

GREENLAWNS HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2024-25

Date:
Time: 2 hours

Class: VIII
Marks: 80

SECTION – I (COMPOSITION)

I] Write in 250 to 300 words on **any one** of the following Essay Topics: (10)

A) Narrative the first time you tried something new.

Or

B) Describe the atmosphere of your school library.

Or

C) Write an essay for or against the topic: Reading books is better than watching movies.

Or

D) Write a story with a beginning: My friends and I discovered a hidden door in the school basement that we had never seen before.....

Or

E) Write a story with an ending: We finally saved the animals and returned them back to the animal shelter home.

SECTION - II (LETTER WRITING)

II] Write a letter on **any one** of the following topics: (10)

A) Write a letter to your friend explaining to them how being disrespectful is considered indecent behaviour.

B) Write a letter of complaint to a delivery company about a package that was delayed beyond the promised delivery time.

SECTION – III (COMPREHENSION)

III] Read the Passages given below and answer the questions: -

(20)

What is it that **enables** some people to gain whatever goal they set for themselves while others do not succeed? What makes some men winners in the world and other losers? If you want to win, we must find the right answer to this very important question. Are there certain qualities or techniques which a person can use to achieve success regardless of his goal? To confirm this, we must carefully study the lives of successful men of the past as well as the present day. No doubt there are certain characteristics which are commonly found among all these great people. But an academic or college education is not necessarily one of them. Such an education perhaps could be an asset. But then considering how many of our educated youth are **keen** to take on a job of clerk and end up their lives as clerks one may even doubt whether the college education is really an asset.

Let us remember this. College education by itself is neither good nor bad. It all depends on what use you put it to. The important thing is if you happen to **possess** it you can use it to advantage. If you do not have it, there is no real cause to worry. Many have succeeded not only in India but also in other industrially advanced countries having **attained** great success without college education. For instance, Thomas Edison had taken only three month's schooling. The great Abraham Lincoln was practically self-educated. Benjamin Franklin did not attend the school at all. The Wright Brothers were not scientists but bicycle mechanics by their basic profession. Success also does not necessarily depend upon one's birth, environment, wealth etc. H.G Wells, the "father of science fiction", was born in poverty and had to fight ill health continually.

The study of the great, successful, self-made men all over the world, whether of the past or of the present, spotlights very important common factors. They knew how to get along successfully with others. They knew how to sell themselves to strangers and friends, to their employers and employees, to their neighbours, families, in fact to everyone with whom they came into contact daily. They knew how to sell their ideas, knowledge, talent and service. They knew how to get along with men, influence and motivate them. Success depends to a great extent on what you do with your ideas, talents or gifts. Invariably it is not what you know but what you do about what you know. It is not what you have, but what is done about it that spells the difference between success and failure.

- 1) Why is it doubtful that college education can be even an asset? (2)
- 2) Can college education be a factor to ensure success? (3)
- 3) Write about two men who have attained great success without college education. (2)
- 4) Does success depend upon one's birth, environment, wealth etc.? Give an example. (2)
- 5) Which is the most important factor behind a man's success? (4)
- 6) Give a title for the passage. (1)
- 7) What according to you is an important factor in your success? (2)
- 8) Give synonyms for the following words from the passage: (4)
 - a. enables –
 - b. keen –
 - c. possess –
 - d. attained –

SECTION – IV (GRAMMAR)

QIV] Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject: (5)

- 1) Either my mother or my father _____ (is/are) coming to the meeting.
- 2) The Prime Minister, together with members, _____ (greet/greets) the press cordially.
- 3) One of my sisters _____ (is/are) going on a trip to France.
- 4) The committee _____ (debate/debates) these questions carefully.
- 5) Mathematics _____ (was/were) John's favourite subject.
- 6) Nobody _____ (know/knows) the trouble I've seen.
- 7) The players, as well as the captain, _____ (want/wants) to win.
- 8) Noah and Carol _____ (has/have) a car they can spare.
- 9) Everyone _____ (eat/eats) the required nutrients.
- 10) The dog or the cats _____ (drink/drinks) the milk.

