

## ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER

### TERM 1

### CLASS - VIII (2025-26)

*Time allowed : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*

#### **General Instructions:**

1. *This paper consists of three sections : A, B and C.*
  2. *Attempt all the questions.*
  3. *Do not write anything on the question paper except your name, class/section and roll number.*
  4. *All the answers must be correctly numbered in the answer sheet as per the numbering given in the question paper.*
  5. *Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.*
  6. *Read all the questions carefully and follow the instructions given with each question.*
  7. *Adhere strictly to the word limit given in the question paper.*
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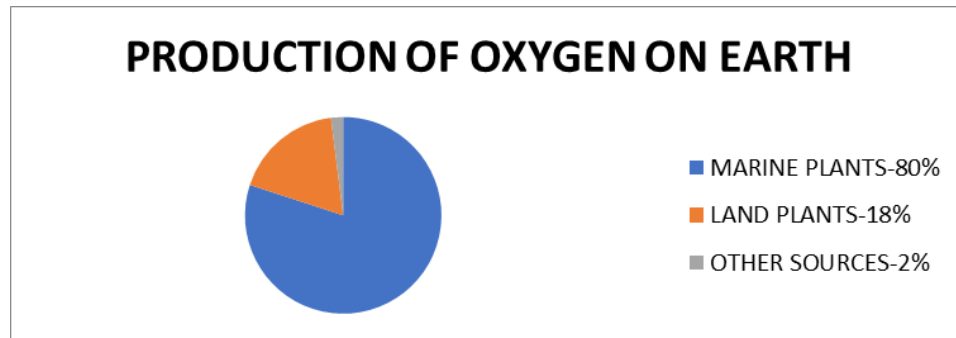
#### **Section-A (Reading)**

**(20 Marks)**

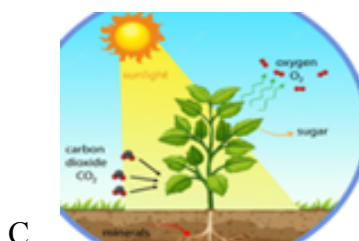
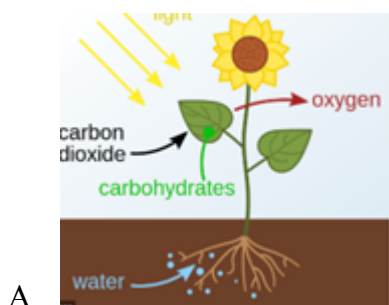
1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8)

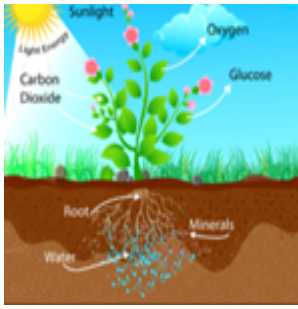
- I. Planet Earth is our home and it has been around for about 4.5 billion years. And it does some pretty amazing things. For one, it keeps us alive by providing oxygen and food through photosynthesis, the process in which plants use sunlight to make their own food and in return release oxygen into the air. “So ultimately, without photosynthesis, any living thing that would require oxygen would cease to exist,” Dr.Karen Engates, a visiting environmental science professor at the University of Incarnate Word explained the power of just one tree. “One large tree can basically provide about a day’s worth of oxygen for up to four people that are normally breathing,” Engates said.
- II. She said house plants are also great sources of oxygen that can produce oxygen for our homes overnight and detoxify the air. Engates said leaf size matters as the larger the leaf the more oxygen the tree will release. For example, pine trees have smaller needles and gives off less oxygen than a Maple tree that has bigger leaves. But surprisingly, it’s not trees or land plants that provide most of the oxygen for us.
- III. “The best estimates indicate that about half to almost 80% of oxygen production doesn’t really come from trees, it actually comes from the oceans, with the majority coming from phytoplankton which are little drifting plants, and little algae and some bacteria in the ocean,” Engates said. That’s why she says our oceans are pretty important too, as our oceans make up about 97% of the water on Earth. But how much water is on our planet?
- IV. Some scientists from NASA have put together the idea that if we could take all of the water that we know of and put it into one volume we would have approximately 332 quintillion gallons,” Engates said. “Which is 18 zeros beyond 332. That’s a lot of water on the planet that we have to care for.”

