

	BCM School, Basant Avenue, Dugri Road, Ludhiana Assignment, 2024 (Final Exams) Class - VIII English	
	Section- Reading	
I.	<p>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Van Lokhuyzen of Brisbane and his two sons Timothy (5) and Ethan (7) have been rescued from the Expedition National Park after surviving for ten days with little food and in extreme weather conditions, report Queensland Police. They were spotted by a farmer, Tom Wagner in a remote part of Expedition National Park. Earlier Lokhuyze’s wife had raised an alarm when trip did not arrive a friend’s home in Cairns. 2. Lokhuzyen and his boys’ ordeal began when he took a wrong turn during a road trip from his home in Brisbane to Cairns using an inland route and his vehicle got trapped in mud. 3. “They were pretty hungry by the time I got to them, and pretty happy to see me. The younger boy kept asking me if I had any eggs, while the older one appeared dehydrated,” Wagner said. 4. Queensland Police Acting Superintendent Mick Bianchi said that the boys were listed stable at the Taroom Hospital and were getting their strength back. 5. “During their ordeal, the trio had limited provisions and the father had given the limited food to his sons. Luckily, it was stormy at times and they were able to collect rainwater in a plastic container. Otherwise, they would have perished,” said Bianchi. 6. He applauded the father for key decisions during the ordeal- one, to stay near the vehicle; two, to attract attentions by laying out high – visibility items around his vehicle; three, to stay warm by lighting fires; and four, to establish routines with his children and keep them occupied. 7. He said that the National Park is not usually visited at this time of the year because of the extreme weather conditions and there is usually little or no cell phone reception there in the area, so the trio were not able to contact anybody for help. <p>Choose the correct option:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From where he was in the Expedition National Park, Lokhuyzen could not send distress call to his wife or police because _____ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) he was not carrying his cell-phone (ii) cell-phone signals were not available there (iii) his phone battery had died and could not be charged (iv) his cell-phone had fallen in the mud 2. Which of the following BEST describes Lokhuyzen's behaviour as father during the ordeal? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) careless and irresponsible (ii) caring and self-sacrificing (iii) adventurous and reckless (iv) cunning and exploitative 	

	<p>3. Read the two sentences given below and tick (√) the option that holds "True' to both.</p> <p>(I) Lokhuyzen took a wrong turn during a road trip from his home in Brisbane to Cairns.</p> <p>(II) Lokhuyzen's vehicle got trapped in mud.</p> <p>(i) Sentence I is the effect of Sentence II. (ii) Sentence I is the cause of Sentence II (iii) Both sentences do not have any relation between them. (iv) Both sentences cannot be inferred from the text.</p> <p>4. Which of the following BEST describes the condition of Timothy and Ethan when they arrived at the hospital?</p> <p>(i) unstable (iii) healthy (ii) unconscious (iv) steady</p> <p>5. Answer the following questions as briefly as possible:</p> <p>a. What did Lokhuyzen's wife do when she did not hear from him and their sons? b. Who spotted Lokhuyzen and his sons? What was their condition? c. What lessons can be learnt from Lokhuyzen's experience in the Expedition National Park? d. Find one word from the passage that means the same as 'nightmare' or 'trouble' e. Find one word that has been used in the sense of the word 'died'. f. The trip had unlimited provision of food for their survival. (True/ False)</p>	
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	<p>Section – Writing</p>	
<p>II .</p>	<p>You are Saksham/ Sakshi, the Head Girl/Head Boy of D.A.V. Public School, Patiala. The school is organizing a Workshop on Stress Management ahead of the exams, inspired by the Pariksha Pe Charcha initiative. Write a notice, informing students about the event, including the date, time, and venue.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You recently visited a wildlife sanctuary/national park as part of a school trip. Describe your experience in 100-120 words, including details about the location, the animals and birds you saw, the natural surroundings, and any special moments from the visit.</p> <p>When did you go- location- Purpose of the visit -Animals and birds spotted -Special attractions -Interaction with guides or forest rangers-Memorable experience or highlight of the visit</p>	

