

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
TERMIINAL EXAMINATION – 2024
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: VIII
Date: 07/10/2024

Marks: 80
Time: 2 hrs

Attempt all five questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.
Do not spend more than 30 minutes in answering Q.I and 20 minutes in answering Q.II

Q I] Write a composition (350-400 words) on any ONE of the following topics: (20)

- (a) Write a short story that ends with the following statement: '...James opened the door and stepped inside. There was no going back now.'
- (b) You were doing your homework when you noticed that objects around you have started to disappear. Write an essay, narrating how you resolved this situation and the discovery brought about by this experience.
- (c) 'Students at the age of fourteen years must be allowed to ride a motorcycle.'
Express your views either FOR or AGAINST this statement.
- (d) Your mother purchased a new mirror with an elegant frame. When the mirror was hung on the wall, you noticed that you could see another world within the mirror. Write an essay, describing this unique appearance as seen by you.
- (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 friend has informed you that he/she will be shifting to another city as his/her father has been transferred. Your friend does not want to shift his/her residence. Write a letter to your friend, motivating him/her to accept this change positively. Your letter must also mention the benefits of living in a new city.

OR

- (b) You wished to purchase a new pair of shoes when you went to the mall. However, the store did not have a pair of shoes in your size. The staff promised to deliver the pair in your size after a few days. A week later, the store delivered the pair, but you received an incorrect size. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the store, highlighting this issue. Your letter must also mention the ways in which this situation has affected you and the impact of such a situation on the reputation of the store.

Q III] Notice and Email:

- (a) The Interact Club is organising a 'Baking Contest' for the pupils of classes IX-X. Write a notice, inviting pupils to submit their entries for the contest. (5)
- (b) Write an email to a reputed chef in Mumbai, requesting him/her to be a Judge for the contest. (5)

Q IV] Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

Dulal Karmakar spent a few sleepless nights having taken – what he thought – was a deeply uncomfortable decision: that he would enroll his younger daughter, Dipa in a Bengali medium school. His eldest child Puja, who was four years older than Dipa, studied in an English medium school in their Agartala neighbourhood in Tripura.

He would ask the seven-year-old Dipa many times over, if she was comfortable going to the school she was enrolled into and not learning English like her older sister. However, the girl was stubborn. She used the only English she had managed to learn, to say to her father, "English means no gymnastics practice."

Having started out in gymnastics just a year ago, the Class three girl had concluded that the only way she could devote all her time to the sport she was beginning to like, was by sticking to the Bangla school, which did not focus on attendance. This allowed her to spend maximum time at the gymnastics hall where she was quickly learning the basics.

"As parents, we were not sure if we were doing the right thing by keeping her away from English, but she was adamant," her father remembers. Dipa insisted and that according to her father, was the biggest sacrifice his daughter made in pursuit of Artistic Gymnastics.

On 14th August 2016 at around midnight, Dipa Karmakar started her sprint towards the 'vaulting horse', a padded wooden block used by gymnasts while performing stunts. This would be her final attempt at the 2016 Rio Olympics. She had already made it to the History books by being the first Indian woman gymnast to reach the Olympics as well as the finals of the event.

She wanted to sign off with flourish by executing the riskiest stunt. Anything less than perfect and the gymnast could land in a heap on the floor, leading to a potentially fatal injury. Karmakar reached the apparatus with peak speed, sprung high into the air off it and did a double somersault before landing on her haunches. The end was not perfect. Points were deducted for not landing on her feet, but she regained her balance in no time and completed a manoeuvre that only four other gymnasts have managed.

Karmakar narrowly missed a podium finish in Rio that year. She fell 0.15 points short of the bronze winner, Giulia Steingruber of Switzerland. However, her performance catapulted her from an anonymous athlete in the country to limelight on the global stage. Words of praise poured in from peers. She was praised on par with medal winners like P.V. Sindhu and she was conferred the prestigious Padma Shri award. Most importantly, Karmakar became a household name in a country that is often criticised for an unflinching devotion towards its cricketers.

- (i) For each word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)
- 1) adamant (line 17) –
- a) focused
 - b) skilled
 - c) wise
 - d) determined

2) regained (line 31) –

- a) brought
- b) attained
- c) fulfilled
- d) made

(ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word ‘unsettled’? (1)

- a) comfortable
- b) sleepless
- c) manoeuvre
- d) deducted

(iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

- a) Highlight the reasons that prevented seven year old Dipa from changing her mind. (3)
- b) Describe the manner in which Dipa executed her performance at the Olympics. (2)
- c) Why did Dipa’s father find it difficult to fall asleep one night? (3)
- d) Comment on Dipa’s plans regarding her performance. In what way could her plan fail? (2)
- e) What was notable about Dipa’s role as a gymnast? (2)
- f) How did Dipa’s skill as an athlete make her famous? (3)
- g) In your opinion, was Dipa wise as a child? Support your answer with two reasons. (2)

Q. V]

- (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

Example:

(0) Switzerland _____ (be) a beautiful country with stunning landscapes and a rich cultural heritage.

