



GRADE: VIII DATE: 29/09/2023	TERM-1 (2023-24) ENGLISH	MARKS: 40 TIME: 2 Hours
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Name of the student: _____ Class & Section: _____

Instructions

- Answer all questions, all questions are compulsory
- Do not write anything on the question paper

SECTION A- VOCABULARY

Associate the terms in Column A with their corresponding definitions in Column B
(1 X 6 = 6 Marks)

—0.	Protect
1.	Focus on
2.	Reduce
3.	Visible
4.	Crack
5.	Ageing
6.	Exact

A.	Make smaller or less in amount
B.	Totally broke into pieces.
C.	Accurate or correct in all details.
D.	Pay attention to.
E.	The process of change in someone as they get older.
F.	Keep safe from harm or injury
G.	Able to be seen.
H.	A state of emotion

SECTION B- GRAMMAR

Read the following sentences and choose the correct articles to complete each sentence. (1 X 6=6 Marks)

0) Gold is ~~XXXX~~ useful metal.

(A) -a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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7) She is ~~XXXX~~ untidy girl

(A) a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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8) Tom scored ~~XXXX~~ highest mark in the examination.

(A) a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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9) Ravi saw a lion. ~~XXXX~~ lion was sleeping under a tree.

(A) a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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10) I shall be back in ~~XXXX~~ hour

(A) a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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11) Alex is ~~XXXX~~ doctor

(A) a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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12) Devan, the watchman of our street, has gone ~~XXXX~~ home

(A) a	(B) an	(C) the	(D) x
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SECTION C- READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage given below and answer the following questions.

(1 X 8 =8 Marks)

The Eiffel Tower is one of the world's most famous sights. The 324- metre-tall iron tower attracts millions of tourists to Paris every year. It has been an iconic part of Paris' skyline for 133 years. However, it is showing its age. Engineers recently conducted a survey of the monument. They found that its metal was full of rust. They said it is "in a poor state". They added that if its designer Gustave Eiffel was alive today and saw his creation, "he would have a heart attack". Engineers say there are many cracks in the iron. The tower needs many repairs. A 2016 report on the tower stated there were 698 faults on the tower. These were serious enough to put the tower's long-term future in doubt. Construction of the Eiffel Tower started in January 1887. It opened to the public on the 31st of March, 1889. It was built to celebrate the 1889 World's Fair in Paris. Builders needed 10,100 tons of iron to make the tower. It was made from 18,000 sections and 2.5 million rivets. The original plan was for the tower to be taken down after 20 years. However, the French government changed its mind and kept it in place. The tower is currently being repainted ahead of the 2024 Olympics. Engineers say painting the metal will not make the rust problem go away. They say the existing paint needs to be completely removed first. However, this will take too long and the tower will lose tourist revenue.

0) ~~How tall is the Eiffel Tower?~~

(A) 342 metres	(B) 423 metres	(C) 234 metres	(D) 324 metres
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13) What did engineers say the tower was full of?

(A) screws	(B) nails	(C) air	(D) rust
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14) What might Gustave Eiffel have if he were alive today?

(A) hope	(B) pride	(C) a heart attack	(D) an honor
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15) How old is the Eiffel Tower?

(A) 132 years old	(B) 133 years old	(C) 135 years old	(D) 134 years old
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16) What would the tower lose if it was closed to take the paint off?

(A) revenue	(B) The number one spot	(C) workers	(D) time
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17) According to engineers, what needs to be done to address the rust problem in the Eiffel Tower?

(A)Repainting the metal	(B)Complete removal of the existing paint	(C)Replacing the entire tower	(D) It is not a serious issue
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18) How many rivers were used to make the tower? a) 2.5 million b) 3.5 million c) 12.5 million d) 7.5 million

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19) Which material was used to build the Eiffel Tower? a) Wood b) Concrete c) Iron d) Steel

(A) Wood	(B) Concrete	(C) Iron	(D) Steel
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20) What is the main issue with the Eiffel Tower's current paint job?

(A) It is the wrong colour	(B) It is too expensive To maintain	(C) It is too thick.	(D) It doesn't protect against rust
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SECTION D-LITERATURE - 10 Marks

21) What is the significance of the comparison between a water-lily bud and a poem? (1)

22) “So, I gave him your address and asked him to get in touch with you directly. I hope you won't turn him away.”

a. Whom did the speaker give the address to? (1)

b. Why did he give the address to him? (1)

23) Explain the sentence “And this is my country as much as it is yours.” Briefly state the situation in which it occurs. (2)

24) Why does the speaker speak of the water lily “unfolding” rather than “blooming”? (2)

25) How does Juliet Wilson express her displeasure about the extinction of past glory in the world around her? (3)

SECTION E- WRITING (2 X5= 10 Marks)

26) You are the head girl/head boy of your school, The Village International School, Thodupuzha. Draft a notice for your school informing the students about a workshop on 'Table Manners and Etiquettes'. The principal will inaugurate the workshop. Venue- School auditorium. Date- 10 October, 2023. Time- 9 am- 11 am. (5 Marks)

27) You are a member of the Eco Club of your school and you have to participate in an awareness drive regarding the importance of water. Prepare a poster highlighting the significance of conservation and its protection.

(5 Marks)