

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: VIII

Marks: 80

Date: 08/02/2024

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: ...it was midnight and the forest was quiet as the children walked through it.
- (b) You found a magical ring that transported you to a pirate ship. You had to protect yourself from being discovered. Write an essay, narrating the efforts you made to return home safely and emerged a hero.
- (c) 'Space exploration must be encouraged by every country'. Express your views either FOR or AGAINST this statement.
- (d) You were given the opportunity to travel to a time period in the past. Write an essay, describing the unique environment of the time period visited 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) You have enrolled for a cooking class for children which you attend every Saturday. Write a letter to your friend, encouraging him/her to enroll for the class. Your letter must also mention what you have learnt from the cooking class and the importance of learning such a skill.

OR

- (b) You and your family have been facing terrible network issues for the past few days. You have informed your network provider about the same, but there has been no improvement. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of your service provider, informing him/her about your poor connection. Your letter must also mention the ways in which this situation has hampered your daily routine and the ways in which this issue can resolved.

Q III] Notice and Email:

- (a) Your class decided to host an early Holi celebration for the pupils of classes V-VII. Write a notice to the pupils of your school, inviting them to submit their names for the same. (5)
- (b) Write an email to Principal of a school in your vicinity, requesting him/her to send pupils of classes V-VII for the celebration. (5)

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

I was nineteen when I saw my first tiger in the wild, and it was every bit as thrilling as I had imagined. I was in the Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, seated on a young tame elephant that was barely six feet tall. The elephant and its teenage trainer were being trained to track tigers by more experienced trackers on much larger elephants. I sat behind the trainer and hung on to a rope as the elephant struggled up a steep slope amidst thick bamboo.

Suddenly, a flash of orange caught my eye. There, beside the narrow path, sat a handsome young tiger. For a heart-stopping moment, our eyes met in mutual surprise. The tiger was so close that it could have easily leapt onto our elephant and pulled us down, but it just sat there calmly, looking at us with curiosity. As my elephant climbed to the top of the slope, the striped cat **faded** from view.

Since that day several decades ago, I have had many close encounters with wild tigers during my career as a wildlife filmmaker, but that first glimpse will always remain special. Despite its status as our National Animal, the tiger is highly endangered and a few more than three thousand survive in our forests. According to Dr K. Ullas Karanth, a leading tiger expert, India's forests can easily support seven thousand more tigers if we take care of our surroundings. This requires understanding what tigers need in order to survive and taking steps to remove the threats they face.

Most of us are aware that tiger poaching is a major threat. Every part of the tiger, be it its skin, bones or body parts, is in high demand in China and parts of Southeast Asia. The skin is used for decorative purposes and the bones and body parts are used as ingredients in traditional medicine. Although there is no scientific evidence for the effectiveness of tiger products in treating illnesses, deep-rooted cultural beliefs fuel the increasing demand.

With tigers having been driven to extinction in most other Asian countries, India's national parks and sanctuaries have become the main targets of poachers. Several hundred years ago, most of India was cloaked in forest and thousands of tigers roamed the length and breadth of the country. However, as the human population increased and agriculture expanded, forests were cut down to such an extent that tigers are largely confined to the green islands we call national parks and sanctuaries.

Another threat is the **rampant** poaching of prey by people living in and around our nature reserves. Using a variety of methods, including traps, guns, arrows and poison, large numbers of deer and other animals are illegally hunted for meat. When prey animals become scarce in the forest, it affects the tiger population.

For example, a tigress that can raise four cubs in a forest with plenty of prey, may not be able to raise even one cub successfully in a forest where prey is scarce. If no new tigers get added to the population and if the ones present are hunted or die of natural causes like territorial fights and old age, the tigers in that forest will soon go extinct, as they have in some of our reserves.

(i) For each word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)

1) faded (line 13) –

- a) vanished
- b) emerged
- c) stopped
- d) chased

2) rampant (line 35) –

- a) controlled
- b) insignificant
- c) illegal
- d) unrestrained

(ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'protected'. (1)

- a) survived
- b) thriving
- c) endangered
- d) safe

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

a) Highlight the reasons that make the tiger an attraction for poachers. (3)

b) How do the poachers target a tiger's prey? What consequence does this action have? (2)

c) In what way was the narrator's visit to the Kanha Tiger Reserve memorable? (2)

d) 'The tigers in that forest will soon go extinct, as they have in some of our reserves'. Why does the narrator wish to highlight by this statement. (2)

(iv) In not more than 50 words, showcase the difference in the surroundings of the tiger and its impact on the tiger. (8)

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) The Maasai tribe \_\_\_\_\_ (be) known for their vibrant culture.

