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## CLASS 8TH

### SYLLABUS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

#### SYLLABUS

The Actual Question Paper contains 40 questions. The duration of the test paper is 40 Minutes.

Section I. Comprehension □ Based on General topics □ Story / Incident based □ Stanza based. Section II. Knowledge □ Classification □ Analogy □ Distinguishing between Fact and Opinion □ Identification through definition and example □ Antonyms /Synonyms □ Jumbled sentence. Section III. Grammar (Uses and application of all topics mentioned below) □ Noun □ Pronoun □ Verb □ Adverb □ Preposition □ Conjunction □ Tenses □ Voice □ Modals □ Clauses □ Determiners. Section IV. Analysis □ Inferring information □ Judging completeness of process □ Judging logic of actions □ Judging story logic. □ Section V. Writing Skills □ Paragraph □ Essay □ Letters □ Notice, Message, and Reports

Direction (QNo. 1 - 3) : Read the following passage and answer the questions.

The environmental problems of developing countries are not the side effect of excessive industrialisation but reflects the inadequacy of development. The rich countries may look upon development as the cause of environmental destruction, but to us it is one of the primary means of improving the environment for living, or providing food, water, sanitation and shelter, or making the deserts green and the mountains habitable. The research and perseverance of dedicated people have given us an insight which is likely to play an important role in the shaping of our future plans. We see that however much man hankers after material goods, they can never give him full satisfaction. Thus the higher standard of living must be achieved without alienating people from their heritage and without despoiling nature of its beauty, freshness and purity that is essential to our lives.

- What is the primary means of development in our country?  
(A) Causing destruction (B) Improving environment  
(C) Inadequacy of development (D) Development

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- What is reflected by the environmental problems of developing countries?  
(A) Inadequacy of development (B) Development (C) Good facilities (D) Trouble

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- What are essential to our life?  
(A) Beauty, freshness (B) Destruction (C) Despoiling nature (D) Dedication

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- Arrange P, Q, R and S in order to make a sensible sentence.  
P : live in glass houses Q : must not throw stones R : people S : who  
(A) R S P Q (B) R Q S P (C) S R Q P (D) S R P Q

5. Antonym of ADHERENT  
(A) Rival (B) Alien (C) Detractor (D) Enemy
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6. Which one of the following is same as carpenter, plumber, electrician ?  
(A) Doctor (B) Blacksmith (C) Teacher (D) Lawyer
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7. Choose the word which is not the synonym of the word given in CAPITAL letters.  
FASCINATE  
(A) lead (B) convince (C) allure (D) nicety
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8. Strike the odd one out.  
(A) Magazine (B) Dictionary (C) Thesis (D) Periodical
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9. From the four sentences given below, in one of the sentence, the relative pronoun is wrongly used. Identify the sentence.  
(A) This is the boy that I told you of.  
(B) Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.  
(C) The books that help you most are those which make you think most.  
(D) He that is not with me is against me.
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10. Which of the following sentence represents present perfect tense?  
(A) By next March we shall have been living here for four years.  
(B) Neeraj has eaten all the biscuits.  
(C) At that time he had been writing a novel for two months.  
(D) I received his letter a week ago.
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11. The mason is building the wall. When the above sentence is changed into passive voice, the underlined word changes into.  
(A) was being built (B) is being built (C) has been built (D) had been built.
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12. In which case, the pronoun mentioned is a plural number?  
(A) The fleet will reach its destination in a week. (B) The editor and operator is negligent of his duty.  
(C) The jury were divided in their opinions. (D) Rani and Ambika must lend their hand.
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13. .... you please close the door ?  
(A) Ought (B) Would (C) Should (D) Can
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14. Fill in the blank using the correct modal from the given choices: He was an obstinate young man and.....listen to anyone's advice.  
(A) would (B) must (C) would not (D) might
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15. Arrange P, Q, R, S and T in order to complete the process.  
P : Place it on the fire. Q : Leave it for sometime.  
R : When all the water is gone, take it off the fire. S : Put it in a pot which is half filled with water.  
T : Wash the rice in the clear water.  
Select the correct option.  
(A) STRPQ (B) TSPQR (C) PQRST (D) QRSTP

16. Identify the type of clause used in the sentence given below in bold letters. The umbrella which has a broken handle is mine.  
 (A) Adverb clause (B) Adjective clause (C) Noun clause (D) none of these

17. Which one is the most meaningful order of the following ?

1. Milkyway 2. Sun 3. Moon 4. Earth 5. Stars  
 (A) 1, 4, 3, 2, 5 (B) 4, 3, 2, 5, 1 (C) 2, 3, 4, 5, 1 (D) 3, 4, 2, 5, 1

Direction QNo. (18-20) Read the following statements carefully and answer the questions given below it.

A, B, C, D, E and F are members of a club. There are two married couples in the group. A is the brother of D's husband. C is the President of "All India Working Women's Association." F, a Sitarist, is a bachelor. B's wife is not a member of the club. Four of them belong to the same family. B and F are colleagues in the same organisation.

18. How many unmarried male members are there in the group ?

- (A) One (B) Two (C) Three (D) Four

19. Who is married to D ?

- (A) A (B) B (C) E (D) F

20. How is F related to B ?

- (A) Brother (B) Nephew (C) Father (D) Data inadequate

21. In the following question which one alternative represents a meaningful order of words?

1. Key 2. Door 3. Lock  
 4. Room 5. Switch on  
 (A) 5 1 2 4 3 (B) 4 2 1 5 3 (C) 1 3 2 4 5 (D) 1 2 3 5 4

22. A letter is given below with blanks I, II, III and IV which should be filled by the statements A, B, C and D given after the letter.

Ideal College, Varanasi

12 May, 2001

To

The Board Of Directors

Ideal College Varanasi

Dear Sir,

Sub:- Ahmad Hasan's recruitment as a teacher in our institute

..... I ..... II ..... III ..... IV .....

I am sure he will do any work entrusted to him consciously and efficiently.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully

N. Soloman

Principal

P : His conduct has been most satisfactory and he bears a good moral character.

Q : As he has worked hard and is intelligent, he stands a good chance of passing.

R : Physically he is robust and active, and was a member of the college football team.

S : Ahmad Hasan has studied in this college for two years, and has just appeared in the intermediate Examination.

Select the correct option :

- (A) S P R Q (B) S P Q R (C) S Q P R (D) S Q R P

#### A N S W E R S

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| 1. (B)  | 2. (A)  | 3. (A)  | 4. (A)  | 5. (C)  | 6. (B)  | 7. (D)  | 8. (C)  |
| 9. (C)  | 10. (B) | 11. (B) | 12. (C) | 13. (B) | 14. (C) | 15. (B) | 16. (B) |
| 17. (D) | 18. (A) | 19. (C) | 20. (D) | 21. (C) | 22. (C) |         |         |