

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI
TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2025
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: VIII

Date: 22/09/2025

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 begins with the following statement: 'Life is full of surprises, but Rajiv was certainly not expecting this one...'.
- (b) You were given the opportunity to spend two days with your favourite celebrity. Write a narrative essay, showcasing how you spent your time with the celebrity.
- (c) 'Human beings have become the most dangerous living beings on Earth'. Express your views either FOR or AGAINST this statement.
- (d) 'Our hometown or native home is a place where fond memories are created'. Write an essay, describing why your native home is special. Your essay must also highlight the surroundings during the day and the change in the atmosphere at night.
- (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 visited a cinema on the weekend, but you were disappointed with your experience due to the poor maintenance of the cinema hall. Write a letter of complaint, to the manager of the cinema hall highlighting the troublesome issues faced by you. Your letter must also mention the ways in which the authorities at the cinema must upgrade the structure.
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- (b) Your friend gifted you a plant as a 'take away gift' for his/her birthday. Write a letter to your friend sharing your views about the gift. Your letter must also mention how you have been taking care of the plant and the importance of such gestures.

Q III] Notice and Email:

- (a) The Interact Club of your school is organising the 'Annual Talent Show' for the pupils of classes IV to IX. Write a notice to the pupils of your school, inviting them to submit their entries. (5)
- (b) Write an email to a celebrity requesting him/her to be the 'Guest of Honour' for the 'Annual Talent Show' organised by the Interact Club. (5)

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

Toby Workman stared out of the window of his room in the space station. He was looking in the direction of the mist-covered Earth, 5,000 miles away. Toby had been working at the station for only a month. Many high-school students joined every summer to build up a flying record which would help them become successful rocket pilots.

The week before, Toby had been piloting a sightseeing rocket for vacationers from Earth. It was his first task. While they were coming into dock at the space station, something happened to the brakes and the ship bumped into the building where the spacecraft was to be parked, injuring several people. It was discovered that nothing was wrong with the rocket and Toby was unofficially accused of carelessness while further investigation was being carried out. If no mechanical defect was found in the spacecraft, Toby knew he would be suspended from space flying.

Suddenly, over the wall speaker of his room came another appeal for a pilot to carry Dr Shepard and his daughter – a nurse trainee to the moon to give medicines in a sudden outbreak of contagious fever. "I am the only licensed pilot in the space station right now," Toby said to himself. "The express spacecraft that was bringing the other pilots from Mars would not arrive for a long time. A delay may let the fever grow into an epidemic. I am going to try it." Toby began pulling out flying gear.

As he looked for a spacecraft, Toby saw the investigating crew examining the big spacecraft in which he had the accident. Their report would arrive any time. After he had launched the ship on a smooth path, Toby heard footsteps. It was Dr Shepard and his daughter who wanted to meet the pilot. Toby prepared himself for unpleasantness.

When Dr Shepard recognised Toby, he furiously said, "You are incompetent! I thought your licence had been revoked! If you believe you are doing something heroic, consider that you are risking the lives of us who could be of service to those people on the moon!" Dr Shepard paused a moment for breath, then went on. "A person your age has no business flying rockets in the first place. It is a job for older men with mature judgment!"

Dr. Shepard's daughter, Deb was a quiet girl who could not believe the worst in anybody. She too was doing extra summer work in order to earn her space nurse's grade. Her father was considered to be one of the best space surgeons. On the last leg of the journey, Toby heard a buzz on his radio set. It was Lieutenant Cameron, the Operations Officer at the space station. Toby's heart froze as his message came through.

"I have been instructed to tell you that this is your last trip as a pilot. The investigation of the spacecraft in which you had the accident is nearly complete and there seems to be no mechanical defect upon which the disaster can be blamed. I am afraid it boils down simply to a serious error of judgement. I am sorry, but the chief says your licence will be revoked upon your return to the space station." Although the message was not a surprise, it made Toby feel all empty and hopeless. The fact that he was responsible for his passengers pushed him to complete his job.

- (i) For each word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)
- 1) carelessness (line 11) –
 - a) neglect
 - b) caution
 - c) bewilderment
 - d) indifference
 - 2) launched (line 23) –
 - a) propelled
 - b) received
 - c) tumulted
 - d) set in motion
- (ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'kindess'? (1)
- a) responsible
 - b) unpleasantness
 - c) considered
 - d) investigating
- (iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.
- a) Comment on Dr. Shepard's response on seeing the pilot. (3)
 - b) Why had Toby and high-school students joined the space station? (2)
 - c) Highlight the reasons that convinced Toby to take Dr. Shepard to the moon. (2)
 - d) In what way was Toby unsuccessful in his first task? (2)
 - e) What information do you gather from the passage about Dr. Shepard's daughter? (2)
 - f) Why do you think Toby felt 'empty and hopeless' in his heart? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2)
 - g) What are your views about the reaction of Dr. Shepard and Lieutenant Cameron towards Toby? (2)
 - h) How would you handle the situation if you were in Toby's place? (2)

Q. VI]

- (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:

It _____ (0) (be) autumn, and the Sun was setting behind the trees.

