

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR

Annual Examination (2025-26)

Class/ Section: VIII.....

MM:80

Subject: English

Time-3 Hrs

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Fifteen minutes extra time will be given for reading the question paper.

General Instructions:

1. This question paper is divided into three parts: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A (READING -20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage Carefully.

(1x10=10 marks)

A tariff war refers to a situation in which countries impose taxes on each other's imports in retaliation, often escalating into a cycle of increasing trade barriers that disrupt global economic stability. Governments usually justify tariffs as tools to protect domestic industries, reduce trade deficits, or respond to unfair trade practices such as dumping or subsidies. However, when one country raises tariffs, affected trading partners often respond with counter-tariffs, turning the dispute into a tariff war. While tariffs may temporarily shield local producers, they often lead to higher prices for consumers, reduced choices, and increased costs for businesses that rely on imported raw materials or components.

Over time, tariff wars can slow economic growth, reduce international trade volumes, and strain diplomatic relations. Developing countries may be particularly vulnerable, as they depend heavily on exports and may lack the economic resilience to absorb prolonged trade disruptions. Additionally, tariff wars can destabilize global supply chains, forcing companies to relocate production, delay investments, or lay off workers. Although some argue that tariff wars can push countries to renegotiate trade agreements and address structural imbalances, the long-term consequences often outweigh the short-term gains. Rising uncertainty discourages foreign investment and can trigger inflationary pressures, ultimately harming the global economy.

Therefore, tariff wars highlight the tension between national economic interests and the benefits of free trade, emphasizing the need for dialogue, multilateral cooperation, and fair trade rules to resolve disputes without resorting to economically damaging confrontations.

On the basis of reading of the passage answer the following questions.

I Choose the correct option. (ANY SIX)

1. What is the primary characteristic that turns tariffs into a tariff war?
 - a) High tariff rates
 - b) Retaliatory actions by trading partners
 - c) Protection of domestic industries
 - d) Reduction of trade deficits

2. Which group is most likely to face immediate negative effects during a tariff war?
 - a) Domestic producers only
 - b) Government agencies
 - c) Consumers and import-dependent businesses
 - d) Exporters of non-essential goods

3. Why are developing countries often more vulnerable during tariff wars?
 - a) They impose higher tariffs
 - b) They rely heavily on imports alone
 - c) They depend significantly on exports and lack economic buffers
 - d) They benefit less from globalization

4. Which word in the passage means 'to depend on'?
 - a) Rely
 - b) Renegotiate
 - c) Disruption
 - d) None of the above

5. Which of the following best reflects a long-term consequence of tariff wars?
 - a) Permanent protection of domestic industries
 - b) Increased global cooperation
 - c) Lower consumer prices
 - d) Reduced trade and slower economic growth

6. What argument do supporters of tariffs often use to justify tariff wars?
 - a) They help renegotiate unfair trade practices.
 - b) They encourage innovation through competition
 - c) They always improve consumer welfare.
 - d) They eliminate the need for trade agreements

7. What is the most effective alternative to tariff wars suggested in the passage?
 - a) Economic isolation
 - b) Unilateral trade policies
 - c) Increased subsidies
 - d) Dialogue and multilateral cooperation

II. Answer the following questions in short.

8. What turns a dispute into a tariff war?
9. What are ill effects of tariff war?
10. Why are developing countries likely to suffer more due to tariff war?
11. Tariff war is a retaliatory action. (T/F)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

(1x10=10 marks)

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: The Iron Man of India

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was one of the greatest leaders of India's freedom struggle and a key architect of modern India. He was born on 31 October 1875 in Nadiad, Gujarat, into a humble farming family. Through hard work, discipline, and determination, Patel rose to become a respected lawyer and a powerful political leader. He is popularly known as the "Iron Man of India" for his strong will and decisive leadership.

Sardar Patel played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. He actively participated in major movements such as the Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and the Quit India Movement. Patel was deeply influenced by Gandhian principles of truth and non-violence, yet he was firm and practical in his approach to governance and leadership.

After India gained independence in 1947, Sardar Patel became the country's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister. His greatest contribution was the integration of more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union. At the time of independence, India was divided into many small kingdoms ruled by princes. Patel used diplomacy, persuasion, and when necessary, firm action to unite these states. Without his efforts, India might not have emerged as a strong and united nation.

