

PSBB LEARNING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, BANGALORE
CLASS VIII – ENGLISH LANGUAGE
MID YEAR REVISION

I Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow.

The seagull was afraid to fly. The vast expanse of water, stretched beneath, frightened him. He saw his brothers and sister fly over it but he could never muster the courage to fly. He ran to the edge of the ledge, flapped his wings but felt they would never support him, so he just ran back into the little hole and hid there. His parents tried their best to make him fly. They scolded him for not making an attempt to fly. They even threatened him that he would be left alone on the ledge to starve, but all their efforts were futile. The whole day the seagull watched his brothers flying about with their parents. He watched his brothers being taught to skim the waves and dive for fish but he never made an attempt. He was left alone.



The seagull had not eaten for days. He saw his mother tearing at a piece of fish. Seeing her the seagull cackled and kept crying 'ga,ga' begging her to bring the fish but she paid no heed to him. Suddenly, he uttered a joyous scream because she was flying towards him with the piece of dead fish in her beak but she did not come near him. She halted when she was just opposite him abreast of the ledge. The seagull was desperate and hunger made him dive at the fish. He fell into space and suddenly his wings spread outwards. His wings cut through the air and he gradually soared upwards. He learnt to fly.

On the basis of your reading answer the following by choosing the correct answer

i) The sea-gull's parents tried their best to make him learn to fly by_____

- a) threatening him that he would be left alone and soon starve
- b) not scolding him
- c) pampering and encouraging him
- d) not scaring him and promising to be with him

ii) The seagull was forced to fly because he ____

- a) wanted to catch a herring
- b) wanted to join his brothers
- c) was desperate and hungry
- d) wanted to overcome his fear

iii)The mother halted just opposite him, because she

- a) wanted him to fly and take the dead fish
- b) did not want to give him the dead fish
- c) wanted him to fall into the water below
- d) wanted him to feel ashamed of himself

lv)The synonym of the word useless from the passage is: (para-1)

- a)futile b)desperate c)Skim d)attempt

v) The antonym of the word 'plunged' from the passage is: (para-2)

- a)soared b)stretched c)abreast d) threatened

vi) The seagull could never muster the courage to fly because

- a) vast expanse of water stretched beneath frightened him
- b) he was lazy to fly
- c) his brothers made fun of him
- d) all of the above

vii)He would go to the edge of the ridge, flap his wings but run back because

- a) he could never muster the courage to fly
- b) His mother would scold him
- c) He would feel tired
- d) None of the above

The World

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful World,
With the wonderful water round you curled,
And the wonderful grass upon your breast—
World, you are beautifully drest.
The wonderful air is over me,
And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,
It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,
And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.
You friendly Earth, how far do you go,
With the wheat-fields that nod and the rivers that flow,
With cities and gardens, and cliffs, and isles,
And people upon you for thousands of miles?
Ah! you are so great, and I am so small,
I tremble to think of you, World, at all;
And yet, when I said my prayers to-day,
A whisper inside me seemed to say,
You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot:
You can love and think, and the Earth cannot!



—W.B.Rands

Now answer the following questions by choosing correct options:

1. In the poem above 'beautifully drest' refers to
 - a) having gaudy dress
 - b) decorated with nature's beauty
 - c) wearing costly dresses
 - d) wearing cheap but beautiful dresses
2. The poet calls the world 'beautifully drest' because
 - a) it looks beautiful
 - b) it has wonderful grass curled around it
 - c) it is covered with fine clothes
 - d) it is covered with green leaves
3. The wind in the poem talks to
 - a) passersby
 - (b) trees
 - (c) clouds
4. The poet calls the earth
 - a) unfriendly
 - (b) friendly
 - (c) proud
- b) The phrase such a dot means
 - a) so small
 - (b) so fat
 - (c) so big

Complete the dialogue given below

Pramela: I wanted to stop by you for a cup of coffee last Monday, but nobody opened the door. 1).....

Kavita: Oh, we weren't at home. We 2).....

Pramela: Really? How 3).....?

Kavita: Yes, 4)beauty.

Pramela: 5).....?

Kavita: We stayed at 6).....

Pramela: Did you try Turkish cuisine?

Kavita: The food 7).....

You are Nitin/Nidhi. You are the Store Manager of New Age Computer Shoppe at Preet Vihar New Delhi. Write a letter to the Marketing Manager of Enfotech, PK Nagar, Chennai, placing an order for a few laptops like, Dell, HP, Lenovo and accessories for your newly opened shop.

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Section C – Grammar

Choose the correct answer

1. _____ he is 25, he is still at school.

- a) although
- b) while
- c) because
- d) whatever

2. He wants to celebrate his birthday tomorrow.

- e) Past Tense
- f) Present Tense
- g) Present Perfect Tense
- h) Future Tense

3. Her thinking leans _____ democracy.

- a) with
- b) for
- c) towards
- d) None of these

4. These ice creams are the in town

- a) deliciouses
- b) most delicious
- c) delicioues
- d) more delicious

5. Which of the following is not an example of Gerund?

- a) He is fond of hoarding money.
- b) Education is most pressing need of our country.
- c) I like reading poetry.
- d) Playing card is not allowed here.

6. He was admitted _____ the hospital.

- a) With
- b) at
- c) in
- d) to

7. He usually listens to the radio but at the present moment he _____ television.

- a) has watching
- b) shall be watching
- c) is watching
- d) watches

8. The missing alphabets in "m_sc iev_s" are

- a) i s ou
- b) e h io
- c) i h iu
- d) i h ou

Edit the given passage. There is an error in each line.

		Error	correction
I entered an second class compartment	A		
And take a corner seat. A few minutes	B		
Late a large noisy family rushed	C		
To the compartment and spread themselves	D		
all over. The parents arranged the belongings in	E		
The luggage racks. A suitcase fallen on	F		
grandma's foots and she shouted	G		
To them angrily.	H		

Do as directed

1. All the wild animals were cold and wet. (underline the adjectives and state the kind)
2. I read / paper / in the / burglar / been / caught / had / the / that (rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence)