

# Summative Assessment - I (2014-15)

Class - VIII  
Subject - English

Time : 2½ hrs.

M. M. : 90

*Note :- All questions are compulsory.*

## Section - A (Reading)

(20 marks)

**Q.1. Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below. (2 × 5 = 10)**

Maharana Pratap was the king of Mewar. Pratap was a king and yet he had no love of comfort. He had the welfare of his people at heart. He was proud of his honour and he was so good to the people that they were ever willing to sacrifice their all for his welfare. There is a story that Pratap gave his turban to a poet who had pleased him with his verses. The poet went to Akbar's court but took off the turban before bowing to the emperor, who was surprised and asked him why he bowed bare headed. The poet answered, "Your Majesty, this turban belonged to a man who has never bowed his head to another man. This is Maharana Pratap's turban". Pratap took vow that until Chittore was recovered, he would live a hard life. He would not use gold and silver dishes at meals; he would use the leaves of trees instead. His bed would be of straw and he would not shave his beard. He ordered that no one should plough the fields and no crops should be grown in the country. After that he attacked his enemy and received his lost kingdom.

- (i) Who was the king of Mewar ?
- (ii) What made Akbar surprised ?
- (iii) What is the meaning of underlined word ?
- (iv) Why did Pratap take vow ?
- (v) Give a suitable title for the passage.

**Q.2. Read the following poem carefully, then answer the questions that follows. (2 × 5 = 10)**

Whenever I see  
Gas balloons go up  
I wonder where we'd end up  
If we're balloons.  
Would we go far away  
To some unknown destiny ?  
Or will it be carefully decided goal

Balloons! How much they're  
 Like human beings —  
 So different from each other  
 in colour, shapes, design and sizes  
 Some live long and some don't  
 just like us some find  
 pair of loving hands and some don't  
 They get lost or destroyed  
 Like we do  
 At times  
 They rub cheeks affectionate  
 Occasionally you can hear  
 them whisper secrets  
 As only friend will  
 And once in a while, in the chill  
 of the night or the mist of dawn  
 You may find one tear  
 flowing down  
 silently.

- (i) Does the poem describe similarities between balloons and human beings ?
- (ii) Write the two rhymes words of the poem.
- (iii) 'So different from each other' (line 10). The poet has used this expression to describe
- |             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| (A) colours | (C) human beings |
| (B) destiny | (D) balloons     |
- (iv) What is the meaning of destiny ?
- (v) Give a suitable title for the poem.

**Section - B (Writing)**

**(15 marks)**

- Q.3.** You are Hemant. Today morning you received a call from Mr. Joseph, your father's friend. You father was on his morning walk. Mr. Joseph asked you to please convey your father that he was in fever. He is not in position to go to the office today. He has asked your father to inform the managing Director about it. Write the message on behalf of Mr. Joseph. Put the message in a box. **(1 × 5=5)**

Q.4. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper pointing out the need for immediate improvements in the roads of your city. (1 × 5 = 5)

Q.5. Write an article for your school magazine about bullying in your school. In your article you must give examples of bullying at your school, who are the students who are bullied, how your school deals with cases of bullying and what needs to be done to prevent bullying in the school. (1×5=5)

Section - C (Grammar)

(20 marks)

(1 × 4 = 4)

Q.6. Fill in the blanks -

(i) All ..... books are lying at sixes and sevens.

(a) my

(b) mine

(ii) One should obey ..... elders.

(a) one

(b) one's

(iii) Sir, give me ..... more time.

(a) some

(b) any

(iv) ..... people know that he is very talented singer.

(a) Few

(b) A few

(1 × 4 = 4)

Q.7. Fill in the blanks -

(i) We will ..... to the radio when father comes home.

(a) listen

(b) listened

(ii) Mr. Sharma ..... in this school since 1986.

(a) is teaching

(b) has been teaching

(iii) My father ..... the bike and goes to office.

(a) rides

(b) ride

(iv) Mukesh ..... to be a pilot but he became an artist.

(a) want

(b) wanted

(1 × 4 = 4)

Q.8. Choose the appropriate Modal.

(i) Mat ..... be lazy but he is certainly not stupid.

(a) could

(b) may

(c) might

(d) will

(ii) I ..... speak Swedish, Dutch and Japanese.

(a) can

(b) should

(c) would

(d) must



(iii) Parents ..... take care of their children.

- (a) may                      (b) ought to                      (c) must not                      (d) should not

(iv) She ..... sing very well as a child.

- (a) can                      (b) must                      (c) will                      (d) used to

**Q.9(A). Change the Infinitive into a Gerund. (1 × 2 = 2)**

(i) To cut trees is to cut oxygen supply.

(ii) To eat more than enough is to invite health problems.

**(B) Use the Infinitive form as required in each of the following :- (1 × 2 = 2)**

(i) Don't forget (wash your hand) before eating.

(ii) They have tried (help) the victims of disaster.

**Q.10. Fill in the blanks :- (1 × 4 = 4)**

(i) Saryu said that Ajay ..... cooking food for kids.

- (a) was                      (b) will

(ii) I said that the king ..... a new crown.

- (a) needed                      (b) is needing

(iii) The officer ordered clerk ..... show him the case file.

- (a) to                      (b) that

(iv) Mother ..... Anu if she liked cake.

- (a) asked                      (b) said

**Section - D (Literature) (35 marks)**

**Q.11. Answer the following :- (2 × 5 = 10)**

(i) What did the author find in a junk shop ?

(ii) Name the person who wanted to reform the society ?

(iii) Why was Jim ashamed to say that Fruitz began it ?

(iv) Velu travelled with a ticket. Why ?

(v) How many daughter did the royal couple have ?

**Q.12. Answer the following :- (4 × 5 = 20)**

(i) Why were the royal couple named after the months of the year ?

(ii) Why is the giant called selfish ?

- (iii) What tasks, do you think were assigned to the dog and the ox ?  
(iv) Who was General Blood and Thunder ? Why was he called so ?  
(v) Why did the grandmother ask the children not to kill the Chuchundar ?

**Q.13. Tick the correct answers :-**

**(1 × 5 = 5)**

(i) Captain Jim Macpherson was from -

- (a) Germany                      (b) England                      (c) Spain                      (d) Australia

(ii) A silly young cricket was accustomed to -

- (a) hardwork                      (b) helping others                      (c) sing                      (d) think wisely

(iii) What does the school boy compare himself with ?

- (a) a bird                      (b) a star                      (c) a cage

(iv) During monsoon-mist the birds -

- (a) chirp happily                      (b) fall silent                      (c) sleep

(v) Gather gold became a -

- (a) a murderer                      (b) a very wealthy shopkeeper  
(c) a very wise teacher