

Class : 8	Subject : English	Maximum Marks : 40	Time : 2 Hours
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General Instructions

- Attempt all the questions.
- Do not write the answers on the question paper.

Section A – Vocabulary (10 marks)

Questions 1-10 carries 1 mark each

Match each word with its meaning.

WORD / PHRASE	MEANING
θ. Thawing	a. Attractive, interesting and mysterious at times
1. Demolished	b. Soft, smooth and shiny
2. Hoax	c. Decrease in size or amount
3. Precariously	d. Theft or misuse of money
4. Beguiling	z. Melting of snow
5. Sheen	e. Pulled down a building
6. Dwindles	f. Likely to fail or be damaged
7. Morass	g. A trick played on someone
8. Diffidence	h. Very surprised
9. Embezzlement	i. A swamp
10. Taken aback	j. Lack of confidence

Section B – Grammar (10 marks)

Question 11-13 carry 1 mark each

Write the correct form of the verbs in present tenses [3x1= 3]

0. The flight ~~XXXX~~ off at 5:30 p.m.

- a. Takes b. taking

11. The team XXXX quite well.

- a. Plays b. is playing

12. Sam XXXX just XXXX out.

- a. has_gone b. have _ gone)

13. The child XXXXX television for hours.

- a. was watching b. has been watching

Question 14-17

Identify the noun phrases (NP) in the following sentences. [4x1= 4]

0. The new girl became known to the whole school in just a day.

~~NP : The new girl~~

14. Adwaith and Sonia will be moving to Germany next year.

15. A three-legged puppy was found at the corner of the street last week.

16. Pasta and momos seem to be my mom's newly-found comfort food.

17. Christy was not able to finish the box of chocolates.

Question 18-20 carry 1 mark each

Identify the adjectival phrases (AP) in the following sentences [3x1=3]

0. I really loved your new pink georgette saree.

~~AP : New pink georgette~~

18. My mom decided to give away my old and unused school uniforms.

19. The bright-eyed Indian girl became popular after she participated in the dance competition.

20. A few very helpful tips were given by the volunteers.

Section C – Reading (5 marks)

Question 21(1) - (5) carry 1 mark each

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

1. Meghalaya, meaning "The Abode of Clouds," is a beautiful state in northeastern India. It is known for its breathtaking natural beauty, including rolling hills, dense forests, and numerous waterfalls. The capital of Meghalaya is Shillong, often referred to as the "Scotland of the East" because of its scenic landscape and pleasant climate. The state shares borders with Assam to the north and Bangladesh to the south.

2. One of the most famous attractions in Meghalaya is Cherrapunji, which was once considered the wettest place on Earth. It still receives heavy rainfall, especially during the monsoon season. Another nearby town, Mawsynram, currently holds the record for the highest average annual rainfall in the world. The lush green surroundings and misty clouds make these towns a tourist's paradise.

3. Meghalaya is also known for its unique living root bridges, found mainly in the southern Khasi and Jaintia hills. These bridges are made from the roots of rubber trees, which grow and intertwine over time, forming natural bridges that are strong enough to carry people across rivers and streams.

4. The people of Meghalaya belong to three major indigenous tribes: the Khasi, Garo, and Jaintia. These tribes have their own distinct cultures and languages, but the majority of the population speaks Khasi, Garo, or English. The state has a rich tradition of music, dance, and festivals. One of the most important festivals celebrated by the Khasi tribe is the Nongkrem Dance Festival, which is held to give thanks for a good harvest.

5. Agriculture plays a major role in Meghalaya's economy. The state is known for growing crops like rice, maize, and potatoes. Apart from agriculture, the state has large reserves of minerals like coal, limestone, and uranium. However, there are concerns about the environmental impacts of mining.

6. The government of Meghalaya is focused on promoting eco-tourism to protect its natural environment while also developing the state's economy. Visitors are encouraged to explore the forests, caves, and waterfalls in an environmentally friendly way. With its unique culture, scenic beauty, and rich biodiversity, Meghalaya remains one of the most enchanting places to visit in India.

Answer the following questions by choosing the appropriate option.

0. What does the name "Meghalaya" mean?

A) Land of Flowers

~~B) The Abode of Clouds~~

C) Place of Waterfalls

D) Land of Mountains

Answer: ~~B) The Abode of Clouds~~

1. Which city is known as the "Scotland of the East"?

- A) Cherrapunji
- B) Shillong
- C) Mawsynram
- D) Guwahati

2. Which town currently holds the record for the highest average annual rainfall in the world?

- A) Shillong
- B) Mawsynram
- C) Cherrapunji
- D) Tura

3. What are the living root bridges in Meghalaya made from?

- A) Bamboo
- B) Stone
- C) Rubber tree roots
- D) Iron

4. Which of the following is NOT a tribe found in Meghalaya?

- A) Khasi
- B) Jaintia
- C) Garo
- D) Bhil

5. What is one of the major festivals celebrated by the Khasi tribe?

- A) Bihu
- B) Durga Puja
- C) Nongkrem Dance Festival
- D) Hornbill Festival

Section D – Writing (5 marks)

Question 22 carries 5 marks

22. You are Ankit/Ankita. You purchased the latest model of Smart TV from Diamond

Electronics, Sardar Avenue, New Delhi. Since the television is now not working properly, write an e-mail in about 150 words to the company asking for its replacement immediately.

Section E – Literature (10 marks)

Question 23-24 carry 1 mark each

Answer the following questions in one or two sentences. [2x1=2]

23. *"Here, let me help you," said Mohan. "My room okay, Amma?"*

Whom did Mohan want to help and what did he help with? (The Narayanpur Incident)

24. *'Our story is unfolding to a better ending, even if we don't want to leave this place.'*

Why don't they want to leave the place? (Melting in Alaska)

Question 25-26 carry 2 mark each

Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words. [2x2=4]

25. What are the difficulties faced by the yup'ik people, both emotionally and physically after their migration? (Melting in Alaska)

26. Explain the lines in detail - *'With golden glitter and silver sheen,
And bosom of blue and garments of green'.* (The Rock and the Sea)

Question 27 carries 4 marks [1x4=4]

Write the answer in 120-150 words.

27. What was the role assigned to Patol Babu? What do you think makes Patol Babu a greater human being than an actor?



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TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED

Section	Maximum Mark	Mark obtained	1 st Evaluator Name & Signature	2 nd Evaluator Name & Signature	3 rd Evaluator Name & Signature
A -Vocabulary	10				
B - Grammar	10				
C - Reading	05				
D - Writing	05				
E- Literature	10				
Total	40				

ANSWER SHEET

A - Vocabulary			B - Grammar		
Write both the option and the given meaning of the right answer			Write both the option and the right answer		
0	z. Melting of snow	6		0	a. Takes
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3		9		13	
4		10		14	
5		xx	XXXXXXXXXXXX	15	

B - Grammar	
Write both the option and the right answer	
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21 C - Reading	
Write both the option and the right answer	
0	B. The abode of clouds
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