

ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE
TERM-2 EXAMINATION, 2017-18
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)

I. Read the following passage carefully :

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- 1) It is regrettable that the art of listening has become an undervalued and forgotten art. We clamour to be heard and to receive attention. We forget that listening too is an important component to be an effective communicator. We must understand that communication is the key to every successful relationship and the best way to understand a person is by listening to him.
- 2) A true listener is much more understood than a nonstop, compulsive talker. He learns and does better things in life. Good listeners do not suffer from loneliness and they have a positive energy that makes you want their company. They are effective in their work as they know what needs to be done and how to do it. Listening is, no doubt a skill and requires practice. We must acknowledge by a simple nod of the head, make a conscious effort not to let our mind wander while listening or ask an occasional question or comment to recap what has been said. The narration or mere listening to the mantras which are repeatedly chanted is soothing to an even unborn child.
- 3) So, we must try to listen. We can begin by listening to our parents, teachers, friends and even our enemies. It will work a small miracle. And may be, a big one indeed.

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

(1 × 8 = 8)

- a) What is the key to a successful relationship?
- b) Why do we want the company of good listeners?
- c) When can a speaker understand that we are listening?
- d) Which skill can be learnt only by practice?
- e) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'speak loudly' (para 1)
- f) Listening is an important component to _____.
- g) A true listener is better than a compulsive talker as _____.
- h) We can work a small miracle in our life by _____.

2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- 1) One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much a part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.
- 2) Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information in the best way to prevent traffic jams.
- 3) Some years ago, an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be 'controlled by machines'. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or 'rule the world' by making decisions on their own.
- 4) Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions :

(2 × 4 = 8)

- a) What complicated works are computers capable of doing?
- b) Write two uses of computers.
- c) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world?
- d) How would computers as translating machines help people?

2.2 Do as directed :

(1 × 4 = 4)

- a) Write the verb form of 'invention' (para 1)
- b) Make a sentence of your own with 'complicated' (para 2)
- c) Write the antonym of the word 'independent' (para 3)
- d) Find the word which means 'choice' (para 4)

SECTION - B : WRITING

(15 marks)

3. You are Aniket Sharma, living at 1652, Outraan Lines, Delhi - 54. The residents of your area are facing a lot of inconvenience due to poor maintenance of the public park in your locality. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper, drawing attention to the problem and give suggestions for improving the situation. **(7)**
4. Complete the following story on the basis of the beginning given below, in 150-200 Words. Give a suitable title to the story. **(8)**
On reaching back home, the old lady opened the door and realized that her house had been burgled. She immediately called the police

SECTION - C : GRAMMAR**(15 marks)**

5. 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 × 3 = 3)

	e.g.	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
If you taken interest in others, others will		taken	take
take interest in you. We are very engrossed	a)	_____	_____
in ourselves that we don't had time to find out how	b)	_____	_____
interesting the world was.	c)	_____	_____

6. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences : (1 × 2 = 2)

- a) interesting / make / and / teachers / teaching / inspiring
 b) experience / a / very good / trekking / is / outdoor

7. Do as directed :

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- a) Complete the following sentences by adding a suitable **Infinitive** or **Present Participle** of the Verbs given in the brackets : (1 × 2 = 2)
- i) He decided _____ in the event. (participate)
 ii) Priya fell asleep while _____ the book. (read)
- b) Change the following sentences into **Indirect Speech** : (1 × 2 = 2)
- i) The children said, "We are waiting for the school bus."
 ii) Pradeep said to me, "Do you play cricket?"
- c) Here are the boys who have had nothing to eat. (1)
 [State whether **Compound** or **Complex Sentence**]
- d) Who wrote this book? (1)
 [Change into **Passive Voice**]
- e) The clothes that he wore were terrible. (1)
 [Underline the **Subordinate Clause** and state the **kind of Clause**]
- f) She ran so fast that she fell down. (1)
 [Underline the **Adverb Clause** and state its **kind**]
- g) We were tired. We wanted to go on. (1)
 [Construct a **Compound Sentence**]
- h) Mother cooks dinner for the family. (1)
 [Change the sentence to **Past Continuous Tense**]

SECTION - D : LITERATURE**(30 marks)**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (1 × 3 = 3)

'It won't be long, they are bound to come,
 They are bound to come and find me, even here.'

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
 b) Who is the speaker?
 c) What does the speaker mean by 'even here'?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2 × 3 = 6)

- a) What is the poet trying to convey through the poem, 'The King Without Clothes'?
- b) How did the people of Calcutta react to the earthquake?
- c) How does the creature, Triantiwontigongolope look like?

10. Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words each : (4 × 4 = 16)

- a) How do members protect their privacy on Facebook?
- b) What was the actual intention of God in the story, 'The Next Voice You Hear'?
- c) 'The blacksmith was an honest man'. Discuss with reference to the poem, 'The Village Blacksmith'.
- d) Explain how Anne Sullivan was a remarkable teacher and Miss Thompson, a perfect companion for Helen Keller.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120-125 words : (5 × 1 = 5)

In the play, 'As You Like It', give an account of how Rosalind and Orlando fell in love and got married?

OR

Describe how Hero used Ursula and Margaret to help her play the trick on Beatrice, in the play, 'Much Ado About Nothing'.