

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std : VIII

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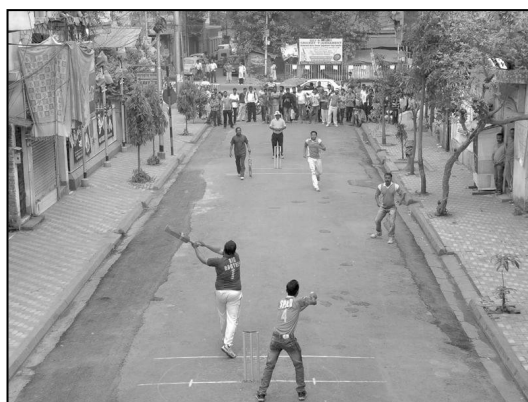
Time : 2 Hrs

Attempt all four questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.

Do not spend more than 35 minutes in answering Q.I and 20 minutes in answering Q.II

**Q I] Write a composition (350-400) on any ONE of the following. You must use at least five words from the given word-bank. Do not change the tense of the words given in the word-bank. (25)**

- (a) You are going on a trip with your family. As you reach the Mumbai International Airport, you notice a lot of confusion and chaos. On enquiring with another passenger, you are informed that there has been a bomb scare at the airport. Write an essay describing the scene and how the airport was peaceful again.  
Word Bank: flight – airline – check-in – pandemonium – baggage – hindrance – personnel – clearance – board – security check.
- (b) You were returning home from school one afternoon. Suddenly, you notice that a few people are beating a young boy mercilessly. Write an essay stating the reason why he was beaten and narrate the manner in which you saved the boy.  
Word Bank: commotion – tears – staggered – instructed – intervened – inspector – mob – offender – beaten to death – rescued – custody.
- (c) 'School education has become more grade-oriented rather than knowledge-oriented. Give your views for or against the statement.
- (d) Write a short story that begins with the following statement:  
The old lady walked into her office cabin. She stood astonished as she noticed .....
- (e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, however, there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



**Q II] Select any ONE of the following:**

**(10)**

- (a) Your father has been parking his car and motorbike in an unorganised manner. It has become difficult for residents to walk. Write a letter on behalf of your father to the Chairperson of your housing society, apologising for the same.

**OR**

- (b) You have been appointed as the Vice-Captain of your school. You have many responsibilities entrusted to you. Write a letter to your friend studying in another school, highlighting the duties and responsibilities that you shoulder and express your happiness for the same.

**Q III] Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (25)**

Throughout my childhood, I constantly dreamed of being an only child – having no one around to fight with, to share with, to grab the remote away from me in the middle of a ‘big game’. I would have the biggest bedroom in the house and be able to talk on the phone as long as I wanted, without being asked a million times whether I had finished with my conversation. However, I was not born an only child; I have an older sister. I have always called my sister ‘Kicki’, instead of her real name, Christie. When I was younger, I had trouble pronouncing the ‘r’ and ‘s’. To this day, she is still ‘Kicki’.

I started playing basketball when I was eight years old. My father was the coach of the team, and my mother kept the score. So my sister, not old enough to stay home alone, was forced to come along and watch my games. I remember looking into the stands for my mother’s approval during games and seeing my sister’s face, confused. It was obvious that she was not thrilled to be there, but she cheered along with the crowd anyway. Her hair was cut short, almost as short as mine, and her teeth stuck out. She was not a very attractive little girl, and she looked more like my older brother than my sister.

After the games, on the car rides home, my parents and I relived every move I had made on the court. My sister sat in the backseat with me in silence, not knowing how or when to enter the conversation. Most nights she came into my room and said, “Good night, Brad. Good game.” I would smile and thank her. I never really took her compliment seriously. I mean, she hardly understood what was going on in the games; she could not possibly know whether I had played well or not.

When I was in high school, I realised what a truly beautiful person my sister was. Everybody knew her and thought highly of her, and I was referred to as ‘Christie’s little brother.’ I was astonished at the person she had become: smart, sweet and beautiful. To me, she was still the ten year old with the boyish look and buck teeth.