- V. The water, the trees, plants, our snowy mountains, beaches and forests, are all crucial to our survival. It's why Engates said we shouldn't celebrate and raise awareness to protect our planet on just Earth Day, but every day. "It is our responsibility to be stewards of the Earth. To protect the place that we find home, not only for our resources for survival, but also for the enjoyment and the prospect of having future generations enjoy it," Engates said.



- (i) Look at the pie chart given above and identify the source which gives the earth the maximum oxygen.
- (ii) Share one pretty amazing thing that planet does for us.
- (iii) Choose the correct picture that shows the result if there was no photosynthesis.





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(iv) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE:

According to the passage, NASA has put together the idea that if we could take all of the water that we know of and put it into one volume we would have approximately 432 quintillion gallons.

(v) Identify the word that can replace the phrase “to free up”. (Para II)

(vi) Which one of the following is the TRUE statement in context of the passage:

- A. The best estimate indicates that 80% of oxygen comes from trees.
- B. About 40% of the oxygen comes from oceans.
- C. Majority of oxygen comes from phytoplankton.
- D. The Oceans make up for 98% of water on Earth.

(vii) Suggest another source that can produce oxygen.

(viii) Complete the following:

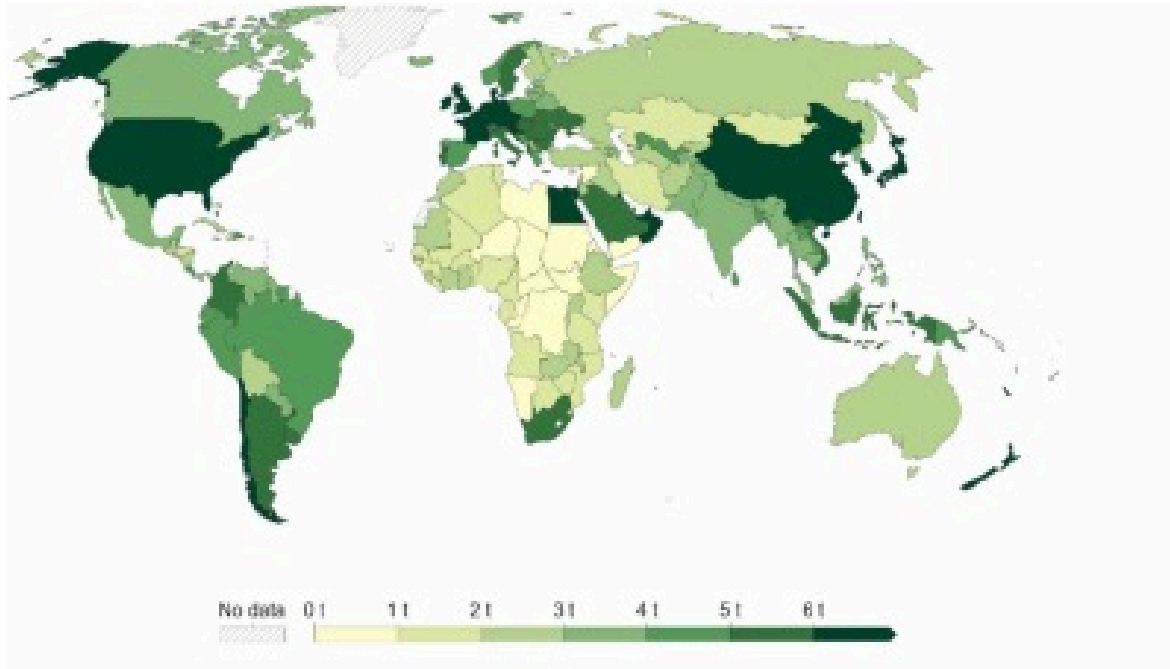
We shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ awareness to protect our planet on just Earth Day, but every day.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

