

**SAINIK SCHOOL BIJAPUR**

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**SET - 2**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**Class - VIII**

**M.M - 40**

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**General Instructions:**

**(i) This question paper is divided into three parts**

**SECTION A- READING 10 Marks**

**SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR 20 Marks**

**SECTION C- LITERATURE 10 Marks (Answer any 10 from this section)**

**(ii) All questions are compulsory and carry 1 MARK EACH**

**SECTION - A - READING**

**Read the following passage and answer the following questions**

One of the most intriguing stories of the Russian Revolution concerns the identity of Anastasia, the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II. During his reign over Russia, the czar had planned to revoke many of the harsh laws established by previous czars. Some workers and peasants, however, clamored for more rapid social reform. In 1918, a group of these people known as Bolsheviks overthrew the government. On July 17 or 18, they murdered the czar and what was thought to be his entire family.

Although witnesses vouched that all the members of the czar's family had been executed, there were rumors suggesting that Anastasia had survived. Over the years, a number of women claimed to be Grand Duchess Anastasia. Perhaps the most famous claimant was Anastasia Tschaikovsky, who was also known as Anna Anderson. In 1920, 18 months after the czar's execution, this terrified young woman was rescued from drowning in a Berlin river. She spent two years in a hospital, where she attempted to reclaim her health and shattered mind. The doctors and nurses thought that she resembled Anastasia and questioned her about her background. She disclaimed any connection with the czar's family. Eight years later, however, she claimed that she was Anastasia. She said that she had been rescued by two Russian soldiers after the czar and the rest of her family had been killed. Two brothers named Tschaikovsky had carried her into Romania. She had married one of the brothers, who had taken her to Berlin and left her there, penniless and without a vocation. Unable to invoke the aid of her mother's family in Germany, she had tried to drown herself.

During the next few years, scores of the czar's relatives, ex-servants, and acquaintances interviewed her. Many of these people said that her looks and mannerisms were evocative of the Anastasia that they had known. Her grandmother and other relatives denied that she was the real Anastasia, however.

Tired of being accused of fraud, Anastasia immigrated to the United States in 1928 and took the name Anna Anderson. She still wished to prove that she was Anastasia, though, and returned to Germany in 1933 to bring suit against her mother's family. There she declaimed to the court, asserting that she was indeed Anastasia and deserved her inheritance.

In 1957, the court decided that it could neither confirm nor deny Anastasia's identity. Although it will probably never be known whether this woman was the Grand Duchess Anastasia, her search to establish her identity has been the subject of numerous books, plays, and movies.

**Q1. Some Russian peasants and workers \_\_\_\_\_ for social reform.**

- (a) Longed
- (b) cried out
- (c) Begged
- (d) hoped

**Q2. Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ that all members of the czar's family had been executed.**

- (a) gave assurance
- (b) Thought
- (c) Hoped
- (d) convinced some

**Q3. Tschaikovsky initially \_\_\_\_\_ any connection with the czar's family.**

- (a) Denied
- (b) Stopped
- (c) Noted
- (d) justified

**Q4. She was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the aid of her relatives.**

- (a) Locate
- (b) speak about
- (c) call upon
- (d) identify

**Q5. In court she \_\_\_\_\_ maintaining that she was Anastasia and deserved her inheritance.**

- (a) finally appeared
- (b) spoke forcefully
- (c) gave testimony
- (d) gave evidence

## **Passage 2**

1) Spread over an area of 11,570 acres, Kalesar Reserve Forest is the only one of its kind in Haryana. It is home to a wide range of wild flora and fauna including three elephants, a male tiger, 16 male and female leopards, 19 panthers and some other animals as well.

2) Spread on both sides of Yamunanagar – Paonta Sahib Road in Yamunanagar district, it was designated a national park through a government notification in December 2003. However, it is alleged, lack of sufficient funds is proving to be a hindrance in wildlife conservation in the national park. The Divisional Forest Officer revealed that it is the only forest in Haryana with a natural 'sal' tree belt.

