

O.P. Jindal School, Savitrinagar**Annual Examination 2022-2023**

Class/Section: VIII/ ' ___ ' _____

MM: 80

Subject: English

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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, GRAMMAR, WRITING and LITERATURE.

2. Attempt all the questions based on specific instructions for each question.

Section A:(Reading Skill)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

(1×10=10 Marks)

1. Social media sites serve as a platform to connect with our friends and relatives. We share our happiness as well as sad moments on social media platforms to let those on our friend list know how we are feeling and what we are doing in life. People 'like' our status, updates and photographs and 'comment' on them to tell us how they feel about it all. This is a great way to socialise in this busy world. It makes us feel that everyone we love and want to be in touch with, is just a click away. However, social media becomes a problem when we get addicted to it.
2. Many people living in different parts of the world are suffering from social media addiction and are bearing their consequences too. Social media sites such as Instagram and Twitter may help us connect with our distant relatives and long-lost friends but social media addiction is distancing us from our immediate family and close friends. People addicted to social media are hooked to these platforms for hours. They do not care if their loved ones are sitting with them or trying to make a conversation. All they care about is who updated what on social media and how many people liked or commented on their posts.
3. Social media addicts frequently check updates and notifications on social media platforms. This can be as frequent as twenty-thirty times in an hour. Viewing a new notification, especially one involving their posts gives them a high. Lack of it, on the other hand, can make them feel sad and depressed.
4. All that the social media addicts care about is to maintain an attractive social media profile. They are mostly seen clicking pictures during social events, family gatherings and even during getaways with friends. They hardly enjoy the moment or talk to the people around them. They are only focused on collecting pictures that can be uploaded on their social media accounts or busy checking and commenting on the status updates of those on their friend list.
5. They post updates stating they are enjoying with their family or having fun with their friends while in reality, they do not even interact properly with anyone around. This is the grave reality of social media addicts. Social media addiction is becoming a big problem. It is ironic how a platform created to help people socialise is actually cutting them off from society.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

a. What is the negative effect of social media?

- i. Connecting with friends
- ii. Ignoring family
- iii. Meeting new friends
- iv. Forgetting old friends

b. Choose the option that CORRECTLY states the two aspects of 'social media', as used in the passage.

1. Connects with friends

- 2. Appreciates talent
- 3. Share happiness and sad moments
- 4. Share address
- 5. Share property

- i. 1 and 3
- ii. 2 and 3
- iii. 3 and 4
- iv. 4 and 5

c. According to the context of the passage, what does a social media addict care about?

- i. Family
- ii. Children
- iii. Parents
- iv. Update about friends

d. Social media is distancing us from our.....

- i. Family
- ii. House
- iii. Car
- iv. Garden

e. Social media addicts just want to maintain an attractive.....

- i. Bank balance
- ii. Results
- iii. Profile pictures
- iv. Life

f. Social media addicts do not like to.....with people.

- i. Interact
- ii. Fight
- iii. Argue
- iv. Exist

g. The biggest issue with social media is that it is becoming.....

- i. Popular
- ii. An addiction
- iii. Intense useful
- iv. Expensive

h. The synonym of 'bliss' as given in paragraph 1 is:.....

- i. Sadness
- ii. Happiness
- iii. Misery
- iv. Ill-being

i. The antonym of 'repellent' as given in paragraph 4 is:

- i. Alluring
- ii. Charming
- iii. Glamorous
- iv. Attractive

j. Choose the option that is best suitable for the title of this passage.
 1. Social Media and Socio-Political Changes
 2. Social Media: an addiction

- 3.Importance of Social Media
- 4. Social Relations and Youth

- i. Option 1
- ii. Option 2
- iii. Option 3
- iv. Option 4

Q2.Read the following passage carefully.

