

2021  
CLASS-VIII(PHASE I)

Total marks: 40

GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION

Time : 1 ½ hours

**General instructions:**

- i) Approximately 08 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers
- ii) The question paper consists of 10 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- iii) Internal choice has been provided in some questions.
- iv) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

**N.B:** Check to ensure that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.

**SECTION-A (GRAMMAR)**

**1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given: 5x1=5**

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of words that makes sense, but not complete sense.
  - i. Punctuation
  - ii. Phrase
  - iii. Clause
  - iv. Sentence
- b. He wanted to buy a new coat \_\_\_\_\_ had no money.
  - i. which
  - ii. but
  - iii. when
  - iv. while
- c. A Subordinate Clause that does the work of a \_\_\_\_\_ in a sentence is called a Noun Clause.
  - i. Verb
  - ii. Noun
  - iii. Phrase
  - iv. Clause
- d. God helps those \_\_\_\_\_ help themselves.
  - i. whose
  - ii. who
  - iii. which
  - iv. how
- e. We must work hard \_\_\_\_\_ we may pass.
  - i. when
  - ii. where
  - iii. that
  - iv. while

**2. Rewrite the sentences as directed: 5x1=5**

- a. I think that you have made a great mistake. (*Underline the Clause*)
- b. He succeeded in his attempt. (*State whether the sentence is Simple, Compound or Complex*)
- c. I earn whatever I can. (*Underline the Noun Clause*)
- d. He makes friends \_\_\_\_\_. (*Add suitable Adverb Clause*)
- e. Do children love animals? (*State whether the sentence is in Active or Passive Voice*)

**3. State whether the given sentences are Simple, Compound or Complex sentences: 2x1=2**

- a. She stood first in the class.
- b. I hit him and made him cry.

**4. Complete the following sentences by adding a suitable Noun Clause: 2x1=2**

- a. I want to know \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. I cannot express \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Fill in the blanks with suitable Adjective Clauses: 2x1=2**

- a. He returned me the book \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. All the blessing \_\_\_\_\_ come from God.

**6. Pick out the Adverb Clauses in the following sentences and say what kind each is: 2x1=2**

- a. I shall remain where I am.
- b. We must get our house repaired before the rains set in.

**7. Change these sentences from Active to Passive Voice:**

**2x1=2**

- a. Switch off the lights at ten.
- b. Please help him.

**SECTION- B (COMPOSITION)**

**8. Read the passage and answer the questions given below:**

There is an old Arabic legend on how coffee was first discovered. Do you know it? Well, it is said that there was a goat herd in Arabia named 'Kabir'. One day, he found his goats running around in a very excited manner. They had some red berries in their mouths which they had chewed off a shiny dark-leafed shrub. So he thought to himself, "let me eat some too" and after eating them he became as alert and active as his goats. He did not feel sleepy at all and could stay awake all night taking care of his sheep. The other shepherds heard of these marvelous berries and quickly ate them up as well.

In the early days, coffee beans were roasted and used as money. They were exchanged for other goods. That is why coffee got the name "brown gold" because it was as valuable as gold. People began to cultivate the coffee crop in their fields and that is how use of coffee spread. People started having coffee in different ways. The most common one was crushing coffee and drinking it with hot water. Coffee plants have many species. Some are small shrubs while others, big trees. Coffee is grown on large estates as well as small forests.

- a. Who discovered coffee? **1**
- b. What motivated him to taste the red berries? **1**
- c. Why was coffee used as money? **1**
- d. How did coffee come to be known as "brown gold"? **1**
- e. What is the most common way of having coffee? **1**

**9. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:**

I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!

I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
I knew you wouldn't mind.  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind!

I asked that He'd be near you  
At the start of each new day;  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you  
In all things great and small.  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed the most of all.

**Fill in the blanks and complete the summary of the poem:**

**5x1=5**

The poet \_\_\_\_\_ for his friend. He is sure that God will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his prayers. In the prayer, the poet asks God to shower on his friend \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**10.** Write an essay in about 100-150 words on **any one** of the given topics:

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- a. How you spent your time during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- b. Health and Fitness
- c. Importance of sports for students.

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