Answer: is

Tourists _____ (1) (flock) to the Swiss Alps for decades and they continue to be mesmerised by its majestic peaks. Last year, many visitors enjoyed skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer. Cities like Zurich and Geneva _____ (2) (bustle) with activity, offering tourists an opportunity to experience Switzerland’s rich culture. People _____ (3) (explore) its picturesque villages and indulge in the finest Swiss chocolates. Swiss culture _____ (4) (be) a harmonious blend of various traditions. Traditional festivals like the ‘Carnival of Basel’ _____ (5) (celebrate) for centuries and still attract large crowds. Swiss folk music resounds through the mountains and valleys. Art and literature are of profound importance in Switzerland. Swiss cuisine, _____ (6) (renown) for its cheese fondue, suits everyone’s taste buds. It has been the first country to control carbon dioxide emissions, a step that _____ (7) (benefit) its citizens and tourists alike. Switzerland _____ (8) (become) a model for balancing its economic growth and environment.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. (4)

- 1) The trekkers walked _____ the village to reach the mountain base.
- 2) Anita painted a portrait _____ a charcoal stick.
- 3) The ice cream cake began to fall _____ when the guests sang for the birthday boy.
- 4) Fred took _____ his father's business when he travelled to Rome.
- 5) Lily's pet cat returned _____ she put up posters in the neighbourhood.
- 6) I arranged my shoes _____ my bed before going to bed.
- 7) _____ packing Kyra's snack box, her mother baked the cookies for her class.
- 8) The sunflower tilted its head _____ the sun as soon as it emerged from the behind the clouds.

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

- 1) The detective opened the file. He took out a newspaper clip.
 - a) The detective opened the file and took out a newspaper clip.
 - b) As soon as the detective opened the file, he took out a newspaper clip.
 - c) The detective opened the file, for he wanted a newspaper clips.
 - d) When the detective wanted a newspaper clip, he opened the file.
- 2) Daisy borrowed the drill from me. She wanted to fix the swing.
 - a) Daisy borrowed the drill from me because she wanted to fix the swing.
 - b) Daisy borrowed the drill when to fix the swing.
 - c) In order for fixing the swing, Daisy borrowed the drill from me.
 - d) Daisy borrowed the drill from me so that she could fix the swing.
- 3) There is a power cut. The electrical appliances will not work.
 - a) There is a power cut, so the electrical appliances will not work.
 - b) Despite there is a power cut, the electrical appliances will not work.
 - c) If there is a power cut, the electrical appliances will not work.
 - d) There is a power cut when the electrical appliances will not work.
- 4) The event was cancelled. The performers reached on time.
 - a) The event was cancelled, so the performers did not reach on time.
 - b) The performers reached on time, for the event was cancelled.
 - c) Although the performers reached on time, the event was cancelled.
 - d) In spite of the event being cancelled, the performers reached on time.

(iv) 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 each sentence. Choose the correct option. (8)

- 1) The rhinoceros was wounded. He should be given medical aid. (Rewrite the sentence using the adverb 'too')
 - a) The rhinoceros was too wounded not to be given medical aid.
 - b) The rhinoceros was too wounded to not be given medical aid.
 - c) The rhinoceros was too wounded to receive medical aid.
 - d) The rhinoceros was too wounded and he was given medical aid.

- 2) Everyone in the art class _____ using different colours and techniques.
(Fill in the blanks with the correct verb that agrees with the subject.)
- Everyone in the art class enjoy using different colours and techniques.
 - Everyone in the art class enjoys using different colours and techniques.
 - Everyone in the art class has enjoy using different colours and techniques.
 - Everyone in the art class enjoys using different colours and techniques.
- 3) It is a need for us to start car-pooling with our friends as fuel prices are increasing.
(Replace the underlined phrase with the correct modal.)
- We can start car-pooling with our friends as fuel prices are increasing.
 - We have start car-pooling with our friends as fuel prices are increasing.
 - We do start car-pooling with our friends as fuel prices are increasing.
 - We must start car-pooling with our friends as fuel prices are increasing.
- 4) The coach said to the players, you can do this those words gave them confidence.
(Punctuate the above statement correctly.)
- The coach said to the players, "You can do this"; those words gave them confidence.
 - The coach said to the players, "You can do this; Those words gave them confidence.
 - The coach said to the players, "you can do this", those words gave them confidence.
 - The coach said to the players, "You can do this. those words gave them confidence.
- 5) Countries around the world associated to promote world peace after World War II. (Rewrite the sentence using the abstract noun 'association')
- Countries around the world have association to promote world peace after World War II.
 - An association to promote peace was needed by countries around the world.
 - Countries around the world formed an association to promote world peace after World War II.
 - The need for an association was created by countries around the world after World War II.
- 6) No other adventure experienced by Rianna was as thrilling as the zipline over the forest in Borneo. (Rewrite the sentence using the correct degree of comparison.)
- The zipline over the forest in Borneo was a thrilling adventure for Rianna.
 - The zipline over the forest in Borneo was the most thrilling adventure Rianna experienced.
 - The zipline over the forest in Borneo was a more thrilling adventure experienced by Rianna.
 - The zipline over the forest in Borneo was a thrilling experience.
- 7) The board selected a candidate. His profile was impressive. (Join the sentences using the correct pronoun.)
- The board selected a candidate whose profile was impressive.
 - The board selected a candidate who's profile was impressive.
 - The board selected somebody as he has an impressive profile.
 - The board selected a candidate that his profile was impressive.
- 8) The cruise ship was caught in the storm. Its arrival was delayed. (Join the sentences using a participle)
- The cruise ship was being caught in the storm, so its arrival was delayed.
 - The arrival of the cruise ship was caught in the storm. Its arrival was delayed.
 - The storm caught the cruise ship and prevented its arrival.
 - On being caught in the storm, the arrival of the cruise ship was delayed.

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