

**2019**  
**CLASS-VIII**  
**GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION**

Total marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 27 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers*
  - ii) *The question paper consists of 15 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 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:**

**10x1=10**

- a. Many poets have compared death \_\_\_\_\_ sleep.  
i. with                                      ii. to                                      iii. from                                      iv. at
- b. There is a close relation \_\_\_\_\_ poverty and crime.  
i. about                                      ii. of                                      iii. between                                      iv. over
- c. The table is made \_\_\_\_\_ wood.  
i. for                                      ii. of                                      iii. by                                      iv. at
- d. I borrowed money \_\_\_\_\_ one of my friends.  
i. from                                      ii. in                                      iii. to                                      iv. of
- e. Television has a strong influence \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
i. on                                      ii. of                                      iii. by                                      iv. about
- f. You must apologise \_\_\_\_\_ you will be punished.  
i. and                                      ii. when                                      iii. that                                      iv. or
- g. I purchased all the medicines \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor has prescribed.  
i. that                                      ii. who                                      iii. what                                      iv. how
- h. We must work \_\_\_\_\_ we fail.  
i. for                                      ii. lest                                      iii. because                                      iv. that
- i. Do not talk \_\_\_\_\_ you are eating.  
i. where                                      ii. when                                      iii. what                                      iv. while
- j. It is uncertain \_\_\_\_\_ he will come.  
i. wherever                                      ii. whatever                                      iii. what                                      iv. whether

**2. Rewrite the sentences as directed:**

**10x1=10**

- a. I wrote a letter \_\_\_\_\_ my friend, last night. (*Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition*)
- b. She is free \_\_\_\_\_ pain now. (*Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition*)
- c. Show me how to do it. (*Underline the Phrase*)
- d. They rested when evening came. (*Underline the Adverb Phrase*)
- e. He has lost the book that I had given him. (*State whether the sentence is Simple, Compound or Complex*)
- f. He lives on what little he begs. (*Underline the Noun Clause*)
- g. This is the house that my father built. (*Underline the Adjective Clause*)
- h. Tell me the school \_\_\_\_\_ (*Fill in the blank with Adjective Clause*)

- i. He makes friends wherever he goes. (*Identify what kind of Adverb Clause the underlined sentence is*)
- j. Make hay while the sun shines (*Underline the Adverb Clause*)
- 3. Correct the error in the given sentence with the correct prepositions:** **2x1=2**  
Polar bears are born in land, but spend most of the time into the sea.
- 4. Underline the prepositions in the sentence given below:** **2x1=2**  
He applied to the Principal for 7 days leave.
- 5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition:** **2x1=2**
- a. That restaurant is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its ice cream.
- b. He is in competition \_\_\_\_\_ ten other players.
- 6. Underline the sentences as directed in the brackets:** **2x1=2**
- a. I visit the library whenever I am free. (*Underline the Clause*)
- b. Somebody knocked at my door. (*Underline the Phrase*)
- 7. State whether the given sentences are Simple, Compound or Complex sentence:** **2x1=2**
- a. She stood first in the class.
- b. A guest is unwelcome when he stays too long.
- 8. Change the voice as directed in the brackets:** **5x1=5**
- a. She helps the poor. (*Change to Passive Voice*)
- b. The child was not cared for. (*Change to Active Voice*)
- c. Were the students doing these exercises? (*Change to Passive Voice*)
- d. Gifts have been received by them. (*Change to Active Voice*)
- e. Someone stole my bicycle last night. (*Change to Passive Voice*)
- 9. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate tense form of the verb:** **5x1=5**
- Our team has \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the match against Rising Stars. We are excited. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ (thrill) match and could have been anyone's game as till the last minute we were one-all. I was \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer) my teammates right till the end. To \_\_\_\_\_ (play) a game with a team that has its morale down \_\_\_\_\_ (do, not) make sense.

### SECTION B (COMPOSITION)

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

The dog family

The dog is the only domesticated member of the canine family though now and then someone tames a wolf, fox or coyote as a pet. All members of the dog family are descendents of a wolf-like animal which lived about 15 million years ago. From this distant ancestor, the true dogs gradually developed. But nobody knows the exact ancestor of the modern domestic dog.

Several wild dogs look and behave like domestic dogs. The dingo or wild dog of Australia is one of this. It is possible that the dingo was a tamed dog brought to Australia long ago which then ran wild.

Dogs were the first animals tamed by humans- perhaps 20000 years ago. Tamed dogs were brought from Asia to the New World 5000 or more years ago. Dogs were first used for hunting.

- a. What are the different animals mentioned in the passage that were tamed as pets other than the dogs? 1
- b. What was the first animal tamed by humans? 1
- c. Which dog is considered the wild dog of Australia? 1
- d. From where were dogs brought to the New World? 1
- e. What were dogs first used for? 1

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

Crocodile on the loose!

I went out walking with my crocodile,  
 When he slipped out from his collar.  
 I yelled, 'Come back!'  
 but he just ran and didn't hear me holler.  
 I chased him down the sidewalk,  
 And through the play ground, too.  
 I almost caught him at the slide,  
 but he pulled a-switch-a roo!  
 just when I thought I could run no more,  
 he came right back to me.  
 for my crocodile can be a little crazy,  
 but in the end he loves me!

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- a. With whom did the poet take a walk? 1
- b. What did he do? 1
- c. Where did the poet chase him? 2
- d. Why did he come back to the poet? 1

**12.** You are the school captain of St. Anthony's School, Mumbai. Your school is organising an inter-class drawing and painting competition for class 5 to 8. Write a notice in about 50 words inviting the students to participate. Give all necessary details. 5

**13.** Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on any one of the following topics: 5

- a. Your hobby
- b. Good manners

**14.** You are James, write a letter to your friend describing the various activities in your school. 10

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

- a.. My favourite person.
- b. Going to school on a rainy day
- c. Advantages and disadvantages of a mobile phone.

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