III.	Highlight the importance of proper garbage disposal with an aim to create awareness among the city residents. Write a letter regarding the same to the editor of a local daily Hindustan Times. You are Rubal of Shakti Nagar, Delhi.	
IV	<p>Write a short story based on the following hints. Remember to give your story a suitable title. Make it interesting by describing characters and events and by including dialogues (Word limit 100-120)</p> <p>A group of children decide to explore a deserted house on a hill-top ----- reach there - ---- find no one ----- suddenly hear-----someone groaning----- discover a young boy tied to a chair----- release him ----- discover that the house is a hideout for terrorist ----- inform police ----- terrorists are nabbed when they return----- children rewarded for their bravery.</p>	
Section – Grammar		
V	<p>Complete the following passages by filling in the blanks with suitable words.</p> <p>Governments are starting programmes (a) adults how to read and write, how to do b) better, how to farm, and how to (c).....and take (d)..... care of the health of their families. Programmes (e).....launched to help adults finish high school. Such adult education programmes are (f).....in many countries.</p> <p>(a) (i) that teaching (ii)to teach (iii) which taught (iv) were teaching (b) (i)there jobs (ii) their jobs (iii) its jobs (iv) it's jobs (c) (i)became healthy (ii) becoming healthy (iii) becomes healthier (iv) become healthier (d) (i) better care of more care of(iii) good care of (iv) equal care of (e) (i)has also been (ii) have too been (iii) have also been (iv) have been also (f) (i)already in(ii)already on(iii)already underway (iv) already through</p>	

VI	<p>There is one error in each line of the following passage. Write the incorrect word as well as the correction in the answer sheet.</p>																			
	<p>Poetry open our eyes to new ways of looks at events and emotions. The poet took the readers in voyages with poetic device and shares ideas of them. Poetry is often sees as a special subject of an educated person, poets, however, feel that poetry is for all.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Incorrect</th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Correct</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="border: none;">eg: open</td> <td style="border: none;">opens</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(a) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(b) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(c) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(d) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(e) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(f) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(g) _____</td> <td style="border: none;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Incorrect	Correct	eg: open	opens	(a) _____	_____	(b) _____	_____	(c) _____	_____	(d) _____	_____	(e) _____	_____	(f) _____	_____	(g) _____	_____
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VII	<p>Answer the following questions</p> <p>a. Rewrite the following sentences by replacing the underlined words with the appropriate meaning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was a lot of <u>of noise and disturbance</u> in the school canteen. 2. I have always <u>desired</u> to be a successful writer and publish my own book. <p>b. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Riya is a _____ as she can speak 5 different languages 2. Being an/a _____ he represented our state in a foreign country. <p>c. Rewrite the sentences by using appropriate idioms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He suspected something wrong or mysterious when his friend began acting suspiciously. 2. The disagreement other than the team strategy became the cause of enemy and quarrel between Rohan and Amit. 	
VIII	<p>Change the voice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the teacher punish you? 2. Let her do it. 3. Police has arrested the thief. 	
IX	<p>Read the following sentences and change them into indirect speech.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Oh dear! I won't be able to attend the inauguration ceremony tomorrow," said Palash. 2. Rashmi said to Shweta, "why do you look so weird?" 3. I said to my friend, "Please lend me your book." 	
Section- Literature		
X	<p>Read the following extract and answer the questions by choosing the correct option.</p> <p>"The story of the bicycle ride which Professor Hawking took attracted me because it was a symbol of strength and determination."</p> <p>1.The speaker of these lines is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Stephen Hawking b) Jody Baxter c) Mukesh, the narrator d) The poet <p>2.The phrase "symbol of strength and determination" refers to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The struggles of the narrator b) Stephen Hawking's spirit despite his disability 	

	<p>c) A scientist's work ethic d) A competition between two friends</p> <p>3. The chapter "A Visit to Cambridge" is mainly about: a) A historical place b) A conversation between two individuals c) A lost opportunity d) A visit to a university</p>	
XI	<p>Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>a. The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly. A child sat playing with shells. He raised his head and seemed to know me and said, I hire you with nothing. From hence forward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the child playing with? 2. What does the line "I hire you with nothing" mean in the poem? 3. How did the speaker feel after striking the bargain with the child. <p>b. Jody allowed his thoughts to drift back to the fawn. He could not keep it out of his mind."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was Jody thinking about the fawn? 2. What dilemma was he facing? 3. How did Jody's feelings reflect his maturity? 	
XII	<p>Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the narrator find the old desk in The Best Christmas Present in the World? What was inside it? 2. What message does The Grasshopper and the Cricket convey about nature? 3. How did Ranji's fight with Suraj turn into a friendship in The Fight? 4. What were the main features of the Ancient Education System of India? 5. Why did the narrator in Jalebis feel guilty about spending the money on sweets? 	
XIII	<p>Long answer question</p> <p>Look carefully at the diary entries for June 24-25, August 2 and March 23. Now write down the changes that happen as the rains progress from June to March.</p>	

XIV

Choose the most appropriate option

1. The chief source of classical dance, music, and drama in India is Bharata Muni's:

- a) Natya Shastra
- b) Abhinaya Darpana
- c) Sangita Ratnakara
- d) Yatan Trashsa

2. International designer known for his artistic and unique style

- a) Christian Dior
- b) Gabrielle coco channel
- c) Ralph Lauren
- d) Manish Malhotra