken, fish and meat. To have these things, eat nutritional yeast (like in Marmite), or sea plants-based foods like seaweed. Or, take a multivitamin containing B complex.

(Slightly adapted)

2.1 Now answers the questions given below:

2x4=8

- (a) Being a vegetarian can be a boon or a bane. How?
- (b) What makes the vegetarians abroad healthier than the vegetarians of India?
- (c) According to the passage, what is the similarity between an unbalanced vegetarian and an unbalanced non-vegetarian diet?
- (d) Mention a major drawback of a vegetarian diet. What can be done to rectify it?

2.2 Choose the correct option

1x4=4

- (a) An unbalanced vegetarian diet consists of
  - (i) Milk and eggs
  - (ii) Fried food, lots of potatoes, white rice
  - (iii) Fruits and meat
  - (iv) Vegetables and milk
- (b) Choose the correct statement from the following
  - (i) Tofu is unhealthy for us

- (ii) Vegetarian diets exclude dals
  - (iii) Your diet should contain a variety of dals on a regular basis
  - (iv) Sea weeds do not contain vitamin B12.
- (c) The antonym of 'completely' as given in paragraph 5 is
- (i) Therefore
  - (ii) Missing
  - (iii) Variety
  - (iv) Partially.
- (d) The synonym of the word 'connected' as given in paragraph 3 is
- (i) Disorder
  - (ii) Suppose
  - (iii) Strange
  - (iv) Associated

**Section - B (Writing and Grammar)**

**(30 Marks)**

3. You are Madhur/Madhuri, the cultural Head of your school. Draft a notice informing the students about D.A.V. United Festival to be held at Indira Gandhi Stadium. Mention necessary details like dates, ticket charges, transport etc. (Word Limit : 50 words) 4

**OR**

Imagine you recently attended a workshop on 'Stress Management' in your school. Write an e-mail to your friend telling him/her about its effectiveness. Sign yourself as Raman/Rama. (Word Limit : 50 words)

4. You felt immensely inspired after reading about social workers like Mahatma 8

Hansraj and Dr. Parmeshwar Rao. Write an article for your school magazine with the message that the qualities like love, peace, sense of compassion, courtesy, forgiveness etc. are needed for the survival of the society. Refer to the unit 'Compassionate Souls' along with your own ideas for the same. (Word Limit : 100-120 words)

OR

Imagine you are the class teacher of Class VIII. You have observed that one of your students remains isolated and sad in class. After talking to her, you have found that she is constantly being compared with her sibling by her parents. Write a letter to her parents informing about her behaviour in class and suggesting them to interact with her to understand her state of mind so as to boost up her confidence and make her a feel-happy girl. Refer to the Unit 'Changing Times' of 'My English Reader' along with your own ideas for the same. (Word Limit : 100-120 words)

5. Read the notes given below and fill in the blanks. Write the answers in the answer sheet. 1x4=4

Constitution Day-known-Samvidhan Divas \_\_\_\_\_ marks  
adoption of Indian constitution \_\_\_\_\_ officially adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Nov. 26, 1949 implementation-Jan 1950.

Constitution Day (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Samvidhan Divas. It (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the day when the constitution of India. (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Though the constitution was adopted officially on Nov 26, 1949, it. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ on 26 Jan, 1950.

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. 1x4=4

Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number.

	Incorrect	Correct
There is three large regions	Eg.: Is	Are
in the world where		
earthquakes is most likely to happen	(a) _____	
Scientists called them earthquake	(b) _____	
zones. The first ran along the east coast of Asia.	(c) _____	_____
A second zone runs down the west coast in	(d) _____	_____
South America.		

7. Read the following instructions, on 'How to polish a pair of shoes'. 1x4=4

- Take a soft cloth and clean the surface dust on the shoes
- Apply the required shoe polish on the surface evenly with a brush.
- Brush vigorously with a second brush till the surface begins to shine.
- Kept than under a cover till use

In order to polish a pair of shoes, first a soft cloth (a) \_\_\_\_\_ to clean the surface dust Secondly, the required shoe polish (b) \_\_\_\_\_ with a brush. The shoes are then (c) \_\_\_\_\_ till the surface begins to shine. They (d) \_\_\_\_\_ under a cover till use.

8. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word given in the brackets. 1x4=4

Human life (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (is/was/are) a tale of errors and follies.  
We (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (all/some/few) commit errors and mistakes out  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ (for/of/by) ignorance. A human being always  
(d) \_\_\_\_\_ (learns/learned/learning) through experience.



9. Look at the words / phrases given below. Rearrange them into meaningful sentences. 1x2=2
- (a) have to / India / has to / if / Indians / change / first / change.
- (b) We would / relationships / to others / help build / by listening / point of view.

**Section - C (Literature)**

**(30 Marks)**

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1x5=5

My Dad knew his duties. He said 'That's all right –  
You'll have what you want, dear. I'll start work tonight'.  
With my expert assistance, he soon finished the chore:

- (a) 'You' and 'I' here stand for –
- (i) the poet and his father.
  - (ii) the poet and his grand mother.
  - (iii) the poet's grandmother and his father.
  - (iv) the poet's mother and the poet.
- (b) The 'work' here stands for\_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) construction of a new house.
  - (ii) construction of a tree-top house.
  - (iii) shifting to a new place.
  - (iv) construction of a garden.
- (c) The rhyme scheme of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) abba.
  - (ii) aabb.
  - (iii) abab.
  - (iv) None of these.
- (d) The poet of this poem is \_\_\_\_\_

(e) The word 'chore' means \_\_\_\_\_

OR

"Forgiveness free of evil done,  
And Love to all men 'neath the sun!"

(a) The speaker of these lines is \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) the poet.
- (ii) the citizens of the nation.
- (iii) the children of the nation.
- (iv) the old people of the nation.

(b) The children want to forgive

- (i) those who have always done good to them.
- (ii) those who have even done bad to them.
- (iii) those who are not known to them.
- (iv) those who are their near and dear ones.

(c) The two virtues the children want to possess are—

- (i) pity and sympathy
- (ii) concern and pity
- (iii) love and pity
- (iv) love and forgiveness

(d) The poet of this poem is \_\_\_\_\_.

(e) The rhyme scheme of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x5=5

"So that I may be completely dead at the other end? Have you any idea what it means to be jolted in a jutka?"

(a) Name the lesson from which the above lines have been taken.

- (b) Who is the speaker of the above line? Whom is he talking to?
- (c) What will make the speaker completely dead at the other end?
- (d) Find the word which means 'yerked'.
12. Answer any six of the following questions in 36 to 40 words each.
- (a) The king was a helpful man Justify.
- (b) What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had lost his job?
- (c) How did Balder's son get implicated in a false case of dacoity?
- (d) The poetess has compared the bangles of the Indian bride to her laughter as well as her tears. Why?
- (e) The lady called the narrator "a humorist" after having luncheon at the Foyat's. Who do you think actually contributes to the humour in the story? How?
- (f) Why did Margie hate her school so much?
- (g) A man must tread in a balanced way in order to lead a successful life. Comment.
13. Imagine you are Mr. Hill, your unpleasant conversation with your colleagues awakens your conscience and your attitude towards Annie changes. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after your meeting with the visitors. (Word Limit: 100-120 words)

OR

Suppose you are the narrator of the story 'The Undeserved Reward'. You are overcome with a feeling of guilt after Baldev and his son leave your house. Write a letter to Baldev expressing your guilt over accepting the honour that you do not actually deserve. (Word Limit : 100-120 Words)