QV] Identify the adjective in the following sentences and state its kind: (5)

- 1) Last year, I got the first prize in the race.
- 2) These horses will join the race.
- 3) There is little sugar in the jar.
- 4) Whose book is on the table?
- 5) His mother is a teacher in the school.

QVI] Fill in the blank with the correct form of adjective: (5)

- 1) Standards of living can be very _____ (comfort) for those who can get good jobs.
- 2) The captain of the wrecked boat was accused of _____ (crime) negligence.
- 3) The _____ (talk) driver had not stopped chatting.
- 4) It is, of course, always _____ (danger) to conclude too much from early evidence.
- 5) They scored an _____ (ease) goal late in the game.

QVII] Read the following sentences and change them as directed: (4)

- 1) Indore is the cleanest city in India. (Change to Comparative degree)
- 2) No other girl in the class is as intelligent as Tina. (Change to Superlative degree)
- 3) Gold is the most expensive of all the metals. (Change to Positive degree)
- 4) Minu is the sweetest girl in the class. (Change to Positive degree)

QVIII] Choose the correct option and fill in the blank with articles wherever necessary: (5)

- 1) Sanskrit is _____ language.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 2) She returned after _____ hour.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 3) Allahabad is _____ holy city.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 4) Honest man always speaks _____ truth.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 5) I bought _____ umbrella to go out in the rain.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 6) Albany is the capital of _____ New York State.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 7) _____ church on the corner is progressive.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 8) He is _____ student of mathematics.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 9) _____ horse in the field is eating grass.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
- 10) My husband's family speaks _____ Polish.
a) a b) an c) the d) no article

QIX] Identify the adverbs in the following sentences and state their kind: (5)

- 1) I am going to the market now.
- 2) The man grumbled loudly while cleaning the table.
- 3) The serve hot pancakes there.
- 4) I usually come home after work.
- 5) It is extremely, hot today.

QX] Choose the correct adverb to complete the sentences below: (3)

- 1) Professor Peyton is _____ (wide/widely) known in scientific circles. ‘
- 2) It is _____ (near/nearly) midnight. It’s time to go to bed.
- 3) He is always _____ (high/highly) spoken about.
- 4) The doctor was checking the patient’s injured leg _____ (cautious/cautiously).
- 5) I looked _____ (suspicious/suspiciously) at the foul smelling food.
- 6) Her daughter cried _____ (bitter/bitterly).

QXI] Choose the correct options and fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: (5)

- 1) I went _____ a lovely Christmas party.
a) at b) to c) in d) of
- 2) It is very humid _____ the summer.
a) on b) at c) in d) from
- 3) It is the story _____ a young girl.
a) in b) from c) of d) at
- 4) _____ milk and cheese, we need vegetables.
a) besides b) among c) from d) beside
- 5) I must thank you _____ the affectionate and warm welcome.
a) on b) for c) at d) from
- 6) I cannot wait _____ the movie starts.
a) to b) since c) until d) upto
- 7) I have not been on a holiday _____ last year.
a) for b) since c) by d) on
- 8) The TV is _____ the corner of the room.
a) on b) at c) from d) in
- 9) The old man suffered _____ a heart attack.
a) from b) on c) by d) for
- 10) They are building a new road _____ Mumbai and Delhi.
a) among b) between c) besides d) from

QXII] Choose the appropriate conjunctions from the box given below: (3)

Not only... but also, for, unless, so, but, either.... or

- 1) She _____ got up early _____ completed all her work.
- 2) She is honest _____ everyone trusts her.
- 3) I can’t attend the meeting _____ I am suffering from fever.
- 4) You can’t succeed _____ you work hard.
- 5) I went to the bank, _____ it was shut.
- 6) She has _____ passed _____ failed.