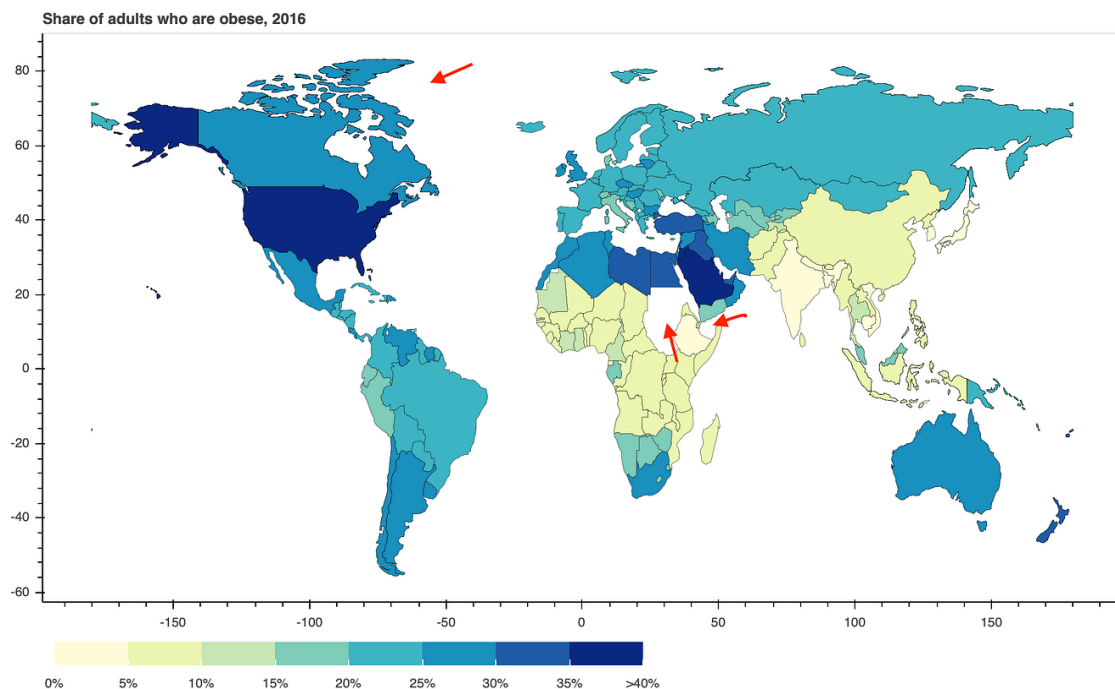
(1x12=12)

- I. The world today is facing various complex diseases. Out of them, obesity is one. Obesity is a condition wherein a person starts to gain unnecessary body fat. This is an excessive and abnormal increase in body fat which can lead to various other related health issues like heart problems, blood pressure, hypertension, cholesterol, and many more. Some people think of obesity as only a cosmetic and physical concern but that's not true.
- II. The lifestyle of people has changed a lot. Children used to play in parks and playgrounds with friends whereas now the preference has been shifted to mobile and computer games. Not only children but also elders have changed their lifestyle a lot. Previously, people preferred to do everything by themselves. Right from doing household chores to getting things from the market, everything was done manually. But time has changed a lot. Now, everything gets delivered at the doorstep. This type of lifestyle has led to various diseases including obesity.
- III. Ever-increasing cases of obesity are surely a cause of concern, but there are various cures available to treat it. Eating a healthy, fibrous, and nutritious diet can help reduce that excess weight. Also not munching in between and following a diet routine can help to cure obesity. Secondly, by doing some physical activities like walking, jogging, running, or exercising one can also burn unwanted fat and calories, thereby reducing obesity.

- IV. The maps below show the share of adults who are obese across countries over a period of time. Globally, 13% of adults aged 18 years and older were obese in 2016. More than one-in-three (36.2%) of adults in the United States were obese in 2016 compared to 12.2% in 1976. In India, this share was around 10 times lower in 2016 at 3.9% (0.4% in 1976). Absolute change refers to the simple difference in the indicator over two periods in time.