3) As for the steps taken to ensure protection of wildlife and environment, it was disclosed that staff had been given weapons by the State Government to tackle the menace posed by poachers. The State had also set up two special environmental courts, one each at Kurukshetra and Faridabad, to deal with crimes related to poaching and illicit felling of trees from the area. Eight watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to ensure that wildlife does not stray into human habitats on its fringes in search of drinking water. Similarly, earthen dams have been constructed to conserve rainwater for the future use of wildlife.

4) It was disclosed that work to fence the area would be undertaken in the near future and more steps taken to ensure that wild fauna does not face drinking water problem in their natural habitat in the reserve forest.

**Q6. Kalesar Reserve Forest was designated a national park through a government notification in \_\_\_\_.**

- (i) February, 2003
- (ii) December, 2003
- (iii) March, 2004
- (iv) August, 2001

**Q7. \_\_\_\_ watering holes have been dug up across the forest area to stop wildlife from going astray in search of water.**

- (i) Four
- (ii) Eight
- (iii) seven
- (iv) Ten



**Q8. Which word in the passage means 'natural environment in which a particular species live' ?**

- (i) Flora
- (ii) Habitat
- (iii) Fauna
- (iv) Waterhole

**Q9. Which word in para 3 is a synonym of 'danger/risk' ?**

- (i) Disclosed
- (ii) Menace
- (iii) Poaching
- (iv) Fringes

**10. The word 'illicit' means**

- (i) not approved by society
- (ii) not allowed by rules
- (iii) obtained dishonestly or unfairly
- (iv) not allowed by anybody

## **SECTION B WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

**11. What is the purpose of diary writing?**

- (a) To improve formal writing.
- (b) To improve memory.
- (c) Recalling the past and looking forward to the next day.
- (d) To improve handwriting.

**12. In diary writing you should write mainly about what?**

- (a) Write mainly about events that are reported in the newspaper.
- (b) Write mainly about events that are telecast on TV
- (c) Write mainly about your interactions with other people.
- (d) Write mainly about events you heard on the radio.

**13. Which of the following statements is true?**

- (a) A good diary is only factual and chronological and written in formal English.
- (b) A good diary is written in a dry boring style.
- (c) A good diary is witty, sarcastic and self-critical in addition to being factual
- (d) A good diary is a chore mandated by law.

**Q14.**When we get ready for dinner, I have to take my books\_\_\_\_\_ the table.

- (a) Off
- (b) Out
- (c) From
- (d) Of

**Q15.**My contract has been extended \_\_\_\_\_ another year.

- (a) Over
- (b) In
- (c) For
- (d) to

**Q16.** I usually stay at home \_\_\_\_\_ night.

- (a) Over
- (b) In
- (c) At
- (d) On

**Q17.**The quality of products \_\_\_\_\_ over time.

- (a) are degrading
- (b) have been degrading
- (c) have degrading
- (d) were degraded

**Q18.**The news \_\_\_\_\_ not updated timely.

- (a) Were
- (b) is
- (c) they
- (d) are

**Q19.**Choose the sentence with the future perfect tense.

- (a) They shall have arriving by
- (b) They shall have arrived by then.
- (c) They shall arrive by then.
- (d) They shall have been arriving by then.

**Q20.** Each of the four army soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ for the mission.

- (a) were ready
- (b) was ready
- (c) are ready
- (d) have been ready

**Q21.** Good paragraphs should do what?

- (a) Highlight the main idea.
- (b) Support the main idea.
- (c) Connect to the next point.
- (d) All of the above.

**Q22. 'However', 'despite' and 'conversely' are all words that can be used where?**

- (a) As the first word when you begin an article.
- (b) As the last word to end an article.
- (c) In a paragraph only once.
- (d) In a paragraph to show contrast or qualification.

**Q23. A paragraph can be defined as what?**

- (a) A complete story or article or essay
- (b) A minimum of hundred words.
- (c) Writing that contains graphs.
- (d) A collection of sentences organised on the basis of a single thought or idea or subject.

**Q24. The first thing written in a notice is**

- (a) name of the writer
- (b) date
- (c) heading/title
- (d) name of the organization

**Q25. One of the following is not part of the notice**

- (a) Body
- (b) Date
- (c) Greetings
- (d) Heading

**Q26. Arrange the following Jumbled sentences –**

1. People want that racialism should be wiped out.
2. Our principles are different from our profession.
3. He will propagate his message
4. His words will be accepted by the following generations.
5. People should adopt it .

