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**Class 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Term-2<sup>nd</sup> 2019**  
**ENGLISH**

**SERIES-A**

**Time: 2:30 Hrs.**

**Max. Marks: 40**

**Attempt all the questions.**  
**Section-I (Literature)**

Q.1. Answer any **Four** of the following questions:

1. Where did polo originate? (Polo - The king of Games)
2. Why did Calpurnia beg Caesar not to go to the Capitol?  
(Julius Caesar)
3. What is polythene? (Polythene: A Disaster)
4. What is the poet seeking under the wrinkles of the  
mother? (Wrinkles)
5. Why is man described as a serpent? (Stars Speak to  
Man)
6. What is the best way to know poets? (Meeting Poets)

[4 × 1½ = 6]

Q. 2. Answer the following question, in detail.

In her strange and wonderful dream, the little girl Alice followed a rabbit into its hole. What else did she remember?

-OR-

Lewis Carroll authored the story 'Alice in Wonderland' to amuse Alice, a ten year old girl. In the play Alice attended 'A Strange Trial'. What, according to you, was the strangest part in the trial and why?

[1 × 3 = 3]

**Section-II (Reading Comprehension)**

Q. 3: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The skin is the largest organ of human body. It is a waterproof outer barrier that protects the internal organs against infection, injury and harmful sun rays. The skin is also an important sensory organ and helps to control body temperature. The outer layer of the skin, known as the epidermis, is coated with keratin, a tough, horny protein that is also the chief constituent of hair and nails. Dead

cells are shed from the skin's surface and are replaced by new cells from the base of epidermis, the region that also produces the skin pigment, melanin. Melanin is a substance in the skin and hair that makes the skin go darker in the sun.

- (i) Name the largest organ of our body?
- (ii) Our skin protects our internal organs. (True / False)
- (iii) What is the outer layer of our skin called?
- (iv) Keratin is a protein found in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Write down the name of the pigment which makes the skin go darker in the sun.

Q. 4. Read the following stanza of a poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

But mercy is above this sceptred sway;  
It is enthroned in the heart of kings,  
It is an attribute to God Himself;  
And earthly power doth then show like God's  
When mercy seasons justice.

- When mercy seasons justice.*
- (i) Name the poem, the above lines have been taken from?
- (ii) Choose the poet of the above lines / stanza: (Ralph Waldo Emerson/ William Shakespeare)
- (iii) The attribute of God mentioned in these lines is \_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The word 'attribute' means:
- a) Inferiority                                  b) quality
- (v) The word 'earthly' is an adjective formed from the noun \_\_\_\_.
- [5 × 1 = 5]

### Section-III (Writing Skill)

- Q.5. (i) Your family is shifting to a new house which has been constructed recently. Write an application to the Principal/Headmaster of your school, requesting for seven day leave in order to help your family in shifting to the new house.

-OR-

Write an application to the Headmaster/Principal of your school requesting him/her to issue you the school Leaving Certificate. Give suitable reasons.

- (ii) Write a dialogue between two friends about their new English teacher who is very friendly with the students.

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- (iii) Suppose you are very happy today as you have memorized one of your religious holy books. Write a diary entry in about 50 words about the same.

- (iv) Write an e-mail to your friend, informing him/her about the postponement of Unit test.

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- Q. 6. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any one of the followings topics:

War – its disruptive influence,

Water Pollution,

My favourite season,

My best friend.

#### Section-IV (Grammar)

- Q. 7. Do as directed.

1. A **preposition** is a word or group of words that is used before a noun or pronoun to show place, direction, time, etc. Fill in the blanks by using correct preposition out of the given options:

i. I go to bed \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 p.m. (at/in)

ii. A dog fell \_\_\_\_\_ a ditch. (in / into)

iii. The thieves are \_\_\_\_\_ the bars now. (behind/before)

iv. She is leaving \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi on 6 March. (to / for)

2. Use appropriate form of the verb (Tense) given in the bracket:
- Polo (come) to Ladakh from Baltistan.
  - Brutus (kill) himself with his own sword.
  - The sun (rise) and the fog disappeared.
  - He (write) neatly.

3. Narration is the art of reporting the words of a speaker. There are two ways of expressing the speech of the speaker, Direct Speech & Indirect Speech.

**Change the narration of the following sentences**

(Any three):

- He said to me, "Let us wait for our friend."
- The teacher said, "The sun is a star."
- The tourist said, "What a beautiful sunset!"
- The doctor said to the patient, "Take complete bed rest for three days."

4. Match the phrasal verb (Column-A) with their meaning (Column-B)

**Column-A**

- Look at
- Take off
- Hurry up

**Column-B**

- make haste.
- see.
- remove

[3 × 1 = 3]