



# St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School

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## Summative Assessment II ENGLISH – Std. 8

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M. Marks : 90

Time : 3 hrs.

Total printed pages :	03
Total printed questions :	11

This paper consists of 3 sections:

SECTION A	READING	20 Marks
SECTION B	WRITING & GRAMMAR	25 Marks
SECTION C	LITERATURE	25 Marks

General instructions:

- The paper is divided into three sections : A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and questions, wherever necessary.
- Read the instruction very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### SECTION - A (READING) (20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (8 marks)

During emperor Akbar's reign, there was a poor man in Agra, who was thought to bring bad luck. People believed that if anyone looked at his face in the morning, they would have a bad day. "Get lost, you ugly fellow!" he would be cursed by one and all. "Hide your face before you kill someone with your evil eye!"

The emperor soon heard of this man's reputation and wanted to see him. The poor fellow who had not harmed a single person in his life, was brought to Akbar. Akbar took a look at him and asked him to be brought back in the evening.

That particular day was especially full and tiring day for the emperor and his courtiers. So many matters had to be attended to, that Akbar even forgot to eat. By the end of the day, the emperor was exhausted. To make matters worse, Akbar was informed that his favourite child, little Prince Salim, had fallen ill.

Then the emperor suddenly remembered that he had seen the face of the 'unlucky' man that morning. That was it. It was that man's entire fault, Akbar decided.

Akbar called his courtiers and told them that he was going to have the 'unlucky' man executed. All of them agreed immediately.

All except Birbal. Instead, Birbal let out a short laugh.

"What's the matter, Birbal?" asked the emperor. "You seem to find something funny!"

"Nothing, your majesty," replied Birbal.

"You say this man brings bad luck because you had to go without food ever since you saw him this morning. Look at his luck. Yours was the first face he saw today and he had to die because of it".

Akbar immediately realized his folly and rewarded Birbal for his wisdom.

- Why had King Akbar not eaten his food?
- What information did Akbar get about his favourite child?



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- c) What differentiated Birbal from others?
- d) Why did Akbar decide to execute the poor man?
- e) What was Birbal's initial reaction when he heard that the poor man would be executed?
- f) What was the courtiers' reaction when they heard that the poor man would be executed?
- g) What made Akbar realize his mistake?
- h) Why was Birbal rewarded?

2. Read the following passage carefully:

Have you thought of the fact that music is the one thing that has the power to make just about everyone happy? That is the magic mantra that we all have within us – the ability to hum along and listen to some great music. It's God's gift to humanity and it is free! The poorest person can hear it played all around him on radios and loudspeakers. The seven pure notes are as beautiful as the seven colors of soul into it. It fills you up with real happiness as rainbow and as deep as seven seas.

Music can take us to ecstatic heights. Put your heart and soul into it and it fills you up with real happiness. All kind of music is divine – and it does not matter whether you listen to happy, sad or joyful music. Any kind of music has the ability to uplift your mood and the power to recondition your mind.

We hear it first in a mother's womb as she listens to music or hums a tune. Then, when we are born, we hear our mother's and father's lullabies for us. We don't realize how quietly music becomes an integral part of our lives from nursery rhymes to the school parade there is music all around us. By the time we are in Junior School music has already submerged our soul. It becomes even more important when we enter our teens, no party, function is complete without it.

The way we listen to music changes as we grow up. In mid life we begin listening to more meaningful music –soulful, even devotional. Over the years you find yourself attuned to music that touches the mind, heart and soul. We become more compassionate and start looking at the world differently. It gives us solace, peace and loads of comfort. Music weaves an amazing umbrella of spiritual, metaphysical and cultural threads that uplift our spirit and makes us face life.

2.1 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (2x4=8 marks)

- a) How is music able to make everyone happy?
- b) Why does the type of music we listen to not matter?
- c) Where all do we listen to music?
- d) How does our choice of music change as we grow up?

2.2 Give the meaning of the word given by choosing the correct option: (1x4=4 marks)

- a) ecstatic
  - i) sad
  - ii) extreme happiness
  - iii) joy
  - iv) moody
- b) uplift



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- i) to climb stairs  
ii) to lift weight  
iii) to take one to a different level  
iv) to throw down
- c) submerge  
i) to take deep into  
ii) to be afloat  
iii) to fall  
iv) to drown
- d) solace  
i) disturbance  
ii) joy  
iii) anger  
iv) calmness

## SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (25marks)

3. Recently you read an article titled: 'Working Mothers Cannot take Good Care of their Families and Children.' Write a debate in about in 120 words expressing your views 'For' or 'Against' the topic. (5 marks)
4. Complete the following story in about 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to your story. (10 marks)
- 'As Ravi was walking down the street, he saw an injured sparrow and brought it home.....'
5. Fill in the blanks with one word only: (1x3=3 marks)
- Many countries (a) \_\_\_\_\_ democratic governments now. Democracy means government (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the people. They do this by electing their representatives to the government. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ adult citizens of a country have the right to vote in a democracy.
6. In the following passage there is one error in each line. Write the correct word in the space along with the incorrect word. (1x4= 4 marks)
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| Overeating is one of the more wonderful practices among those which think that they can afford it. In fact, that is said that near all those who can get as much as he desire, over eat to their disadvantage. | incorrect<br>more | correct<br>most |
| a) _____   | _____             | _____           |
| b) _____   | _____             | _____           |
| c) _____   | _____             | _____           |
| d) _____   | _____             | _____           |
7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows: (1x3=3 marks)
- MOTHER : Will you come along with me to your aunts house ?  
BOY : I have to study.  
MOTHER : I have kept some snacks for you in the kitchen.
- Mom asked the boy a) \_\_\_\_\_ . To this the boy replied in the negative and said b) \_\_\_\_\_. Mom said that it was ok c) \_\_\_\_\_.



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## SECTION – D (LITERATURE) (25 marks)

8. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (1x3 =3 marks)
- And sweetest—in the gale –is heard—  
And sore must be the storm –  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm—
- a) What is the little Bird compared to in the above line?  
b) What is the meaning of the word 'abash' in the above lines?  
c) Explain the line 'that kept so many warm'.
9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2x4 = 8 marks)
- a) Why is heart compared to a 'muffled drum' in the poem 'Psalm of life'?  
b) How did the watchman signal the train to enter the tunnel?  
c) What happened to Jeyken and his wife as they were walking along the coffee estates?  
d) Why does the author say that lunatic people gravitate towards bookshops?  
e) Who was Mr. Behrman? What was his masterpiece?
10. 'Crookedness and barefaced people are all around.' Write a paragraph in around 80 words on how can we keep ourselves vigilant and alert with reference to "THE UMBRELLA MAN" (4 marks)
11. Answer the following questions in about 125 words each:
- a) Elaborate on the ending of the novel "The Oldman and the Sea". (5 Marks)  
b) "Marlin was a tough creature as it had an attitude of 'Never Give Up'." Justify. (5marks)

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