

# Practice Paper Class - 8 English

## **Q A.. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10 Marks)**

"Books are our best friends. They are a treasure house of knowledge. Just as we need food for our body, we need knowledge for our mind. Reading books is a very good habit. It not only increases our knowledge but also gives us joy. There are different kinds of books like storybooks, biographies, science fiction, and history books. A person who loves reading is never alone because books keep him company.

However, we should be careful in choosing books. Good books lead us on the right path, while bad books can spoil our character. In the modern age, the habit of reading is decreasing because of television and mobile phones. We must encourage children to read more books to develop their imagination and vocabulary."

**1. Why are books called our 'best friends'?**

**2. What do we need for our mind, according to the passage?**

**3. Why is a person who loves reading never alone?**

**4. What has caused a decrease in the habit of reading in the modern age?**

### **Vocabulary:**

(a) Find a word from the passage which means 'a collection of valuable things'. (1)

(b) Give the opposite of the word 'Increasing'. (1)

## **Q B. Notice Writing: (5 Marks)**

1. आप अपने स्कूल के 'Cultural Secretary' हैं। स्कूल में होने वाली 'Inter-School Debate Competition' के बारे में जानकारी देते हुए एक नोटिस लिखिए।

## **Q C.. Letter Writing: (5 Marks)**

1. अपने स्कूल के प्रधानाचार्य को बीमार होने के कारण दो दिन के अवकाश के लिए प्रार्थना पत्र लिखिए।

## **Q D.. Story/Paragraph Writing: (5 Marks)**

1. "A Visit to a Hill Station" या "Importance of Trees" पर 100-150 शब्दों में एक पैराग्राफ लिखिए।

### **Section C: Grammar (व्याकरण) - 15 Marks**

## **Q E. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs (Tenses): (3 Marks)**

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to temple every day.

2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) cricket when it started raining.

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) my homework just now.

## **Q F.. Do as directed: (6 Marks)**

1. Use the correct Article (a/an/the): He is \_\_\_\_\_ honest man.

2. Fill with Preposition: The cat is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

3. Identify the Adjective: The rose is a beautiful flower.

## **Q G. Answer any FIVE of the following questions (Short Answers): (5 x 2 = 10 Marks)**

1. Why did the Camel get a hump? (The Selfish Giant)

2. What happened to Jody's father? (This is Jody's Fawn)

3. Why did the author go to Bridport? (The Best Christmas Present...)

4. What is the 'Geographical lesson' the poet learns from the jet? (Geography Lesson - Poem)

5. Why was Hafeez Contractor a 'problem child'? (The Treasure Within)

## **Q H. Answer of the following questions (Long Answers): (2 x 5 = 10 Marks)**

1. Describe the meeting between Stephen Hawking and Firdaus Kanga. (A Visit to Cambridge)

2. What are the three distinct lessons the author learnt from climbing Mt. Everest? (The Summit Within)