- (a) 52314
- (b) 12345
- (c) 41523
- (d) 42531

**Q27-Arrange the following sentences in a meaningful paragraph.**

1. It has been so from time immemorial.
2. It is necessary to have a library
3. Library is a centre of learning
4. The selected books should enchant us
5. our teachers had their libraries

- (a) 42513  
(b) 31524  
(c) 12345  
(d) 23145

**Q28. Arrange following sentences into meaningful paragraph.**

1. Such a religion can lead us.
2. Swami practiced a religion.
3. He was able to communicate with god.
4. It was the religion of experience.

- (a) 1234  
(b) 4231  
(c) 2431  
(d) 2143

**Change the voice**

**Q29.I expect you to complete this work before sunset.**

- (a) I expect you to be completed this work before sunset.  
(b) I am expected you to complete this work before sunset.  
(c) You are expected to complete this work before sunset.  
(d) You are expected to be completed this work before sunset.

**Q30.Look They have painted the door.**

- (a) Look I The door's being painted.  
(b) Look The door had been painted.  
(c) Look f The door has been painted.  
(d) Look I The door was painted.

### **SECTION C**

**(Answer any 10 questions from this section)**

**Q31. "But the truth, I am ashamed to say, is that Fritz began it." In the above sentence 'Fritz' refers to**

- (a) the German soldier
- (b) the German commander in the story
- (c) the British soldier
- (d) the British commander in the story

**Q32.**

*Says the ant to the*

*cricket, "I'm your servant  
and friend,  
But we ants never  
borrow ; we ants never  
lend.*

*But tell me, dear cricket,  
did you lay nothing by  
When the weather was  
warm ?" Quoth the cricket,  
"Not I !*

**33. What do you think that of the ant's behaviour ? What was it like ?**

- (a) a servant
- (b) a friend
- (c) both
- (d) neither

**Q34. A tsunami is a sea wave caused by**

- (a) the high tide
- (b) the sea storm
- (c) earthquakes on the land
- (d) earthquakes under the sea

**Q35.**

*It was evening. The garden hedge was all a flower.  
The fair maid came out and said, "I will hire you with  
a smile."*

*Her smile paled and melted into tears, and she went  
back alone into the dark.*

The evening scene was

- (a) unattractive
- (b) hot
- (c) cold
- (d) beautiful

**Q36. The man who talked to Bepin Babu at Kalicharan's was**

- (a) an old friend of his



- (b) a man from Ranchi
- (c) an actor
- (d) an enemy

**Q37. Whose offer did he accept?**

- (a) King
- (b) Old man
- (c) Young maiden
- (d) None of the Above

**Q38. While climbing the mountains, the climbers get inspiration from**

- (a) the beautiful nature
- (b) difficulties of climbing
- (c) thinking of God
- (d) each other

**Q39. Who is the poet of the poem, "The Last Bargain"?**

- (a) Rabindranath Tagore
- (b) T.S. Eliot
- (c) S.D. Sawant
- (d) None of the Above

**Q40. A male fawn is the one on whom**

- (a) there are spots everywhere
- (b) there are no spots
- (c) the spots are all in a line
- (d) the spots are bigger compared to a doe

**Q41. The Dog went to the Camel**

- (a) barking
- (b) with a stick
- (c) running
- (d) with a can of water

**Q42. The Ox asked the Camel**

- (a) to run away from the desert
- (b) to fetch and carry
- (c) to obey the man
- (d) to plough the field

**Q43. Jaya recognised at once that**

- (a) Velu was hungry
- (b) she had seen Velu earlier
- (c) Velu was a run-away from home
- (d) Velu was looking for her

**Q44.** *"I know what you mean." I remembered the years I'd spent trying to play a Spanish guitar considerably larger than I was ; and how gleefully I had unstrung it one night.*

The speaker of the above lines is

- (a) Firdaus Kanga
- (b) Hawking
- (c) Hawking's assistant
- (d) Newton.

**Q45.** The Nature was unhappy with the giant because

- (a) he would not allow the children
- (b) he would not water the plants properly to play
- (c) he was very cruel
- (d) he loved cold and frost