



Venus World Schools

Academic Session -2021-22
Half Yearly Test

Grade -VIII.

Time -2 hr

Sub – English

Max marks -50

Reading. (15M)

Q-1) Read the following passage and answer the following questions that follow:-. (5M)

Then he opened his wings and flew right away into the blue. But the little Princess burst into tears, for it is very difficult to put the happiness of someone you love before your own, and with her little bird far out of sight she felt, all of a sudden, very lonely. When her sisters knew what had happened they mocked her and said that the little bird would never return. But he did, at last. And he sat on September's shoulder and ate out of her hand and sang her the beautiful songs he had learned while he was flying up and down the fair places of the world.

Answer the following questions in a complete sentence:-

Q-a) Who flew away into the blue sky?

Q-b) All of a sudden, who felt very lonely?

Q-c) Find the antonym of the 'closed' from the above passage.

Q-d) Identify the type of voice i.e active voice or passive voice in the below sentence:-

said that the little bird would never return.

Q-e) Who sang beautiful songs?

Q-2) Read the stanza given below and answer the following questions.

(5M)

His coat is dusty from neglect, his whiskers are uncombed.

He sways his head from side to side, with movements like a snake;

And when you think he's half asleep, he's always wide awake.

Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity,

For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.

You may meet him in a by-street, you may see him in the square --

But when a crime's discovered, then Macavity's not there!

Answer the following questions in a complete sentence:-

Q-a) Explain the following sentence:-

For he's a fiend in feline shape, a monster of depravity.

Q-b) Identify the figure of speech in the sentence given below:-

'He sways his head from side to side'.

Q-c) Who was half asleep?

Q-d) Whose whiskers are uncombed?

Q-e) Who has been described as a 'monster' in the above stanza?

Q-3) Read the below passage and answer the following questions:-. (5M)

Only a few decades ago, historians believed that the Indian History started with the invasion of Alexander the Great. There was no evidence to prove and take back the Indian historical period beyond that date. In 1921, an excavation was undertaken at Harappa - on the bank of the Ravi in West Punjab (now in Pakistan)- with a hope to discover some remains of the Buddhist period. But everybody was surprised at the discovery of a well - planned city under that mound. In the very next year on the bank of the river Indus in old Sindh district, yet another city, the city of Mohenjodaro was discovered. This established the fact that there existed in ancient India a well - developed city civilization. This advanced city civilization existed not merely in the valley of the Indus but also in the vast region from Afghanistan in the north to Gujarat - Saurashtra in the south.

Answer the following questions in a complete sentence:-

Q-a) When did Indian history start, according to historians?

Q-b) Where is Harappa situated?

Q-c) What does the excavation of Harappa and Mohenjodaro establish?

Q-d) Find the word from the passage that mean the following:-
found out

Q-e) Name any one historical place in India?

Writing (10M)

Q-4) Write an article on any one topic given below:-. (5M)

a) You have seen many children working in glass and hazardous factories. You are sad to see this. Write an article for your school magazine giving your views about Child Labour.

OR

b) Parents today are facing a major problem with their children. They waste most of their time on Facebook and other social networking sites, with the result that their studies and other important activities are neglected. Write an article on the pros and cons of Social Networking Sites. You are Virender Thapa.

Q-5)Write a formal letter on any one.

(5M)

a)You are Pratiksha, a member of NGO Swagat. Write a letter to the letter for a public campaign the clean the Narmada river.

OR

b)Write a letter to the bank manager. You recently forgot your credit card with your bank manager. Request him to dispatch it to your residential address.

Grammar. (10M)

Q-6A)Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. (2M)

i)_____ option suited my budget, so I changed all my plans.

ii)I thought she was _____ girl, but she turned out to be another girl.

Q-6B)Join the following sentences using the infinitive form of the verbs.

(2M)

i)The team is determined. They will win the match.

ii)I have called the mason. He will build the wall.

Q-6C)Fill in the blanks with suitable present forms of the verbs in brackets.

(2M)

i)The flyover _____ (be) under construction for two years now.

ii)My father _____ (attend) the club meetings since his youth.

Q-6D)Write 'M' if the underlined verb is a main verb or 'A' if it is an auxiliary verb. (2M)

i)The guards have bulletproof jackets.

ii)Do you recall the name of the shop?

Q-6E)Fill in the blanks with the correct modals from the brackets.

(2M)

i)_____ (Could/ Would) you mind sharing the sweets with your brother?

ii)Seniors at school _____ (might/should) set a good example to their juniors.

Literature. (15M)

Q-7)Answer the following questions in one sentence. (5M)

Q-i)Mention any two things that are not clear from the height.(Geography Lesson)

Q-ii)Do you think the Indian princes were short - sighted in their approach to the events of 1757?(Glimpses of the Past)

Q-iii)"A cat, I am sure, could walk on a cloud without coming through".

(Jules Verne)

Which law is Macavity breaking in the light of the comment above?(Macavity: The Mystery Cat)

Q-iv)"...that year I did not step out onto the field". What was he busy doing that year?(The Treasure Within)

Q-v)How did the Maids of Honour come to know that the Princess and the bird had become intimate friends?(Princess September)

Q-8)Answer the following questions in detail. (Any five). (10M)

Q-i)In what ways did the British officers exploit Indians?(Glimpses of the Past)

Q-ii)Having read the poem Macavity: The Mystery Cat, try to guess whether the poet is fond of cats. If so, why does he call Macavity a fiend and monster?

Q-iii)Why did Bepin Babu worry about what Parimal Ghose had said?
(Bepin Choudhary's Lapse of Memory)

Q-iv)In the following sentence elaborate the parts given in bold. **Under the circumstances** it was **a very unfortunate remark** for the bird to make.

Q-v)Are the sisters unkind and cruel? Find evidence in the text to support your idea.

Q-vi)Which, to you, is the most important idea in this story, and why?

a) importance of music.

b) value of freedom

c) beauty of nature.
