



ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER

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CLASS – VIII SUBJECT : ENGLISH

M.M:80

General instructions

Section		Total Weightage (80)
A	Reading	15
B	Writing	15
C	Grammar	20
D	Literature	30
	Total	80

SECTION – A (READING)

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I. Read the following passage carefully.

EAT VEGETABLES AND STAY HEALTHY

Vegetables are an important part of human diet. The number of plant families we used to eat thousands of years ago was greater than the restricted range we eat today.

The green vegetables consist of leaves, buds, young, shoots and often the entire plant. They contain plenty of vitamins, certain proteins, cellulose and water. Roots and tubers can be stated a source of nutrients for the plant itself and may have different nutritional value for humans

Though some of the vegetables can be eaten raw, cooking these with a reasonable amount of oil Orgher and the common kitchen spices is an established practice in most parts of the world, Vegetables are a delightful way to lighten up a meal, and they combine well with most other food items like cereals and grains. Being, in general, light and moist, they are some of the easiest foods to digest when properly prepared. Researchers have found that regular and more use of

Vegetables can help in preventing serious health hazards like cancer, heart disease and obesity. Not only are vegetables a rich source of vitamins, minerals and many other essential nutrients.

they are also one of the natural foods for mankind which act as a good anti-Oxidant agent. Iron is an essential constituent of our blood chemistry and is needed to maintain a healthy level of hemoglobin. Some of the vegetables like spinach (palak), lettuce (chukander), tomatoes and peas are a good source of natural iron and their regular use, especially by women, is a great nutritional help. Since vegetables are low in calories and help to lose weight, one should, while increasing the level of activity, escalate their consumption.

Vegetables are also very low in the kind of fat linked to heart disease and they do not raise cholesterol. Health scientists have shown their concern that due to the change in the lifestyle, the average Indian is now more prone to heart disease. An easily digestible diet made of simply boiled or freshly cooked vegetables with a minimum amount of oil is the recommended way to keep body fit and healthy.

Cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, pumpkin, capsicum, broccoli, green beans, spinach, mustard leaves, peas and tomatoes are some of the vegetables which have very good nutritional value. Apart from their consumption as a dish, some other of these like onion, garlic, coriander, mint, radish and cucumber are also used as household health remedies. Due to the increased use of pesticides, all the vegetables should be sufficiently washed before cooking, Eating of salads and

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raw vegetables require more careful cleansing.

Dr. R. Vatsyayan

A. On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following question as possible:

- (a) Which line conveys the idea that we eat less vegetables today than before? Quote it
- (b) Why should we eat green vegetables?
- (c) "an established practice" (Para 2). Which established practice is the author referring to?
- (d) Why are vegetables easy to digest?
- (e) How are vegetables best food for human beings?
- (f) How are vegetables a boon for very fat people and heart patients?

B. Find word from the passage which the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated.

(a) danger/risks (paragraph 3)

(b) increase, speed up (paragraph 4)

II. Read the following passage carefully

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THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Deepavali is possibly a child's favorite festival. Most kids look forward to bursting crackers and stuffing themselves with all the goodies spread out. But spare a thought towards what this actually means in environmental terms: air pollution, noise pollution, increased consumption and increased use of energy.

Crackers contribute to the first two problems. Most people are now aware of the child labour aspect in making crackers but lull their conscience by buying crackers with "No child labour" labels. Have they thought of all the noxious fumes that fill the air? Crackers are made of a mix of various chemicals like cadmium, nitrate, copper, lead, magnesium, sodium and others, which may put up a great show in terms of light and colour. But what they also do is to release toxic gases into the atmosphere and inhaling these can cause a variety of health problems. The noise of the bursting crackers is another problem.