(1×10=10 Marks)

1. Coronaviruses were discovered in the 1960s. The name coronavirus is derived from the Latin corona, meaning crown or halo. The new type of coronavirus outbreak came in light on 31st December, 2019 when China informed the World Health Organisation of a cluster of cases of pneumonia of an unknown cause in Wuhan city in Hubei Province. Subsequently, the disease spread to more provinces in China and to the rest of the world. The WHO has declared it a pandemic. The virus has been named SARS-CoV-2 and the disease is now called COVID-19.

2. Some of the symptoms of the coronavirus are fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, headache and trouble in breathing. These symptoms are very much like those people have with a cold or flu. The virus can be more serious in some people, especially if they are sick or have a weak immune system, like the elderly people.













3. The virus appears to spread mainly from person to person. The transmission occurs when someone comes into contact with an infected person. For example, a cough, sneeze or handshake could cause transmission. There is no specific vaccine or medication to cure the disease, but generally, symptoms will go away on their own.

A set of preventive measures are usually followed in case someone gets infected. This includes keeping infected people in quarantine for a certain period, generally fourteen days.

To protect yourself from the virus, here are six recommendations to follow:

- *Avoid contact with people who are already infected.
- *Wash your hands well and regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if you haven't washed your hands.
- *Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that people touch a lot.
- *Stay home when you are sick.

Data of Top Five Countries (As on 25th August, 2020) Affected with Corona Virus

Name	Cases-cumulative total
Global	23,311,719
 United States of America	5,612,163 
 Brazil	3,582,362 
 India	3,106,348 
 Russian Federation	961,493 
 South Africa	609,773 
 Peru	585,236 

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

- a.The word 'corona' in Latin means.....
 - i. Square
 - ii. Crowd

- iii. Crown or halo
- iv. Round

b. When did China inform about the new virus?

- i. On 31st December, 2019
- ii. On 28th December, 2019
- iii. On 30th December, 2019
- iv. On 29th November, 2019

c. The first case of this virus was reported in.....

- i. USA
- ii. Beijing, China
- iii. New Delhi,
- iv. Hubei Province of Wuhan city

d. What does the word 'Pandemic' mean in the passage?

- i. A disease prevalent over a city
- ii. A disease prevalent over a state.
- iii. A disease prevalent over a whole country or the world.
- iv. A disease prevalent over a few cities.

e. What is the name of the virus which causes Corona?

- i. SAARC-CoV-19
- ii. COVID-19
- iii. SARS-CoV-2
- iv. SAARS-CoV-19

f. Which organisation declared the virus as a pandemic?

- i. World Health Department
- ii. World Health Organisation
- iii. World Healthy Organisation
- iv. World's Health Organisation

g..... is one of the symptoms of COVID-19.

- i. Sore throat
- ii. High blood sugar
- iii. High B.P.
- iv. Rashes on the skin

h. According to the passage, which country has the maximum coronavirus cases?

- i. India
- ii. Peru
- iii. Brazil
- iv. United States of America

i. The quarantine suggested in the passage is for the period of.....

- i. 10 days
- ii. 14 days
- iii. 1 month
- iv. 11 days

j. According to the passage, who are more at risk of the disease?

- i. Old people
- ii. People with weak immune system
- iii. Only 'i' is correct

- iv. Both 'i' and 'ii' are correct

Section B: (Grammar and Writing)

Q3. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions. (Any 3)

(1×3=3 Marks)

a. Identify the kind of the sentence given below.

'Salmon is delicious and is good for you too.'

- i. Complex
- ii. Simple
- iii. Compound-complex
- iv. Compound

b. Choose the word which is not a synonym of 'Behold'.

- i. Watch
- ii. Witness
- iii. Clumsy
- iv. See

c. Identify the kind of the sentence given below.

'Can I come with you to the book fair?'

- i. Declarative
- ii. Imperative
- iii. Interrogative
- iv. Exclamatory

d. Choose the suitable idiom to complete the sentence.

