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ENGLISH

SET 1

Class: VIII
Date: 23.7.26
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains FOUR sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

(7 marks)

I. Read the passage and answer the questions.

Time is running out, and the parents are worried with just 10 days left for the schools to reopen after homework. Since the children have enjoyed their vacations, it is their parents who are surfing the internet, painting the charts, writing essays and preparing science models. Some busy parents who are well off but cannot spare time are compelled to send their wards to the “holiday homework special” classes.

Sumedha, who holds classes for completing the children's homework, says that she charges anything between Rs.1000 and 5000 per child, depending on the class and volume of homework. Many schools give away prizes for the best homework or add the marks in internal assessments. This makes it almost imperative for parents to get the best quality. The majority of parents complain that the level of homework is so high that their children are clueless about how to do it. Also, many of them fret that the quantum of holiday homework is so much that children fail to complete it within the stipulated holidays.

In spite of all the troubles, all parents agree that holiday homework is essential for the children. Some of them opined that homework helps establish and strengthen bonds between them and their children as it brings them close to each other. Some others think that holiday homework keeps the children in touch with their studies when they are not going to school.

1.. The two objections raised by parents regarding holiday homework are:

- (a) children playing through the holidays and the amount of homework
- (b) high level of homework and amount of homework
- (c) too much time and a high level of homework
- (d) lack of ideas among children and level of homework

2. Holiday homework special ‘classes are conducted for:

- (a) busy parents
- (b) children of busy parents
- (c) for all well off children
- (d) teachers

3. That _____ makes it necessary that quality homework is done.

- (a) Schools assign difficult homework
- (b) parents are doing the homework
- (c) schools add marks of the homework to internal assessment
- (d) parents are paying a heavy price for homework.

4. Besides keeping the children in touch with their studies homework _____ between parents and children.

- (a) sets up bonds
- (b) builds bonds
- (c) weakens bonds
- (d) sets up and builds bonds

5. Why do children fail to complete their homework during vacations?

6. Why do some parents think holiday homework is important?

7. The word/phrase in the passage means the same as “**expressed opinion**” _____

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

II. Identify and write the correct adverb from the lines given below:

(1×2=2)

- a. He always sings when he is all alone.
- b. I have been waiting for hours.

III. Choose the correct phrasal verbs in the given sentences:

(1×2=2)

- a. She did not give _____ (up/off) even after facing many difficulties.
- B. The plane took _____ (up/off) om time despite the bad weather.

SECTION C: WRITING SKILL

(4 marks)

IV. Write any of the following:

- a. You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Your school is organizing an educational trip to a historical place to enhance students' knowledge of history and culture. Draft a notice informing students about the trip including necessary details.

OR

b. Heavy rainfall caused flooding in your area and disturbed normal life. Write a diary entry describing what happened and how people managed the situation.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

(10 marks)

V. Answer in one word or sentence: (1×3=3)

- a. What quality of hope is highlighted in the poem?
- b. What role did Mozart's family play in his success?
- c. What special bond did Tippi share with animals?

VI. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 -50 words.

(2×2=4)

- a. What challenges might a child face while living in the wild?
- b. How does the poem teach the importance of positivity and inner strength through the poem?
- c. Imagine you had a chance to meet Mozart. What questions would you ask him and why?

VII. Answer any one question from the following in about 60-80 words.

(1×3=3)

- a. Describe Tippi Degre's childhood and her unique bond with animals.

OR

- b. Think and write the importance of hard work and dedication in Mozart's success.