



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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ENGLISH
SET 2

Class: VIII
Time: 1hr
Date: 23.7.26
Admission no:

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:

Success is often associated with talent, intelligence, or luck, but many successful people believe that hard work and determination are more important than natural ability. People may be born with certain talents, but without regular practice and dedication, those talents may remain unused. On the other hand, an ordinary person with determination and discipline can achieve great success through consistent effort.

Many students become discouraged when they fail in examinations or competitions. They often think that failure is the end of their journey. However, failure should not be viewed as something negative. It is an opportunity to learn from mistakes and improve performance. Some of the world's most successful people faced repeated failures before achieving their goals. They treated every setback as a lesson rather than a defeat.

Another important quality that contributes to success is self-confidence. A person who believes in himself or herself is more likely to take risks and face challenges. Self-confidence does not mean thinking that one is perfect; rather, it means having faith in one's abilities and being willing to learn and improve. People with confidence are usually more motivated to work towards their goals.

Time management also plays a crucial role in achieving success. Students who plan their work and use their time wisely are generally more productive. Creating a timetable, setting goals, and avoiding unnecessary distractions can help people complete tasks efficiently. Success does not happen overnight; it requires patience, hard work, and continuous effort.

Therefore, success is not determined only by talent or luck. It is the result of determination, confidence, learning from failures, and making proper use of time.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Success mainly requires:

a) Luck only

- b) Talent only
- c) Hard work and determination
- d) Money

2. Failure should be viewed as:

- a) The end of life
- b) An opportunity to learn
- c) A punishment
- d) Weakness

3. Self-confidence means:

- a) Thinking one is perfect
- b) Having faith in one's abilities
- c) Ignoring mistakes
- d) Avoiding challenges

B. Answer the following questions:

- 4. Why may natural talent remain unused?
- 5. What role does self-confidence play in success?
- 6. Mention two ways to manage time effectively.
- 7. Find words from the passage that mean:
 - a. Regular and steady – _____
 - b. Ability to produce results – _____

SECTION B: GRAMMAR

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

(1*2=2)

- a. The students listened carefully during the lecture.
- b. The train arrived late at the station.

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

(1*2=2)

- a. The meeting was called _____ (off/out) due to some technical issue.
- b. We set _____ (out/off) for the trip at dawn.

SECTION C: WRITING SKILL

(4 marks)

V. Write any of the following:

a. Your school is planning a Tree Plantation Drive on the school campus. As the Head Boy/Head Girl, draft a notice informing students and asking volunteers to participate.

OR

b. You visited an old age home with your school and had an emotional experience. Write a diary entry.

SECTION D: LITERATURE

(10 marks)

V. Answer the following questions in brief.

- a. Why was Tippi's childhood considered unusual?
- b. How does hope remain strong during hardships?
- c. How did Mozart's childhood differ from that of other children?

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

(2×2=4)

- a. Why did Tippi feel more comfortable with animals than with other children?
- b. Why does the poet say that hope never asks for anything in return?
- c. Describe Mozart's contribution to the world of music.

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

(1×3=3)

- a. What does Tippi's story teach us about respecting nature?

OR

- b. Describe Mozart's contribution to the world of music.