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(i) Complete the given analogy:

Obese : fat :: slender : \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Find a word which can replace the word “treatments” in Para III.

(iii) Mention any one cause of obesity.

(iv) Parks and playgrounds have been replaced by \_\_\_\_\_

(v) How can obesity be avoided?

(vi) Choose the device that relates to obesity.

- A. Thermometer
- B. Weighing scale
- C. Calculator
- D. Air conditioner

(vii) The following statements are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read and choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): The lifestyle of people has changed a lot.

Reason (R): This type of lifestyle has led to various diseases including obesity.

- A. Both (A) and (R) are True and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- B. Both (A) and R are True and R is not the correct explanation of (A).
- C. (A) is True but R is False.
- D. (A) is False but R is True.

(viii) What kind of food is healthy for an obese person?

- A. 
- B. 
- C. 
- D. 

(ix) Which of the following days will you associate the best with the above passage?

Option 1: Consumer Day

Option 2: Health Day

Option 3: Youth Day

Option 4: Environment Day

Option 5: Water Day

Option 6: Yoga Day

- A. Options 2 and 4
- B. Options 1 and 6
- C. Options 2 and 6
- D. Options 3 and 5

(x) Based on your understanding of the above passage, pick up a quote that best describes it.

- A. Your body is a reflection of your lifestyle.
- B. Nothing will work unless you do.
- C. Happy mind, happy life.
- D. Every day is a fresh start.

(xi) Which of the following countries has the highest obesity rate in 2016?

- A. Canada
- B. United States
- C. India
- D. Nigeria

(xii) What is the absolute change in India's obesity rate over a span of 40 years?

- A. 3.9%
- B. 0.4%
- C. 3.5%
- D. 4.3%

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

**(30 Marks)**

3. Imagine you are Aarav/Ananya. Write an email to your class teacher requesting leave for three days as you have to attend a family function. (Word Limit: 50) (4 Marks)

**OR**

Write a notice for your school notice board informing students about a donation drive being organized to help underprivileged children. Include details such as the purpose, items to donate, last date of collection, and whom to contact. Put the notice in a box. (Word Limit: 50) (4 Marks)

4. You recently spent your winter holidays with your grandparents and discovered new ways to connect with them despite differences in age, interests, and lifestyle. Taking ideas from the unit 'Changing Times' of 'My English Reader' and using your own thoughts, write an informal letter to your friend describing how you managed to bridge the generation gap. Mention the activities you did together, what you learnt from them, and how this brought you closer. (Word Limit: 100-120) (8 Marks)

**OR**

Imagine you are Arman. You have started a new project called "We Care" to help the underprivileged in your society. Taking inspiration from the unit 'Compassionate Souls' from 'My English Reader' draft a speech to be delivered in the assembly on the problems faced by the poor and how your initiative plans to support them. Encourage your friends to join the project and be part of the change. (Word Limit: 100-120) (8 Marks)

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Find the error and write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (1x4=4)

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
The aim of the terrorists are to	are	is
creating fear, anxiety, panic and	(a) _____	_____
disturbance in the minds for the	(b) _____	_____
common people. They belief in destruction	(c) _____	_____

and death as create lawlessness.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Rearrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences.

(1x4=4)

- (a) not speak in / a message / one need / order to communicate / or convey
- (b) communicate in / of animals / a number / language / chemical
- (c) to pass messages / smelly chemicals / pheromones are / secreted by / some insects
- (d) antennas / others / messages / with the / pick up these / help of

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows by choosing the correct option.

(1x4=4)

**Raman:** Hello Alam, how are you?

**Sonam:** Not so good.

**Raman:** Why? What is wrong?

**Alam:** Just a bit nervous. How are you getting on with your studies?

**Raman:** My preparation is going as planned.

**Alam:** That is wonderful.

Raman wished Sonam and (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Sonam replied that she was not so good. Raman (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Sonam said that (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and asked how Raman's studies were getting along. Raman said that his (d) \_\_\_\_\_. Sonam remarked that that was wonderful.

