

**ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE**  
**TERM -1 EXAMINATION, 2018-19**  
**SUBJECT - ENGLISH**

**STD: VIII**

**M.M: 80**

**General Instructions:**

(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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1. The Indian education system in the ancient times was truly world class, which attracted scholars from all over the world to come in search of knowledge. A *guru* was the most respected intellectual resource who truly earned that respect due to her/his calibre and value system. However, the current scenario of education, at least in terms of quality, value system and employability has been a cause of concern. Technology, particularly information technology, has been a game changer in the process, which calls for a complete re-engineering of educational process and system both in content and style of delivery. This has made access to knowledge very easy – *Google* and *You tube* for example, can answer any query on any topic; anytime, anywhere; but it has also led to a side effect due to which a student does not exercise her/his mind to logically analyse, remember and resolve questions and quickly resort to these gadgets to look for a readymade answer.
2. There are no alternatives to transforming education system. Some strategical interventions are required like; expenditure on education must be seen as an investment in future of the nation rather than pursuing cost-centric approach. Nation's future is created in the class rooms. Hence, if we nurture education in all its segments, we are investing in the nation building process. We should create conditions both economic and social; when the best of the society choose to join teaching and research as their preferred career options. A teacher must co-create values in a learner in a collaborative manner. Such teachers will transform students to have not only great minds, but also equal matching, mindsets.
3. Technology, with poor ethics and negative attitude can spell disaster. It is in the content that we should look at old Indian values, ethics and bring these contents at an early stage as possible. Finally we need to search productively visionary, passionate and committed academic leaders to lead by setting examples.

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

**(1 × 8 = 8)**

- a) In ancient education system, a guru was \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) A role model teacher will help \_\_\_\_\_.

- c) We need to search academic leaders who are \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Google and You tube has made \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) How was the Indian education system in ancient times?
- f) Why is information technology termed as a game changer?
- g) What is the importance of investing in education?
- h) What are the side effects of using gadgets?

**2. Read the following passage carefully (12 marks)**

1. Su means number and duko means single. The game of Sudoku has many similarities with the game of life. Sudoku is a puzzle game designed for a single player, much like a crossword puzzle. The puzzle itself is nothing more than a grid of little boxes called 'cells'. They are stacked nine high and nine wide, making 81 cells total. The roots of the Sudoku puzzle are in Switzerland. Leonhard Euler created 'carre latin' in the 18<sup>th</sup> century which is similar to a Sudoku puzzle. The first Sudoku was published in 1979 and was invented by Howard Garns, an American architect. The real world wide popularity started in Japan in 1986 after it was published and given the name Sudoku by Nikoli.
2. In life, too, you start with a given set of notions and then work from there on. In Sudoku, you need to follow a set of rules to build up the grid, filling each row, column and box with numbers ranging from one to nine so much like in life where you have to go on your way without hurting anyone else. Respect every number (person), and things would be fine.
3. While playing, you never think of the end (the result); you just keep working on the numbers and the final result (fruits of action) comes on its own. Extremely difficult puzzles may take hours. Similarly, to achieve desired results in life may take many years. The game of Sudoku and the game of life are best played in calm but in a focused state.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions :( 2 × 4 = 8)**

- a) What is Sudoku and how did it originate?
- b) According to the passage, how does playing Sudoku train us for life?
- c) To be an expert Sudoku player what qualities should a person have?
- d) What message does this passage convey?

**2.2 Do as directed: (1 × 4 = 4)**

- a) Write the noun form of 'published' (**Para 1**)
- b) Find the word which means 'fame and acceptance' (**Para 1**)
- c) Make a sentence of your own with 'calm' (**Para 3**)
- d) Write the synonym of the word 'focused' (**Para3**)

**SECTION - B: WRITING**

**(15 marks)**

3. Heavy rains in Kerala caused floods, landslides and heavy loss of life and property. The students of your school rendered support and raised a relief fund for the victims. Write a letter to your friend staying in US expressing your efforts and concern for the flood affected people in Kerala in 100-120 words. 5
4. Write a paragraph on our honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in about 100-120 words. 5
5. You feel that speaking in English is the need of the hour. Write a diary entry on your hesitation to speak in English and your wish to improve your English speaking skills in 100-120 words. 5

**SECTION - C: GRAMMAR**

**(15marks)**

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. (1×4 = 4)

	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Reading books is a best hobby	a) _____	_____
for pass our leisure time.	b) _____	_____
It opens an vast new world for	c) _____	_____
us. It changed our outlook to see	d) _____	_____
the world.		

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

- a) good / smile / like / handwriting / a / is / paper / on / just  
b) examiner / an / can / it / read / effort / without / any  
c) always / and / it / presented / is / neatly / legible

8. Do as directed:

**(1 × 8 = 8)**

- a) Who \_\_\_\_\_ Tara could have done this?  
[Fill in the blank with a suitable Preposition from the bracket]
- b) This is the best pickle I have ever tasted.  
[Change the sentence to Comparative Degree]
- c) This bulb doesn't give \_\_\_\_\_ light.  
[Fill in the blank with the correct determiner]
- d) You haven't eaten all day. You \_\_\_\_\_ be hungry.  
[Fill in the blank with suitable Modal Auxiliary]
- e) The driver fell asleep during the journey.  
[Change to Past Perfect Tense]
- f) Suraj \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) his job offer, if he \_\_\_\_\_ (reply) late.  
[Use the Simple Future and Simple Present form of the verbs in the bracket]

g) Neeta studies in the evening.

[Change to Future Continuous Tense]

h) The Indian cricket team \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate their victory. (paint the town red, back to square one)

[Choose the appropriate idiom from the bracket and rewrite the sentence]

**SECTION -D: LITERATURE**

**(30 marks)**

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

**(1 × 3 = 3)**

'So hack and chop  
But this alone won't do it.  
Not so much pain will do it.  
The bleeding bark will heal  
And from close to the ground  
Will rise curled green twigs.'

- a) What does 'this' refer to in the above extract?
- b) How does it heal itself?
- c) Name the poem and the poet.

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

**(2 × 3 = 6)**

- a) Why did the traveller look 'perplexed' in the poem 'The Listeners'?
- b) In the story, 'The Mask', what were the contents of the letter that Rajen Babu had received?
- c) In the lesson, 'The Cherry Tree', how did Rakesh react on seeing the cherry twig?

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

**(4 × 4 = 16)**

- a) How did Nandakishore try to persuade the 'Dirty Dozen' to give up poaching?
- b) Give a brief character sketch of Bob with reference to the prose piece, 'After Twenty Years.'
- c) Who had sent Rajen Babu the threatening letter? Why?
- d) What is the theme of the poem, 'It Couldn't be Done. How does the poet get ready to do the difficult task?

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

**(5 × 1 = 5)**

According to Shylock, why does he hate Antonio? Why is he indignant over Antonio's request in the play, 'The Merchant of Venice'.

**OR**

In the play, 'The Merchant of Venice', what is Portia upset about? What does Nerissa tell Portia to reassure her?