

	<b>BCM School, Basant Avenue, Dugri Road, Ludhiana</b> <b>Assignment, 2024 (September)</b> <b>Class - VIII</b> <b>English</b>	
	<b>Section- Reading</b>	
I.	<p><b>Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions:</b></p> <p>Tesla and AC Electricity Nikola Tesla was a Croatian-born engineer and an inventor. He came to the United States in 1884 at the age of 28 and worked for a short time with Thomas Edison. However, their relationship was short-lived due to personality conflicts and a difference of focus: Edison has his eye on financial success, while Tesla was more interested in the science.</p> <p>Tesla's first attempt to found his own electric company in 1885 was unsuccessful. A few years later, though, he received funding for his new Tesla Electric Company. Tesla made many important discoveries that resulted in significant inventions, but he was not business savvy, and most of his inventions, including dynamos (electrical generators similar to batteries) and the induction motor, were patented by other inventors. Tesla also pioneered the study of radar, X-rays, remote control, and the rotating magnetic field, on which his AC technology was based.</p> <p>After filing patents for several inventions based on his AC electrical system, Tesla was noticed by George Westinghouse, an engineer and businessman who was trying to figure out how to supply long-distance power across the country. Westinghouse bought Tesla's patents for \$60,000 and shares of Westinghouse Corporation stock. This pitted Tesla and Westinghouse against Edison and his direct-current (DC) electrical system. Though Edison tried to attack his competition in the press, the Westinghouse Corporation was invited to provide the lighting at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, where Tesla demonstrated his AC system. This set into motion a series of opportunities that would result in AC electricity becoming the world's dominant power system.</p>	
	<p><b>Q1. Based on the above passage, answer the following questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why did Nikola Tesla's relationship with Thomas Edison not last long?</li> <li>2. How did George Westinghouse help Tesla's AC electrical system become more widely recognized?</li> <li>3. Why did Tesla struggle to benefit financially from his inventions?</li> <li>4. How did Nikola Tesla contribute to the development of AC electricity?</li> <li>5. What impact did Tesla's demonstration at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition have on the future of AC electricity?</li> </ol> <p><b>Q2. Select the most appropriate option.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A word from the passage that is a synonym of "to initiate" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Attempt</li> <li>b. Dominant</li> <li>c. Patented</li> <li>d. Pioneered</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<p>2. What happened to most of Tesla's inventions according to the passage?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They were destroyed in a fire.</li> <li>They were patented by other inventors.</li> <li>They were sold to Thomas Edison.</li> <li>They were never completed.</li> </ol> <p>3. Choose the antonym of "conflict" as used in the passage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement</li> <li>Harmony</li> <li>Accord</li> <li>Resolution</li> </ol>																															
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III.	<p>Write an article in about 100-120 words on the Importance of reading books.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands knowledge and vocabulary.</li> <li>• Improves focus and concentration.</li> <li>• Enhances imagination and creativity.</li> <li>• Reduces stress and provides relaxation.</li> <li>• Promotes empathy and understanding of different perspectives.</li> </ul>																															
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V	<p><b>There is one error in each line of the following passage. Write the incorrect word as well as the correction in the answer sheet.</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Incorrect</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Correct</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Even if Indians have a long history on them, they have a poor knowledge in maintaining homes, toilets, on fridges.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">e.g. if</td> <td style="text-align: center;">though</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Modern detergents and soaps is very common in shelves, but people does not use them regularly.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(a) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>This cause the increase in a life of bacteria and viruses.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(b) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(c) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(d) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(e) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(f) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(g) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">(h) _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Incorrect	Correct	Even if Indians have a long history on them, they have a poor knowledge in maintaining homes, toilets, on fridges.	e.g. if	though	Modern detergents and soaps is very common in shelves, but people does not use them regularly.	(a) _____	_____	This cause the increase in a life of bacteria and viruses.	(b) _____	_____		(c) _____	_____		(d) _____	_____		(e) _____	_____		(f) _____	_____		(g) _____	_____		(h) _____	_____
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VI	<p><b>Complete the following passages by filling in the blanks with suitable words.</b>          Knowing well that (a) _____ Earth is facing a serious threat (b) _____ the activities of human beings, most (c) _____ us never really stop wasting precious resources. And yet, all (d) _____ takes is making a (e) _____ simple changes in our life to show that (f) _____ care for environment.</p>	
VII	<p><b>Answer the following</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write meaning of the given word and form a meaningful sentence using it. (Prejudice)</li> <li>2. Spread something ( especially information) widely means to _____. (fill in the blank with one word only)</li> <li>3. <u>One who tries to learn many things never becomes a specialist of anything,</u> which is why it is often better to focus deeply on one area of expertise. (replace the underlined phrase with appropriate proverb)</li> </ol>	
VIII	<p><b>Change the voice</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chef prepared a delicious three-course meal for the guests.</li> <li>2. The cake was baked by my sister for the birthday party.</li> <li>3. The company built a new factory.</li> </ol>	
<b>Section- Literature</b>		
IX	<p><b>Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions.</b>          Him shelter from rain, And a mouthful of grain.          He wished only to borrow;          He'd repay it tomorrow;          If not, he must die of starvation and sorrow.</p> <p>(i) What did he expect from ant?          (ii) What did he wish to borrow?          (iii) When would he repay?          (iv) What would happen if he couldn't repay?</p>	
X	<p><b>Answer the following questions.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What did the author find in a junk shop?</li> <li>2. Why did the author say that "internal summits are, perhaps, higher than Everest"?</li> </ol>	

	<p>3. How did the East India company subdue the Indian princes?  4. When did Mr. Hafeez decide to do architecture?  5. How does a child's happiness turn into sorrowness?</p>	
XI	<p><b>Long answer question</b></p> <p>To earn respect, you must give respect. How has September valued her relationship with the bird?</p>	
	<p><b>Class VIII English syllabus for Sept Exam</b></p> <p><b>Reading</b>  Comprehension passages</p> <p><b>Writing</b>  Short Composition:  Notice Writing, Factual Description (Place)  Long Composition:  Article Writing, Formal Letter</p> <p><b>Grammar</b>  Parts of speech, Tenses (Full), Active Passive Voice (Present, Past, Future), Join the sentences (Conjunction), Gap- filing, Editing, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms, Proverbs</p> <p><b>Literature</b>  Honeydew: The Best Christmas Present, Glimpses of Past, The Summit Within  Poems - The School Boy, The Ant and the Cricket</p> <p><b>Supplementary:</b> The Treasure Within, Princess September</p> <p><b>G.K.</b>  Ch-28, 29, 36, 37</p> <p>Non-textual Word/ Meanings (26-50)</p>	