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TERM -1 EXAMINATION, 2017-18
SUBJECT - ENGLISH

STD : VIII

General Instructions :

M.M : 80

- (i) The paper consists of four sections.

Section A :	Reading	20 marks
Section B :	Writing	15 marks
Section C :	Grammar	15 marks
Section D :	Literature	30 marks

- (ii) All questions are compulsory.

- (iii) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION - A : (READING)

(20 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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We give undue importance to our health and the treatment of diseases. A large number of medicines treat only the symptoms of the disease, and not the root cause. In fact, the cause of many chronic ailments is still being researched. It is here that Yoga therapy comes to our assistance. Yoga emphasizes treatment of the root cause of an ailment. It works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner. Modern medicine can claim to save a life at a critical stage, but, for complete recovery and regaining of normal health, one must believe in the efficiency of Yoga therapy. The Yogic way of life includes a code of ethics, regulations, discipline and more combined with prayer and meditation. Even a discussion of these subjects helps one relieve mental tensions and change attitudes. Simple Asanas help to stretch and relax the whole body and neutralize tensions. The sincere practice of Yoga postures benefits all levels of experience. Through continuous practise, Yoga postures can have a profound effect on the inner dimensions of life, establishing deep calm, concentration, emotional stability and confidence. Man is a physical, mental and spiritual being. Yoga helps promote a balanced development of all the three. Other forms of physical exercises, like aerobics, assure only physical well-being. They have little to do with the development of the spiritual or astral body.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the sentences / answer the following questions :

(1 × 8 = 8)

- a) Most of the medicines treat _____
- b) Yogic way of life includes _____
- c) Simple Asanas help to _____
- d) What does the phrase 'Chronic ailments' refer to?
- e) How is yoga different from other treatments?
- f) In what way does sincere practice of yoga postures benefit us?
- g) How does yoga therapy work?
- h) Why is yoga better than physical exercises?

Read the following passage carefully :

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1. Education is no longer restricted to bookish knowledge and the four walls of colleges and universities. Apart from the activities in the classroom, laboratories and libraries, a student has an opportunity to find out and express his hidden potential in the form of various extra-curricular activities. Youth Festivals are the best platforms for such activities.
 2. It is essential for the all-round development of a student that he should participate in one or the other activity. There are many extra-curricular activities. Some of them are debate, mimicry, painting, music, dance, singing, poetical recitation, etc.
 3. Mere classroom studies make it monotonous and students need some outlet for their energies. They need opportunities for their entertainment also. Youth Festivals are the spice of academic life. When students prepare for various items, they have a sense of achievement, a sense of doing something useful. Preparing the stage for the show, receiving the guest artists from other institutions and looking after them, inculcate in them a sense of responsibility, co-operation and tolerance.
 4. As the competitions of these Youth Festivals are organised among students of almost the same age, they get rid of stage phobia. They no longer feel shy of the audience and the stage. They learn to face the audience. Thus, they cultivate self-confidence.
 5. Youth Festivals are the best means to search the talent among the youth. These budding artists will become the singers, actors and orators of tomorrow. Youth Festivals prove to be the stepping stones for the future real life. Absence of Youth Festivals makes a student's life boring. If they remain busy in preparing in competition in youth festivals, their time is used in a productive and fruitful way.
- 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: (2 × 4 = 8)
- a) How can a student express his hidden potential?
 - b) Why is it important for students to participate in Youth Festivals?
 - c) What makes Youth Festivals the stepping stones for the 'future real life'?
 - d) What message does this passage convey?
- 2.2 Do as directed :
- a) Write the verb form of 'education' (para 1)
 - b) Find the word which means 'dull and boring' (para 3)
 - c) Make a sentence of your own with 'self-confidence' (para 4)
 - d) Write the antonym of the word 'absence' (para 5)

(1 × 4 = 4)

SECTION - B : (WRITING)

(15 marks)

3. You have witnessed a fatal car accident this morning. Write a diary entry in about 100-120 words, expressing your feelings. 5
4. Write a letter to your friend, describing Teacher's Day Celebration in your school in about 100-120 words. 5

5. You have to speak in your school assembly on 'The Importance of Computers in Children's Education'. Write your speech in about 100-120 words. 5

SECTION - C : (GRAMMAR)

(15 marks)

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and correction in the answer sheet, against the correct blank number. [Write only the answers] (1×4 = 4)

	Error	Correction
The main cause for air pollution	a) _____	_____
is a burning of fossil fuels	b) _____	_____
like coal or oil. Two of the	c) _____	_____
unseen air pollutants is sulphur	d) _____	_____
dioxide and carbon monoxide.		

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences : (1 × 3 = 3)

- a) doing / extremely / complicated / capable of / computers / are / work
- b) refugees / of / the city / full / was
- c) migrate / birds / in winter / to south / from north

8. Do as directed :

(1 × 8 = 8)

- a) There was a quarrel _____ the two friends. (among, between)
[Fill in the blank with suitable Preposition from the bracket]
- b) This book is more interesting than any other book I have ever read.
[Change to Superlative Degree]
- c) Prospero gave Ariel his freedom
[Underline the Indirect Object and circle the Direct Object]
- d) The general public _____ be involved at every stage of this important venture.
(shall, need, must) [Fill in the blank with suitable Modal Auxilliary]
- e) Mother will bake a cake.
[Change to Past Perfect Continuous Tense]
- f) so you are going to participate in it arent you
[Punctuate the sentence]
- g) I saw a juggler. He was showing his tricks.
[Join the sentences by means of a Relative Pronoun]
- h) The journey was tiring _____ we were happy to be back home.
[Fill in the blank with suitable Conjunction]

SECTION - D : (LITERATURE)

(30 marks)

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

(1 × 3 = 3)

'The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure;
But the least motion which they made,
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.'

- Where is the poet at this time?
- In what state did the poet find the birds?
- Name the poem and the poet.

10. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :

(2 × 3 = 6)

- What is the moral of the poem, 'The Eagle and the Beetle'?
- In the story, 'Thank You Ma'am', why couldn't the boy even say 'thank you' to the lady?
- What made Dhruv decide that a courier service was the best business for the deaf?

11. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words each :

(4 × 4 = 16)

- What happened once Larry realised that the scorpion was crawling on the back of his hand?
- Give a brief character sketch of Helen Keller.
- What do you think the poet wishes to convey through the poem, 'We Are Going To See The Rabbit'?
- In the lesson, 'A Country Boy Quits School', what were the various things in the books that upset the boy's family?

12. Answer the following question in about 120-125 words :

(5 × 1 = 5)

In the play, 'The Merchant of Venice', describe how Shylock behaved in the courtroom. Did things work out as he had planned?