Answer: was

The air was cool and fresh, and a gentle breeze _____ (1) (blow). As Gora walked along the road, he _____ (2) (feel) a sense of peace and contentment. He _____ (3) (spend) the day _____ (4) (explore) the countryside and now he was on his way back to the village where he was staying. The village _____ (5) (nestle) in a valley surrounded by hills and from where he _____ (6) (stand), he could see the smoke _____ (7) (rise) from the chimneys of the houses below. It was a scene of quiet beauty and Gora felt grateful to be alive and to be able _____ (8) (experience) it.

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

- 1) _____ being fined, the criminal was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
- 2) Many passenger boats travel _____ the backwaters of Kerala.
- 3) The dancers performed _____ the tunes of the sitar.
- 4) Amina watched the cruise ship disappear _____ the horizon.
- 5) The fort was built _____ a single rock more than a hundred years ago.
- 6) Mother Teresa was a woman _____ great love and compassion.
- 7) Vijay worked _____ improving his stamina and immunity.
- 8) Tara cut the apple _____ slices and placed them on a plate.

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

- 1) As soon as Kara collected the data, she entered it in the excelsheet.
 - a) No sooner did Kara collected the data when she entered it in the excelsheet.
 - b) No sooner had Kara collect the data, than she enters it in the excelsheet.
 - c) No sooner Kara collected the data, she entered it in the excelsheet.
 - d) No sooner had Kara collected the data than she entered it in the excelsheet.

- 2) Alice has complete faith. She will win the boxing championship.
 - a) Alice has complete faith that she will win the boxing championship.
 - b) Alice has complete faith so that she can win the boxing championship.
 - c) Alice was faithful that she would win the boxing championship.
 - d) Alice knew that she will win the boxing championship.

- 3) Rajan was not fluent in Bengali. He decided to learn a Bengali song.
 - a) Rajan was fluent in Bengali, but he learnt a Bengali song.
 - b) Rajan was not fluent in Bengali, for he decided to learn a Bengali song.
 - c) Although Rajan was not fluent in Bengali, he decided to learn a Bengali song.
 - d) Unless Rajan was not fluent in Bengali, he decided to learn a Bengali song.

- 4) It was unclear. The result of the Physics experiment was accurate.
 - a) It was unclear on resulting that the Physics experiment was accurate.
 - b) It was clear, so the result of the Physics experiment was accurate.
 - c) It was unclear whether the result of the Physics experiment was accurate.
 - d) It was unclear and the result of the Physics experiment was accurate.

(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) Tintin is one of the most famous cartoon characters in the world.
(Begin: Very few...)
 - a) Very few cartoon characters in the world are famous like Tintin.
 - b) Very few cartoon characters in the world are as famous as Tintin.
 - c) Very few cartoon characters are more famous than Tintin in the world.
 - d) Very few cartoon characters are famous as Tintin.

- 2) The stray dog was barking incessantly. Fred was awake the whole night.
(Join the sentence using a gerund.)
 - a) The stray dog barked and Fred was awake the whole night.
 - b) The stray dog's incessant barking kept Fred awake the whole night.
 - c) The stray dog was barking incessantly. Fred was awake the whole night.
 - d) The stray dog's barks made Fred stay awake the whole night.

- 3) The CEO, along with his advisors, _____ the employees at the start of the financial year. (Fill in the blanks with the correct subject-verb agreement.)
- The CEO, along with his advisors, met the employees at the start of the financial year.
 - The CEO, along with his advisors, meets the employees at the start of the financial year.
 - The CEO, along with his advisors, meet the employees at the start of the financial year.
 - The CEO, along with his advisors, will meet the employees at the start of the financial year.
- 4) The coast guard declared that the sea was too rough to go sailing.
(Use 'declaration' instead of 'declared')
- The coast guard made a declaration that the sea was too rough to go sailing.
 - The declaration to the coast guard that the sea was too rough to go sailing.
 - The coast guard was with the declaration that the sea was too rough.
 - The coast guard has declarations that the sea was too rough to go sailing.
- 5) It is possible that the model of the ship has been sold by now. (Begin: The model...)
- The model of the ship is sold by now.
 - The model of the ship should be sold by now.
 - The model of the ship may have been sold by now.
 - The model of the ship ought to have been sold by now.
- 6) Rajat met with an accident because he was reckless in his driving. (Rewrite using 'recklessly')
- Rajat met with an accident recklessly because he was driving.
 - Rajat recklessly met with an accident because he was driving.
 - Rajat met with a recklessly accident because he was driving.
 - Rajat met with an accident because he was driving recklessly.
- 7) Josh said Dinesh and i play squash on Mondays wednesdays and fridays."
(Punctuate the sentence.)
- Josh said, Dinesh and i play squash on Mondays, wednesdays and Fridays."
 - Josh said, "Dinesh and i play squash on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays."
 - Josh said, "Dinesh and I play squash on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays."
 - Josh said Dinesh and i play squash on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays."
- 8) The police identified the burglar. His fingerprints were found on the doorknob.
(Join the sentences using an appropriate pronoun.)
- The police identified the burglar whose fingerprints were found on the doorknob.
 - The police identified the burglar as his fingerprints were found on the doorknob.
 - When the police identified the burglar, its fingerprints were found on the doorknob.
 - They identified the burglar, his fingerprints were found on the doorknob.

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