

**ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL-2**  
**ANUSHAKTINAGAR, MUMBAI**  
**PT-2, EXAMINATION, 2023-2024**

**Class: VIII**  
**Sub: English**

**Duration: 90 Minutes**  
**Max. Marks: 40**

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General

Instructions:

I. The question paper is divided into three sections :

SECTION A : Reading 10 MARKS

SECTION B : Writing and Grammar 15 MARKS

SECTION C : Literature 15 MARKS

II. All questions are compulsory.

III. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

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**Section- A (Reading)**

**Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions: -**

Bruce was a brave king. Once he had to fight against a large army with just a few soldiers. He was defeated. He had to run for his life. Bruce took shelter in a forest cave. He was very depressed. His courage had left him. He was blankly gazing at the ceiling of the cave. An interesting scene captures his attention. A small spider was trying to weave a web across the cave ceiling. As the spider crawled up a thread of the web broke and the spider fell down. But the spider did not give up. He tried to climb again and again. Finally the spider successfully climbed up and completed the web.

Bruce began to think, "If a small spider can face failure so bravely, why should I give up? I will try with all might till I win".\_this thought gave strength to the defeated king. Bruce got out of the jungle and collected his brave soldiers. He fought against the large army. He has defeated again. But now, he would not give up his fight. Bruce again and again fought against the large army. Finally after many attempts he defeated the large army and regained his kingdom.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions by choosing the correct option-** (1x5=5 Marks)

- (i) King Bruce was defeated as he had to fight \_\_\_\_\_.
- Against a few soldiers
  - Against a large army
  - For a large army
  - Against an army of men.
- (ii) Bruce took shelter in a forest cave because
- He had to worship
  - He had to save his life

- c. He was looking for someone
  - d. He had been on tour
- (iii) What happened as the spider fell down?
- a. The Spider continued his Practice
  - b. The Spider went at other place
  - c. The spider gave it up
  - d. The spider did not take interest.
- (iv) What did Bruce do to see the activity of the spider?
- a. He continued his fight
  - b. He took rest
  - c. He surrendered
  - d. He joined the large army
- (v) The action of the spider
- a) Depressed Bruce
  - b) Encouraged Bruce
  - c) Annoyed Bruce
  - d) Delighted Bruce

**Q2. Read the passage and answer the questions given below:**

**(1×5 = 5 Marks)**

The tree was young and strong and it took a long time to kill. It took two workmen with axes, two days including tea breaks. Which without conscious irony, they took in the shade of the leafy branches of the, tree they were chopping down. It was a Gulmohar I had planted 13 years ago, along with several other saplings, when Bunny and I moved into the National media center. The NMC is built on a little over 22 acres and many hundreds of the local babul trees that used to cloak that part of the Haryana countryside like smoke from evening chullas must have been cut down to make way for the brick and cement of our colony. I'm not a tree hugger but still felt that some restitution was due. So Bunny and I planted several saplings. The two Gulmohars at the rear were foot high saplings when we put them in the floor window, flooding the room with afterglow and screening from view the ugly scars of new construction in what had once been open fields behind our house. I felt the smugness of satisfaction, of having done the right thing. I'd given back, in however small a way, a little bit of what we take away from the earth every day, everywhere. Righteousness invites its own revenge. The roots of one of the trees had spread, crushing the sewage system. The handyman gave us the choice of either cutting down the tree or its roots would endanger the foundations of the house.

- a) What is the irony in the first para?
- b) What did the author decide to do?
- c) What sort of feelings evoked in the author when he visualises newly grown Gulmohar trees?
- d) Why did the writer had to get free felled?
- e) What is meant by 'being righteous'?

**Section- B (Writing and Grammar)**

**Q3. You went to Shimla during winter vacation and experienced the snow fall. Write a dairy entry of about 100 words about your experience that enthral you whenever you recollect your visit. (5 Marks)**

**OR**

**Write a letter to the Editor “The Times of India” complaining about the condition of bad roads in your locality.**

**Q4. The following passage has not been edited. There is a mistake in each line. Write the incorrect word as well as the correction in your answer sheet. (1x4=4 Marks)**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
When da Vinci became a young men,	(a) _____	_____
peoples heard he was going	(b) _____	_____
to make paintings for a churches.	(c) _____	_____
But he drew a horse or a plants.	(d) _____	_____

**Q5. Convert the following into reported speech. (1x4=4 Marks)**

1. Rajesh says, “She has brought lame to her family.”
2. Rohit has said, “I cannot displease my friend.”
3. I shall say, “I went to Agra on Monday.”
4. She will say, “I have sent him a present.”

**Section- C (Literature)**

**Q.6 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1 x 3= 3 Marks)**

Cambridge was my metaphor for England, and it was strange that when I left it had become altogether something else, because I had met Stephen Hawking there. It was on a walking tour through Cambridge that the guide mentioned Stephen Hawking, ‘poor man, who is quite disabled now, though he is a worthy successor to Issac Newton, who’s Chair he has at the university.

Answer the following questions.

- a) Which place is known as metaphor for England?
- b) Whom did the author meet over there?
- c) Who is the successor of Issac Newton?

**OR**

“Then we will have to continue the fight,” said the other.

- (i) What made him say that?
- (ii) Did the fight continue? If not, why not?
- (iii) Who was the better swimmer? How do you know it?

**Q7. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in 30-40 words: (2x4=8 Marks)**

- a) How did Jody bring the fawn back home?
- b) What is it Ranji finds difficult to explain at home?
- c) What is the gratitude that the writer expresses to Stephen Hawking?

- d) What had happened to Jody's father?
- e) Write about Stephen Hawking and Firdaus Kanga.
- f) Ranji is not at all eager for a second fight. Why does he go back to the pool, then?

**Q8. Is fighting the only way of resolving differences of opinion? What else can be done to reach a mutually acceptable settlement?**

**(4 Marks)**

**OR**

**Why did the writer feel guilty talking to Stephen Hawking?**