**Answer:** is

This tribe is indigenous to East Africa, primarily \_\_\_\_\_ (1) (inhabit) parts of Kenya and Tanzania. Renowned for their distinctive clothing, \_\_\_\_\_ (2) (adorn) with colourful beadwork and intricate jewellery, the Maasai \_\_\_\_\_ (3) (preserve) their traditional nomadic lifestyle, often \_\_\_\_\_ (4) (herd) cattle across vast Savannas. As globalisation \_\_\_\_\_ (5) (encroach), the Maasai face the challenge of balancing tradition with modernisation. Despite these changes, they strive \_\_\_\_\_ (6) (safeguard) their cultural heritage through rituals, storytelling and communal practices, symbolising resilience in the face of evolving times. Their deep connection to the land is evident in their spiritual beliefs, where certain landscapes and trees \_\_\_\_\_ (7) (hold) sacred significance. Maasai warriors, \_\_\_\_\_ (8) (know) for their bravery, participate in ceremonies that showcase their transition from young warriors to respected elders.

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

- 1) The students were unable to put up \_\_\_\_\_ the noise from the construction site.
- 2) The CEO's project fell \_\_\_\_\_ due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 3) Dan decided to figure \_\_\_\_\_ a solution to the problem before going home.
- 4) The annual concert was called \_\_\_\_\_ on account of the heavy snowstorm.
- 5) Samreen came \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting article in the newspaper.
- 6) Tanvi could not get \_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful sunset she saw yesterday.
- 7) Robert stated that the bird was worth looking \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) The tourists wandered \_\_\_\_\_ the marketplace, looking for the shoemaker.

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

- 1) Harish said he was innocent. He was imprisoned.
  - a) Harish said he was innocent, but he was imprisoned.
  - b) Harish was imprisoned, for he was innocent.
  - c) Although Harish said that he was innocent, he was imprisoned.
  - d) Harish was innocent and he was imprisoned.
  
- 2) As soon as the announcement was made, the passengers ran towards the platform.
  - a) The passengers ran towards the platform despite the announcement being made.
  - b) Hardly had the announcement been made when the passengers ran towards the platform.
  - c) As the passengers ran towards the platform, the announcement was made.
  - d) The announcement was not made, but the passengers ran towards the platform.
  
- 3) The tiger was wounded. It roared fiercely during the storm.
  - a) The tiger was wounded, so it roared fiercely during the storm.
  - b) In spite of roaring fiercely during the storm, the tiger was wounded.
  - c) No sooner had the tiger got wounded than he roared fiercely during the storm.
  - d) Since the tiger was wounded, it roared fiercely during the storm.
  
- 4) The bottle was filled with juice. It was stored in the freezer.
  - a) The bottle was filled with juice and stored in the freezer
  - b) The bottle, which was filled with juice, was stored in the freezer
  - c) The bottle was stored in the freezer as it was filled with juice.
  - d) The bottle was so filled with juice that it was stored in the freezer.

(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) Paras does not like people who tease street dogs. (Rewrite using a gerund of the underlined word.)
  - a) Teasing street dogs is not liked by Paras.
  - b) Paras does not like people who are fond of teasing street dogs.
  - c) If you are teasing street dogs, you will not be liked by Paras.
  - d) Paras does not like people who are teasing street dogs.

- 2) The students can respect diverse opinions during class discussions. (Replace the incorrect modal.)
- The students could respect diverse opinions during class discussions.
  - The students might respect diverse opinions during class discussions.
  - The students respect diverse opinions during class discussions.
  - The students should respect diverse opinions during class discussions.
- 3) Ramesh learned how to play the guitar on his own. (Rewrite using a reflexive pronoun.)
- Ramesh taught hisself to play the guitar.
  - Ramesh taught himself to play the guitar.
  - Ramesh taught to play the guitar himself.
  - Ramesh itself taught him to play the guitar.
- 4) The threads of the spider's web, which looked like silk, glistened in the morning light. (Use the adjective form of the word 'silk')
- The threads of the spider's web, which looked like silken, glistened in the morning light.
  - The threads of the spider's web glistened in the silken morning light.
  - The threads of the spider's web silkenly glistened in the morning light.
  - The silken threads of the spider's web glistened in the morning light.
- 5) The movie was interesting. Despite this, it received mixed reviews by the media. (Join the sentences using 'quite'.)
- The movie was interesting despite the quite mixed reviews by the media.
  - The movie was interesting despite the mixed reviews by the quite media.
  - The movie was quite interesting despite the mixed reviews by the media.
  - Despite the quite mixed reviews by the media, the movie was interesting.
- 6) The task was too challenging for the campers to complete soon. (Replace the adverb 'too')
- The task was challenging for the campers to complete in a day
  - The task was so challenging for the campers that they could complete it soon.
  - The task was so challenging for the campers that they could not complete it soon.
  - The task was very challenging for the campers to complete in a day
- 7) The manager will hold the monthly meeting next Monday. (Begin: The monthly...)
- The monthly meeting will be held on next Monday by the manager.
  - The monthly meeting will be held next Monday by the manager.
  - The monthly meeting is being held next Monday by the manager.
  - The monthly meeting had held next Monday by the manager.
- 8) Asha said to Olivia, "Are you attending the badminton tournament tomorrow?"
- Asha asked Olivia whether she was attending the badminton tournament the next day.
  - Asha asked Olivia whether she was attending the badminton tournament tomorrow.
  - Asha asked to Olivia whether she was attending the badminton tournament the next day.
  - Asha said to Olivia whether she is attending the badminton tournament the next day.

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