

**2021**  
**CLASS – VIII(Phase-2)**  
**ENGLISH**

Total marks : 40

Time : 1½ hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 12 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *All questions are compulsory. Internal option is given in some questions.*
- iii) *The question paper consists of 10 questions, divided into Sections A & B.*
- iv) *Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.*

**N.B :** *Check to ensure that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**SECTION –A (Prose)**

1. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** **5x1=5**

- i) Stephen Hawking was the most brilliant and completely paralysed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Astrophysicist
  - b. Chemist
  - c. Psychiatrist
  - d. Surgeon
- ii) The writer phoned Stephen Hawking's house
  - a. from the nearest phone booth
  - b. from outside a phone booth
  - c. from inside a phone booth
  - d. from his mobile phone
- iii) 'Cambridge was my metaphor for England.' To the writer,
  - a. Cambridge was a reputed University in England
  - b. England was famous for Cambridge
  - c. Cambridge was the real England
  - d. Cambridge is in America
- iv) The Great Stone Face, viewed from a distance resembled the features of a \_\_\_\_\_ face.
  - a. ape
  - b. human
  - c. chimpanzee
  - d. none of the above
- v) As Ernest listened to the poet, he imagined that the \_\_\_\_\_ was bending forward to listen too.
  - a. General Blood and Thunder
  - b. Great Stone Face
  - c. Mountain
  - d. Clouds

**Answer any one of the following questions in about 15-20 words:** **1x2=2**

2. a. What was the Great Stone Face?

**Or**

b. Who by common consent, turned out to be the Great Stone Face?

**Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:** **3x4=12**

- 3. 'I could feel the anguish'. What could be the anguish? (A Visit to Cambridge)
- 4. Did Ernest see in Gathergold the likeness of the Stone Face? Who did he confide in and how was he proved right?
- 5. What endeared the scientist to the writer so that he was looking at one of the most beautiful men in the world? (A Visit to Cambridge)

**Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words:** **1x5=5**

6. What made the poet proclaim Ernest was the Stone Face?

**SECTION –B (Poetry)**

**7. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given: 5x1=5**

- i) The King, Sword in hand suggests
  - a. wealth
  - b. power
  - c. more power than wealth
  - d. weapon
- ii) The old man offered the poet
  - a. a bag of silver
  - b. a bag of coins
  - c. a bag of gold
  - d. a bag of shells
- iii) The child wished to hire the man with
  - a. power
  - b. gold
  - c. smile
  - d. nothing
- iv) The poem, “ The School Boy” is written by
  - a. William Wordsworth
  - b. William Blake
  - c. William Shakespeare
  - d. John Keats
- v) In “The School Boy”, the boy loves to rise in a
  - a. Winter morning
  - b. Spring morning
  - c. Summer morning
  - d. Autumn morning

**Answer any one of the following questions in about 15-20 words: 1x2=2**

8. The old man offered the speaker a lot of money. Why did he turn down the offer? (The Last Bargain)

**Or**

Why does the school boy compare himself to a plant?

**Answer any one of the following questions in about 30-40 words: 1x4=4**

9. What is the speaker’s last bargain? Why does he call it the best?

**Or**

What is the boy’s advice/plea to the parents in the poem, “The School Boy”?

**Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words: 1x5=5**

10. *He held my hand and said, “I will hire you with my power”  
but his power counted for naught and he went away in his chariot.*

- a. Who is the speaker here? (1)
- b. Who held his hand? (1)
- c. Why did he refuse the power? (3)

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