



<b>Date:</b>	<b>CPE -3</b>	<b>Max. Marks: 20</b>
<b>Grade: VIII</b>	<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE</b>	<b>Time: 1hour</b>

Q. No.	QUESTION	MARKS
	<b>SECTION A - READING</b>	
	<p><b>Read the passage given below.</b></p> <p>Quite recently India laid the foundation stone for one of its most sought-after projects – running a Bullet Train. It was very well considered as a dream project of the Honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The entire country felt proud of having its first ever bullet train scheduled to run between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, a distance of 508 km, in about 2 hours 35 minutes. In PM Modi's words, "To grow, one needs to expand one's dreams and decide one's strength to achieve that. It's the New India which has to fly high. Bullet Train is a project that will provide pace to development. Along with new technology, it will also bring results faster," he added. According to Achal Khare, the Managing Director of the National High Speed Rail Corporation, the project would be completed by December 2023.</p> <p>It all began with the Prime Minister's ambitious dream of having a high-speed train in India that cuts the travel time and yet remains an economical option to go from one city to another. The technology of this High-Speed Rail, also known as HSR, was influenced by Japan, which runs a network of bullet trains in their country on Shikasen technology, making many cities well connected to others. According to reports, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered to provide \$12 billion (USD) of soft loans to build India's first Bullet Train. The loan was offered at an interest rate of 0.1 per cent per year with repayment over 50 years and a moratorium for the first 15 years. The Japanese Government will be bearing 80 per cent of the total project cost whereas the increase in cost estimates has to be borne by both India and Japan.</p>	

The reason this deal between India and Japan is considered path-breaking is that there is currently no financial institution in India that could provide such a huge funding to be repaid over as long a time as 50 years.

**1. Based on the reading of the passage, answer the following questions.**

**(5)**

1. The ..... for the Bullet Train project was laid recently.

- a) railway track
- b) signalling system
- c) foundation stone
- d) financial institution

2. The bullet train will take about ..... to run between Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

- a) three hours and twenty-five minutes
- b) two hours and fifty-five minutes
- c) two hours and thirty-five minutes
- d) nine hours and fifty-five minutes

3. According to PM Modi, the two benefits that the bullet train will bring are to provide pace to ..... and faster .....

- a) travel, trains
- b) train travel, results
- c) development, trains
- d) development, results

4. The project is expected to be ..... by December 2023.

- a) completed
- b) operationalised
- c) started
- d) finalised

5. Bullet train is a project that will provide pace to .....

- a) economic growth
- b) development
- c) connectivity
- d) high funding

**SECTION B – GRAMMAR**

<b>2.</b>	<b>Underline the adverb clauses in the following sentences.</b>  a. I don't like to be disturbed when I am working.  b. He sat there smiling as if he was the boss.  c. I waited because I wanted to talk to him.  d. Though he is my friend I don't trust him.  e. You cannot go home until you finish your job.	<b>(5)</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Identify the adverb phrase in the following sentences.</b>  a. As the deadline approaches, we began feeling stressful.  b. We completed the task with minimal difficulty.  c. The fishers went sailing over the sea.  d. The desert stretched towards the north.  e. Jack will sit in silence.	<b>(5)</b>

**SECTION C – LITERATURE**

4.	Name the poet who wrote the poem "Your World"	<b>1</b>
5.	Why is the text called the 'The Adventures of an Understudy'? Do you think Rassendyll was a good understudy?	<b>2</b>
6.	How did Claribel's unconscious state help the speaker understand what the problem was? Who saved everyone from the accident?	<b>2</b>