Those with sensitive ears, the sick and elderly, animals and birds all dread the high decibels of shrieks and bangs. Noise pollution can cause hearing loss, high blood pressure, heart attack and sleep disturbances. In some cases, it can also lead to temporary or even permanent deafness. Deepavali is also a time to buy new stuff. No longer is it limited to clothes and jewellery. Given the variety of discounts offered, there seems to be no end to shopping. And where does it all end? Often, as non-recyclable waste adding to the huge problem of garbage disposal. The environmental NGO Kalpavriksh suggests the use of the five Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink, Refuse - before buying things during Deepavali.

As the festival of lights, this is when people decorate their houses with lights. Earlier it was oil lamps; today it is electric lights. Houses, malls, shops, roads, offices, hotels there seems to be no end to the list. There are places in the country that do not have any electricity and here, on the other hand, we have electricity being wasted in a grand show. Stick to the older tradition of oil lamps. Yes, it does use more oil but it burns for a shorter while. Think a little and see what else you can do for an eco-safe Deepavali.

R. Krithika

A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions as briefly

As possible.

(5x1=5)

- (a) What do kids like doing the most during Deepavali?
- (b) How do crackers contribute to the practice of child labour?
- (c) What are the harmful effects of noise pollution?
- (d) What is the end result of the excessive shopping done during Deepavali?
- (e) What is the irony behind the use of electric lights during Deepavali?

B. Complete the following sentences as briefly as possible

(1/2 x 4=2)

(a) Bursting of crackers leads to _____ and _____ pollution.

(b) The five R's we should keep in mind before buying things during Deepavali are _____.

(c) We should use . to decorate our house with lights because it will help in saving_____.

SECTION – B (WRITING)

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2. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper on the issue of garbage that is spread all through your locality. (8)
3. Your friend calls you in the morning to inform you that after school you have to attend an extra class for English. You are about to leave for school and your mother is not at home. Leave a message for your mother stating that you would be attending an extra class after school and will be back by 5 pm. (7)

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

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4. Do as Directed.

- (a) One day man_____ live on Mars. (may/might)
- (b) She behaved as if she was a celebrity.(underline the adverbial clause)
- (c) My father and mother _____ (be) very encouraging.
- (d) She _____ to play the piano from Mrs. Gupta. (learn)
- (e) We **ought not/ must not** play loud music while the children are studying. (tick the correct option)
- (f) _____ you have a very successful career ! (insert a modal)
- (g) Vineeta has woken up and I spoke to her on phone. (identify the tense)
- (h) They _____ to save the environment. (fill with simple past tense/pledge)
- (i) The chief minister _____ (inaugurate) the new flyover by the end of this week. (fill with future perfect)
- (j) The girls have eaten their food.(change into negative)
- (k) Kanya will make a kite soon. (change into interrogative)
- (l) The tweezers _____ (be) kept in the drawer.
- (m) Ramu was growing apples in the orchard.. (change into passive)
- (n) The kitchen _____ when the mother arrived.(fill with passive form of past Perfect/ clean)
- (o) An interesting story _____ (tell) to the children in the evening. (fill with passive form of simple future)
- (p) They _____ want to lose the match. (do not /does not)
- (q) Dinesh will paint a landscape.(change into passive)
- (r) The old lady will distribute blankets among the needy families. (change into passive)
- (s) They _____ (pledge) to save the environment. (simple past)
- (t) She knew **of his sickness**. (clause/phrase)

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

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5. Give meanings. (8x1=8)

- (a) eternally beautiful (b) colossal wreck (c) quarry (d) aeons to come
(e) paranoid (f) girdles (g) azure (h) shattered visage

6. Answer the following questions. (6x3=18)

- (a) The king and the sculptor are long gone but what still survives? What do you think about it?
- (b) In what way is the typewriter the ancestor of the personal computer?
- (c) How has the typewriter become a popular gadget today?
- (d) How would you feel if people asked you if you were an Indian - annoyed or flattered?
- (e) Who was Salim? How had masterjee helped him?
- (f)

PLEASE RIGHT NEW QUESTIONS

7. Explain the following phrases.

- (a) panels of amber. (1)
- (b) crowns for the brow of a bridegroom. (1)
- (c) Trunkless legs (2)