Sardar Patel believed strongly in national unity, discipline, and administrative efficiency. He laid the foundation of a strong civil service system, which continues to support India's administration today. He also worked to maintain peace and order during the difficult period of Partition, when communal violence threatened the stability of the nation.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel passed away on 15 December 1950, but his legacy continues to inspire generations. In his honor, the Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue, was erected in Gujarat. Patel's life teaches us the values of unity, leadership, integrity, and service to the nation. He will always be remembered as the man who united India and strengthened its foundations.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

I Choose the correct option. (ANY SIX)

1. When was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel born?
a) 1869 b) 1875 c) 1881 d) 1890

2. What is Sardar Patel popularly known as?

a) Father of the Nation	b) Grand Old Man of India
c) Iron Man of India	d) Lion of Punjab
3. Which position did Sardar Patel hold after independence?

a) Prime Minister	b) President
c) Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister	d) Governor-General
4. Which word in the passage means 'the act of combining to make as whole'?

a) Disobedience	b) Violence
c) Communal	d) Integration
5. How many princely states were integrated into India?

a) About 200	b) About 300
c) About 560	d) About 700
6. Where is the Statue of Unity located?

a) Maharashtra	b) Gujarat
c) Rajasthan	d) Madhya Pradesh
7. Which quality best describes Sardar Patel?

a) Hesitation	b) Weak leadership
c) Strong determination	d) Carelessness

II Answer the following questions in short.

8. What was Sardar Patel's most significant contribution after Independence?
9. How did Sardar Patel unite princely states?
10. What lessons do we learn from Sardar Patel's life?
11. How does India remember Sardar Patel?

SECTION-B (GRAMMAR & WRITING) (20 MARKS)

Q3. Answer the following questions by choosing the correct options or as directed in the bracket. (ANY TEN)
1x10=10marks)

1. 'She won't pass the exam unless she studies a lot.' Identify the kind of given sentence.

a) Simple	b) Compound	c) Complex	d) None of the above
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2. 'She is wearing a saree which is very colourful.' What is the kind of underlined clause?

a) Noun clause	b) Adjective clause	c) Adverb clause	d) Independent
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3. Identify the sentence which has an adjective phrase.?

- a) The dog barked loudly.
- b) She ran down the street,
- c) The book on the shelf is old.
- d) She went to the store.

4. Maya could swim well after she took lessons. Identify the underlined clause.

- a) Noun Clause
- b) Adjective Clause
- c) Adverb Clause
- d) Independent Clause

5. My sister likes to play piano in her studio. Choose the prepositional phrase.

- a) My sister
- b) Likes to play
- c) Play piano
- d) In her studio

6. Rohit said to Anil, "Rajat will leave for his native place tomorrow."

Choose the correct Indirect speech for the given sentence.

- a) Rohit told Anil that Rajat will leave for his native place tomorrow.
- b) Rohit told Anil that Rajat left for his native place the next day.
- c) Rohit told Anil that Rajat would be leaving for his native place tomorrow.
- d) Rohit told Anil that Rajat would leave for his native place the next day.

7. He said to the interviewer. "Could you please repeat the question?" Rewrite the given sentence into Indirect Speech.

8. 'The broken window needed repair'. What kind of non finite verb is 'broken'?

- a) Gerund
- b) Infinitive
- c) Participle
- d) None of the above

9. Choose the correct meaning of phrase 'magnum opus'.

- a) to infinity
- b) repeating the exact words that were used
- c) the most important work of an artist or writer
- d) meeting at an agreed and place

10. 'Curiosity killed the cat'. This sentence is an example of

- a) Metaphor
- b) Assonance
- c) Simile
- d) Alliteration

11. 'She put on her coat and went out. What is the correct simple sentence for the given compound sentence.)

- a) She put on her coat because she wanted to go out.
- b) She wanted to go out, yet she put on her coat.
- c) Putting on her coat, she went out.
- d) None of the above

Q4. Write a dialogue between Ravi and Rishik Ravi remained absent from school and he wants to know about tasks and assignments given in the class on that day. (70-80 words) **(4 marks)**

OR

Write a dialogue between two friends who are discussing about importance of discipline in their lives. (70-80 words)

Q5. Write a letter to the Principal of your school asking him/her to make arrangements for more books useful for preparation for competitive exams. (100-120 words) **(6 marks)**

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to arrange bus for the students to go to Raigarh as they have to appear in second level of Maths, Science and English Olympiads. (100-120 words)

SECTION-C(LITERATURE)(40 Marks)

Q6. Read the given extract and answer the following questions. **(1x5=5 marks)**

Unfortunately, I did not have the grades to gain admission in a medical college. When I asked my father to secure a seat for me by paying capitation fee, he refused to do so. He told me, "I have provided you the best possible school education and if your efforts have not helped you gain admission into a medical college, it means you haven't worked as hard as someone else who has made the grade."

