

Name of the School: _____

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2026–27)

Class VIII — ENGLISH (Third Language)

Common for English and Telugu Medium

Model Question Paper — Set A

Time: 2 Hours 45 Minutes

Max. Marks: 80

Name of the Student: _____ Roll No.: _____

Syllabus covered: Unit 1 Family (The Tattered Blanket), Unit 2 Social Issues (Oliver Asks for More), Unit 3 Humanity (The Selfish Giant), Unit 4 Science and Technology (The Fun They Had), Unit 5 Education and Career, with the poems, supplementary readings, grammar and discourses of these units

Instructions:

1. This paper has two parts. Part A (60 marks) is to be answered in the answer booklet within the first 2 hours 15 minutes.
2. Part B (20 marks) is to be answered on the question paper itself in the last 30 minutes.
3. Read the passages carefully before answering. Write neatly and within the word limit wherever given.

PART – A

Time: 2 Hours 15 Minutes

Marks: 60

SECTION – A: READING COMPREHENSION (30 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions in one or two sentences each. ($5 \times 2 = 10$)

Dwarkanath Kotnis was born in 1910 in Solapur, Maharashtra. After studying medicine in Bombay, he could have started a comfortable practice. But in 1938, when China was fighting a war against Japan, the Indian National Congress decided to send a team of five doctors to help the wounded Chinese soldiers and civilians. Kotnis volunteered to go.

In China he worked in field hospitals close to the battle lines, often operating for days with very little sleep. He learnt Chinese and trained young medical workers. He married a Chinese nurse, Guo Qinglan, and they named their son Yinhua, which combines the Chinese words for India and China. Kotnis died in China in 1942 at the age of 32. Even today he is remembered with great respect in both countries as a symbol of friendship and humanity.

1. Where and when was Dwarkanath Kotnis born?
2. Why did the Indian National Congress send a medical team to China?
3. Describe the working conditions of Kotnis in China.
4. What is special about the name of his son?
5. Why is Kotnis remembered in both India and China even today?

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. ($5 \times 2 = 10$)

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 'My Shadow'

6. Who is the 'little shadow' in the poem?
7. What does the speaker not understand about his shadow?
8. How is the shadow similar to the speaker?
9. What does the shadow do when the speaker jumps into bed?
10. Pick out two pairs of rhyming words from the poem.

Answer any TWO of the following in about 60–80 words each. ($2 \times 5 = 10$)

11. Answer any two:

- (a) How does 'The Tattered Blanket' show the loneliness of old parents?
- (b) Why did Oliver ask for more food? What happened after he asked?
- (c) How did the Giant change in 'The Selfish Giant'? What brought about this change?

SECTION – B: CREATIVE WRITING (DISCOURSES) (30 Marks)

Answer each question. Choose (a) or (b) in each. ($3 \times 10 = 30$)

12. (a) Imagine you are Oliver. Write a diary entry about the day you asked the master for more food.

OR

(b) Write a letter to your grandparents telling them how much you miss them and what you have been doing at school.

13. (a) Write a biographical sketch of Savitribai Phule using the details given below.

- (i) Born: 3 January 1831, Naigaon, Maharashtra
- (ii) Husband: Jyotirao Phule, a social reformer
- (iii) Achievement: opened a school for girls in Pune in 1848; regarded as India's first woman teacher
- (iv) Work: fought against caste discrimination and for women's education
- (v) Died: 10 March 1897, while caring for plague patients

OR

(b) Write a speech for your school assembly on the topic "Let us respect and care for our elders".

14. (a) Develop a story using the hints: a boy finds a wounded puppy – takes it home – mother refuses at first – boy cares for it – puppy grows up – saves the family from a thief one night.

OR

(b) Write a conversation of about 10 exchanges between two friends on whether online classes can replace a real school.

PART – B

Time: 30 Minutes

Marks: 20

I. Grammar

Choose the correct answer and write its letter in the bracket. (10 × 1 = 10)

1. Kotnis was _____ Indian doctor. []
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article
2. The children were playing _____ the garden. []
(A) on (B) in (C) at (D) over
3. Oliver _____ for more food yesterday. []
(A) ask (B) asks (C) asked (D) asking
4. The Giant _____ a wall around his garden. []
(A) build (B) built (C) building (D) builds
5. Choose the passive form: "The boys ate the gruel." []
(A) The gruel is eaten by the boys. (B) The gruel was eaten by the boys.
(C) The gruel eaten by the boys. (D) The boys were eaten by the gruel.
6. Choose the reported form: Oliver said, "I want some more." []
(A) Oliver said that he wanted some more. (B) Oliver said that I want some more.
(C) Oliver said that he wants some more. (D) Oliver told he wanted some more.
7. This is the _____ garden in the town. []
(A) beautiful (B) more beautiful (C) most beautiful (D) beautifuler
8. She is your sister, _____? []
(A) is she (B) isn't she (C) does she (D) wasn't she
9. Mother was tired, _____ she cooked dinner for us. []
(A) so (B) but (C) because (D) or
10. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence. []
(A) "Please, sir, I want some more," said Oliver.
(B) "Please sir I want some more" said Oliver.
(C) Please, sir, I want some more, "said Oliver."
(D) "Please, sir I want some more." said, Oliver

II. Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer and write its letter in the bracket. (5 × 1 = 5)

11. The synonym of 'tattered' is []
(A) new (B) torn (C) soft (D) warm
12. The antonym of 'selfish' is []
(A) greedy (B) generous (C) rude (D) angry
13. Choose the correctly spelt word. []
(A) begining (B) beginning (C) beggining (D) biginning
14. Which word comes first in dictionary order? []
(A) garden (B) giant (C) gate (D) grass
15. The noun form of 'lonely' is []
(A) loneliness (B) lonelily (C) alone (D) lonelier

III. Match the words with their meanings

(5 × 1 = 5)

No.	Word		Meaning
16.	gruel ()	A.	thin porridge
17.	trespass ()	B.	to enter without permission
18.	volunteer ()	C.	a person who offers to help freely
19.	blossom ()	D.	a flower on a tree
20.	mechanical ()	E.	worked by a machine
		F.	a very old book

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