My friends have always been with me

- i. Slow and steady
- ii. Rough and tumble
- iii. Through thick and thin
- iv. In black and white

Q4. Do as directed. (Any 3)

(1×3=3 Marks)

a. did you understand why I was upset (Punctuate the sentence)

b. Rudra said to Kinjal, "Are you stupid ?" (Rewrite the sentence into indirect speech)

c. We have shipped your order. (Rewrite the sentence into passive voice)

d. The laptop that I purchased two months ago needs to be repaired. (Underline the adjective clause in the sentence)

Q5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the bracket.

(1×4=4 Marks)

a. I met Suhani when I was college. (in/on)

b. My sister lives in Mexico is a nurse. (which/who)

c. I like sugar in my tea..... I don't like milk in it. (and/but)

d. She will know the answer if she..... to understand. (try/tries) (Conditional 1)

Q6. Attempt any one of the following in about 50 words.

(5×1=5 Marks)

Draft an attractive advertisement using the given hints.

Toyota Trust, Lanson's Anniversary Sale Mela – Pre-owned car on sale – 100 cars on display, 2 year warranty – attractive finance scheme – EMI – Free evaluation by professionals – sell – upgrade – Lanson Toyota – 5/80, ECR, Neelankarai, Ph: 8939647110.

OR

Draft an attractive advertisement using the given hints.
Titan watches – discount upto 40% on select watches – offer valid from 17th December to 29th January only – rush.

Q7. Attempt any one of the following in about 100 to 120 words.

(5x1=5 Marks)

Write a story with the help of the given outline. Also, give a suitable title to the story.

Outline –

A young man from a rich family was very worried about his obesity. His weight was increasing with the passage of time. He got treatment for the disease from many doctors but no one was able to cure his disease properly. Everyone would prescribe him medicines and advise him to eat them for months

OR

Write a story with the help of the given outline. Also, give a suitable title to the story.

Outline –

It was Mohini's first day at the new school. She was feeling very nervous. She stood in a corner and watched the students who were laughing and talking excitedly. When she saw four senior students advancing towards her, she

Section C: (Literature)

Q8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

8.A.

(1x5=5 Marks)

It is the last day of August, and the lush monsoon growth has reached its peak. The seeds of the cobra lily are turning red, signifying that the rains are coming to an end. In a few days the ferns will start turning yellow, but right now they are still firm, green and upright. Ground orchids, mauve lady's slipper and the white butterfly orchids put on a fashion display on the grassy slopes of Landour. Wild dahlias, red, yellow and magenta, rear their heads from the rocky crevices where they have taken hold. Snakes and rodents, flooded out of their holes and burrows, take shelter in roofs, attics and godowns. A shrew, weak of eyesight, blunders about the rooms, much to the amusement of the children. "Don't kill it," admonishes their grandmother. "Chuchundars are lucky - they bring money!" And sure enough, receive a cheque in the mail. Not a very large one, but welcome all the same.

a. What do seeds of cobra lily signify?

- i. It signifies that the rains are going to start.
- ii. It signifies that there will be no rain the whole season.
- iii. It signifies that the rains are coming to an end.
- iv. It signifies that there will be a heavy rain.

b. What do the homes of snake and rodents called?

- i. Holes and burrows
- ii. Holes and ditches
- iii. Homes and house
- iv. Cave and house

c. How were the ferns?

- i. The ferns were uprooted.
- ii. The ferns were not still firm, green and upright.
- iii. The ferns were still firm, green and upright.
- iv. The ferns were yellow.

- d. What showed up from the rocky crevices?
- i. Wild lily of red, yellow and magenta colour
 - ii. Wild dahlias of red, yellow and magenta colour
 - iii. Chuchundars
 - iv. Ground orchids

e. Choose the correct synonym for 'Amusement'.