1. Why was the speaker unable to gain admission to a medical college?
 - a) Lack of interest in medicine
 - b) Insufficient grades
 - c) Financial problems
 - d) Poor school facilities
2. What did the speaker request from her father?
 - a) To send her abroad for studies
 - b) To help her reappear for exams
 - c) To secure a medical seat by paying capitation fee
 - d) To choose another career for her
3. Why did the father refuse the request?
 - a) He did not have enough money
 - b) He was against medical education
 - c) He believed effort determines success
 - d) He wanted his child to change colleges
4. According to the father, what had he already provided his child?
 - a) The best possible school education
 - b) Financial support for college
 - c) Extra coaching classes
 - d) A guaranteed career path
5. What does the father's statement suggest about his values?
 - a) Success should be bought.
 - b) Luck is more important than effort.
 - c) Parents must decide their child's career.
 - d) Hard work should be rewarded fairly.

OR

The old woman's temper suddenly changed to love, which wastes away in spoken words. This love was solid, mute and seeped through tenderness. What a selfless child! What concern for others! What a big heart! How he must have suffered seeing other boys buying toys and gobbling sweets! How was he able to suppress his feelings! Even at the fair, he thought of his old grandmother.

1. The old woman's temper changed suddenly into
 - a) Anger
 - b) Indifference
 - c) Love
 - d) Sadness

- Q7. Read the extract and answer the following questions. (1x5=5 marks)**

1. What does the phrase "*the night that covers me*" symbolize?
a) Sleep b) Death c) Darkness and suffering d) Peace
2. Why does the poet thank the gods?
a) For wealth and success b) For protection from danger
c) For giving him strength and courage d) For happiness in life
3. What does "*black as the pit from pole to pole*" emphasize?
a) The beauty of night b) The vastness and depth of darkness
c) The coldness of the world d) The fear of travel
4. The word "*unconquerable*" suggests that the poet's soul is:
a) Weak b) Fearful c) Strong and undefeatable d) Proud
5. Which theme is most clearly reflected in this stanza?
a) Love and friendship b) Fate and destiny
c) Courage and inner strength d) Nature and beauty

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them them always straight and true
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high.

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2. According to the poem, how can one help make the world better?
 - a) By changing others
 - b) By gaining wealth
 - c) By correcting one's own actions and thoughts
 - d) By giving advice
3. What does the line "*Set a watch upon your actions*" suggest?
 - a) Be punctual.
 - b) Be careful and disciplined in behaviour.
 - c) Observe others closely.
 - d) Avoid taking action.
4. Which quality does the poet ask us to remove from our minds?
 - a) Fear
 - b) Anger
 - c) Selfish motives
 - d) Sadness
5. The phrase "*Let your thoughts be clean and high*" means:
 - a) Think only about success
 - b) Have pure and noble thoughts
 - c) Avoid thinking too much
 - d) Be proud of yourself

Q8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

(3x4=12 marks)

1. What is Triple Planetary Crisis mentioned in the lesson 'We Are Catalysts of Change' and solution for it?
2. Why Chakra says that future of earth is going to be in good hands?
3. What are the philanthropic activities of Biocon company?
4. Why did Hamid buy a pair of tongs for his grandmother?
5. What makes us murderers as given in the lesson We Are Catalyst of Change'?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

(3x2=6marks)

1. How has the speaker faced the difficulties posed by fate in the poem 'Invictus'?
2. What is the suggestion of poet to make this world a happier place in the poem 'Wishing'?
3. What inspiration do we get from the poem 'Invictus'?

Q10. Write the character sketch of boy Hamid in the lesson 'Festival of Love' (100-120 words)

(6 marks)

OR

Write a paragraph describing Kiran Mazumdar's view about leadership and its qualities. (100 -120 words)

Q11. What is the central idea of the poem 'What Is Peace'? (100-120 words)

(6 marks)

OR

'We do not respect nature or its gifts' Do you agree with this? Justify your answer with the help of poem 'Warned' (100- 120 words)