8. Complete the following passage using appropriate verb forms by choosing the correct options given in the brackets.

(1x3=3)

The Chinese (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (do / does / did) not celebrate their new year on January 1 like people in many parts of the world do. In 2022 the Chinese year (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin / began / begun) on February 1. The Chinese New Year is the most important celebration in China and people often (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (take / took / are taking) weeks of holiday from work to prepare for the new year.

9. Do as Directed:

(1x3=3)

- (a) My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (will / may) scold me if I get wet in the rain. (Choose the correct modal to fill the blank)
- (b) Either the trash can or your socks \_\_\_\_\_ horrible (smell)
- (c) he asked the peon where is the headmaster (Punctuate the sentence)

### Section-C (Literature)

(30 Marks)

10. Attempt **ANY ONE** extract out of the two given below:

(1x4=4)

We sighed with relief and tucked her up well.  
Poor Granny! For her, it was like a brief season in hell.  
Confined to her bedroom, while every breeze  
Whispered of summer and dancing leaves.

(a) Why did the narrator and his family ‘sigh in relief’?

(b) Granny was confined to bed because of \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Identify the poetic device used in line 4.

(d) Find a word that means the same as “murmured”.

**OR**

I still remember the day when I was ten,  
Sleeping on your lap to the envy of my elder brothers and sisters  
It was full moon night, my world only you knew  
Mother! My Mother!

a) Mention any two qualities of the mother which the poet admired.

b) The poet’s siblings were jealous of him because \_\_\_\_\_

c) Pick a word that means the opposite of “forget”.

d) Name the poetic device used in line 4.

11. Attempt **ANY ONE** extract out of the two given below:

(1x4=4)

“He has taken the afternoon off and won't come back for a week. You can give the letter to the assistant headmaster. He will be here now.”

(a) Identify the speaker of the above lines.

(b) Who was the assistant headmaster?

(c) Why did the person need to meet the headmaster?

(d) The word/phrase that means the same as “return” is \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

“You know, there’s one thing I thoroughly believe in,” she said, as she ate ice-cream. “One should always get up from a meal feeling one could eat a little more.”

(a) The above lines were spoken by \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What does the speaker believe in?

(c) List any two dishes relished by the speaker.

(d) Pick out the opposite of “less” from the above lines.

12. Attempt **ANY SIX** short answer type questions out of the seven given below. [Word Limit: 30-40]  
(2x6=12)

- (a) How did the hermit help the king without directly answering his questions ? (Three Questions)
- (b) What role did the poet's mother play in his childhood? (My Mother )
- (c) What excuses did the narrator plan to make in order to avoid the bill? (The Luncheon)
- (d) How can you say that the poet and his father were considerate towards the grandmother? (Granny's Tree Climbing)
- (e) How was the wounded man nursed? Why did he ask for forgiveness from the king ? (Three Questions )
- (f) Swami made false accusations about his teacher in order to miss the school that day. Do you feel Swami was right in doing so? Justify your answer. (The Father's Help)
- (g) What happened to Granny in the absence of her family members? What did it lead to? (Granny's Tree Climbing)

13. "A person should never lose hope in his life, face challenges and overcome them to become an achiever." Discuss the above statement with reference to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and his struggles.. (Word Limit: 70-80) (4 Marks)

**OR**

"There was a chance that Samuel might do something." Why do you think Swami wanted to justify the letter? Throw light on Swami's character in light of this statement. (Word Limit: 70-80) (4 Marks)

Q.14 Imagine yourself as the narrator. Despite financial constraints, you were still able to treat the lady with a lavish Luncheon at the Foyot's. Reflect on your experience and feelings before and after the meeting. Write in the form of a diary page/ entry. (Word Limit: 100-120) (6 Marks)

**OR**

Imagine you are the king in Leo Tolstoy's story, "Three Questions." After your meeting with the hermit and the wounded man, you have realised the true answers to your questions. Write a diary entry expressing your thoughts, feelings, and the lessons you have learned from the day's events. (Word Limit: 100-120)(6 Marks)