I played basketball in high school, and although Christie was not forced to attend my basketball games anymore, she still came every week, cheering me on from the stands. I remember one game in particular, the last game of the season. My sister sat in the stands with a large group of friends. She wore a t-shirt which had large red letters printed on it. The letters formed the words ‘Brad’s Sister’. Suddenly I was embarrassed. However, it was not her presence that embarrassed me. It was the fact that I had never appreciated her support before. She was never embarrassed to be my sister, even though I had been embarrassed to call her that so many years ago. She did not care what anyone thought, and she never had.

I am an only child now; my sister left for college a few months after that last game. I finally have the biggest room in the house and the remote control all to myself. Now that she has gone, I kind of miss having someone to fight with for the phone, and the big bedroom is not all that great anyway. I went to visit her in college for a weekend. As I stood outside her room, waiting for her to come out, a friend of hers walked past me and questioned, “Hey, aren’t you Christie’s brother?” I beamed and said proudly, “Yes, I am. I’m Christie’s brother.”

- (a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (3)
- i) forced-
  - ii) thrilled-
  - iii) beamed-

(b) Answer the following questions:

- i) Why did Brad wish that he did not have a sibling? (3)
- ii) After Brad's game, in what way did Brad's sister feel isolated during the car rides home? (3)
- iii) Why was Brad amazed at his sister's popularity, when he was in high school? (3)
- iv) How did Brad's life change, after his sister left for college? (3)
- v) In not more than 60 words of your own, highlight the manner in which Brad's sister supported her younger brother, though he was embarrassed of the same. (8)
- vii) Suggest a suitable title for your précis and justify it. (2)

#### Q. IV]

(a) In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the sentences, but write in correct serial order, the word or phrase appropriate in the blank space. (4)

A pair of bulls has been drawing crowds to a Cambodian village. As Rajat Sethi, an Indian tourist \_\_\_\_\_(1)\_\_\_\_\_ (say), many believe the animals can perform miracles. These two ordinary looking bulls \_\_\_\_\_(2)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) said to be sacred animals of an ancient Cambodian legend. Their owner, a farmer, dreamed they were the scared pair and \_\_\_\_\_(3)\_\_\_\_\_ (claim) that the two have cured people of their illnesses. The feeble, the afflicted, and the curious minds \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ (flock) to the farm. The news has even travelled to the Cambodian Government. However, the Prime Minister says he \_\_\_\_\_(5)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) skeptical of 'bull magic'. This does not stop hundreds of people from coming to see, touch and feed the pair. Other people \_\_\_\_\_(6)\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to extremes in the hope of experiencing a magical cure. Some local entrepreneurs \_\_\_\_\_(7)\_\_\_\_\_ (set) up stalls selling bundles of grass and herbs to feed the animals. Hence, what the village has lost in tranquility, they \_\_\_\_\_(8)\_\_\_\_\_ (gain) in extra income.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (4)

1. Sunil played in our school football team \_\_\_\_\_ three years.
2. My grandmother looked \_\_\_\_\_ me when I was young.
3. Geeta sat \_\_\_\_\_ her two best friends.
4. Someone tapped John's shoulder, so he looked \_\_\_\_\_ him.
5. The baby had to crawl \_\_\_\_\_ the house to look for her toy.
6. Mary leaned \_\_\_\_\_ the wall because her ankles were hurting.
7. Raj went \_\_\_\_\_ the gym early in the morning.
8. The children walked \_\_\_\_\_ the mall located on the busy street.

**(c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and, but or so.* (4)**

1. The baby saw its lost rattle. It started crawling towards it.
2. Sanjeev did not go for the party. Anna did not go for the party.
3. Ahmed finished his prayers. He began to doze off.
4. I bought the pair of sneakers. I had seen it at the store.

**(b) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of the sentence. (8)**

1. It started raining. The peacocks started dancing. (Use: No sooner...than)
2. The travel agent asked my father, "How many days will you be spending in Bhutan?" (Change the speech in the sentence)
3. The maid will clean the laboratory after the experiments are over. (Change the voice)
4. The children performed the dance without any flaw. (Use the adverb form of the word 'flaw')
5. We have much to learn from the ancient customs of the world. (Change to an interrogative sentence)
6. World War II was more devastating than any other war ever fought. (Use the positive degree of the underlined words)
7. The melody of the singer's song held the audience captive. (Change the underlined word to an adjective)
8. Supriya was too calm to be angered by the harsh remarks of the passer-by. (Use: so...that)

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