

Name of the School: _____

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (2026–27)

Class VIII — ENGLISH (Third Language)

Common for English and Telugu Medium

Model Question Paper — Set B

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 × 2 = 10)

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October 1931 in Rameswaram, a small island town in Tamil Nadu. His family was not rich, and as a young boy he sold newspapers to help at home. He loved watching birds fly over the sea and wondered how they stayed in the air.

That curiosity grew into a lifelong love of science. Kalam studied aeronautical engineering and joined India's space programme. In 1980 the SLV-3 rocket, developed under his leadership, placed the Rohini satellite in orbit. He later led the development of missiles for the country and received the Bharat Ratna in 1997. From 2002 to 2007 he served as the President of India. Even as President, he loved meeting students most. He died on 27 July 2015 in Shillong, while giving a lecture to students, doing the work he enjoyed the most.

1. Where was Abdul Kalam born?
2. How did Kalam help his family as a young boy?
3. What made Kalam curious about flying?
4. What was achieved in 1980 under his leadership?
5. Why can we say that Kalam died doing what he loved the most?

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

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer, quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

— Robert Louis Stevenson, 'Bed in Summer'

6. When does the child get up in winter?
7. What light does the child use while dressing in winter?
8. What happens in summer?
9. Why does it feel like 'night' in the winter mornings?
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) In 'The Fun They Had', why did Margie think that the old schools were more fun?
- (b) Why was it always winter in the Selfish Giant's garden?
- (c) Describe the conditions in the workhouse where Oliver lived.

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

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

12. (a) Write a notice for your school notice board about a Science Fair to be held in your school.

OR

(b) Write a letter to your friend describing a visit to your grandparents' village during the holidays.

13. (a) Write a biographical sketch of Kalpana Chawla using the details given below.

- (i) Born: 17 March 1962, Karnal, Haryana
- (ii) Education: aeronautical engineering in India and the USA
- (iii) Achievement: first woman of Indian origin to go to space (1997)
- (iv) Died: 1 February 2003, in the Space Shuttle Columbia accident
- (v) Qualities: courage, hard work, love for flying

OR

(b) Write a speech for your school assembly on the topic "Mobile phones: uses and misuses".

14. (a) Write a conversation of about 10 exchanges between Margie and Tommy after they find the old printed book.

OR

(b) Develop a story using the hints: a grumpy old neighbour – children's ball falls into his garden – he keeps it – one day he falls ill – children help him – he becomes their friend.

PART – B

Time: 30 Minutes

Marks: 20

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

1. Kalam was _____ honest and simple man. []
(A) a (B) an (C) the (D) no article
2. Margie was not interested _____ her lessons. []
(A) on (B) at (C) in (D) with
3. The children _____ in the garden when the Giant returned. []
(A) play (B) were playing (C) plays (D) have played
4. If you study regularly, you _____ well in the exam. []
(A) do (B) did (C) will do (D) would do
5. Choose the passive form: "Tommy found a real book." []
(A) A real book was found by Tommy. (B) A real book is found by Tommy.
(C) A real book has found by Tommy. (D) Tommy was found by a real book.
6. Choose the reported form: Margie said, "I hate school." []
(A) Margie said that she hated school. (B) Margie said that I hate school.
(C) Margie said she hates the school. (D) Margie told that she hated school.
7. Summer days are _____ than winter days. []
(A) long (B) longer (C) longest (D) more long
8. Let's go to the library, _____? []
(A) will we (B) shall we (C) don't we (D) won't you
9. Neither Margie nor Tommy _____ the old school. []
(A) have seen (B) has seen (C) are seeing (D) were seen
10. Kalam worked hard _____ he could achieve his dreams. []
(A) so that (B) because (C) although (D) unless

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

11. The synonym of 'curious' is []
(A) eager to know (B) bored (C) angry (D) sleepy
12. The antonym of 'ancient' is []
(A) old (B) modern (C) broken (D) rare
13. Choose the correctly spelt word. []
(A) scientist (B) sceintist (C) scientest (D) sientist
14. Which word comes last in dictionary order? []
(A) school (B) scholar (C) science (D) scheme
15. The adjective form of 'science' is []
(A) scientist (B) scientific (C) sciences (D) scientifically

III. Match the words with their meanings

(5 × 1 = 5)

No.	Word		Meaning
16.	satellite ()	A.	an object that goes round a planet
17.	curiosity ()	B.	a strong wish to know
18.	orbit ()	C.	the path of a body round another
19.	grumpy ()	D.	bad-tempered
20.	tutor ()	E.	a private teacher
		F.	a large ship

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