- i. Depression
- ii. Boredom
- iii. Entertainment
- iv. Expensive

OR

His mother was an affectionate and thoughtful woman. It was proper, she thought, not to discourage the fanciful hopes of her little boy. So she said to him, "Perhaps you may." And Ernest never forgot the story that his mother told him. It was always in his mind whenever he looked upon the Great Stone Face. He spent his childhood in the log-cottage where he was born, was dutiful to his mother and helpful to her in many things, assisting her much with his little hands, and more with his loving heart.

In this manner, from a happy yet often pensive child he grew up to be a mild and quiet youth. Ernest had had no teacher, but the Great Stone Face became one to him. When the work of the day was over, he would gaze at it for hours, until he began to imagine that those vast features recognised him, and gave him a smile of kindness and encouragement.

a. Why did the mother say "Perhaps you may"?

- i. To boost the enthusiasm and give fanciful hopes of her son
- ii. Because she loved him and used to support his every actions
- iii. To give false hopes of her son
- iv. Because she believed that the prophecy would turn true

b. How was Ernest as a boy?

- i. Dutiful to his mother
- ii. Stubborn
- iii. Dutiful to his father
- iv. Rich

c. How was Earnest in his youth?

- i. Mild and kind
- ii. Healthy
- iii. Intelligent
- iv. Good looking

d. When the work of the day was over, what did Earnest use to do?

- i. Used to meet his friends
- ii. Used to have chat with his mother
- iii. Used to gaze at The Great Stone Face for hours
- iv. Used to write poems

e. Give the meaning of 'Pensive'?

- i. Superior
- ii. Thoughtful
- iii. Special
- iv. Ignorant

8.B.

When I set out for Lyonesse A hundred miles away,
The time was on the spray,
And starlight lit my lonesomeness
When I set out for Lyonesse
A hundred miles away.

- a. Where did the poet plan to go?
i. The poet planned to go to Lyonesse which is close to his town.
ii. The poet planned to go to Lyonesse which is hundred miles away.
iii. The poet planned to go to his native place.
iv. The poet planned to go to away from the world.

b. What lit the poet's lonesomeness?

- i. Starlight
ii. Moonlight
iii. Frost
iv. Breeze

c. What was the weather condition there?

- i. It was the winter season with drop of frost and dew.
ii. It was the winter season with heavy rain.
iii. It was the summer season.
iv. It was sunny.

d. What is meant by 'time'?

- i. Frost
ii. Rain
iii. Breeze
iv. Tornado

e. What is the name of the poet of given lines?

- i. D.J. Enright
ii. T.S. Eliot
iii. Thomas Hardy
iv. William Shakespeare

OR

"Come and hire me," I cried, while in the morning I
was walking on the stone-paved road.
Sword in hand the king came in his chariot.
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. Where was the poet walking?
i. On the stone paved road
ii. At the bottom of garden
iii. At the edge of garden
iv. Amidst of forest

b. How did the king come to him?

- i. In his chariot with soldiers
- ii. In his chariot with sword in his hand
- iii. Begging for help
- iv. With anger

c. Why did he go away?

- i. Because he was in hurry
- ii. Because he wanted to meet another poet
- iii. Because his power counted for nothing for the poet
- iv. Because he was dissatisfied with the poet's demands

d. How did the king try to hire the poet?

- i. With freedom
- ii. With his wealth
- iii. With his power
- iv. With gold

e. The poem is written by _____

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- ii. Rabindranath Tagore
- iii. Wordsworth
- iv. Williams Shakespeare

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each. (Any 3) (3×3=9 Marks)

- a. What is Stephen Hawking's message for the disabled in the lesson 'A Visit to Cambridge'?
- b. Describe the Great Stone Face.
- c. Who said 'the Earnest is himself the Great Stone Face' and why?
- d. What is the meaning of the line 'The poetry of earth is never dead'?

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- a. What did the narrator do to escape the punishment in the lesson 'Jalebis'?
- b. Why the name Princess of Siam is September?
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Summarise the poem 'The Last Bargain' in your own words.

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