



ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER

FINAL EXAMS SESSION 2025 – 26

CLASS – VIII

SUBJECT – English

TIME : 3 HRS.

M.M:80

General Instructions:

- (a) Section – A (Reading) 15 marks.
- (b) Section – B (Writing) 15 marks.
- (c) Section – C (Grammar) 20 marks.
- (d) Section – D (Literature) 30 marks.

SECTION – A (READING)

[15]

1. Given below is an extract from Martin Luther King Junior's Nobel speech. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow.

We will not build a peaceful world by following a negative path. It is not enough to say "We must not wage war." It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace. There is a fascinating little story that is preserved for us in Greek literature about Ulysses and the Sirens. The Sirens had the ability to sing so sweetly that sailors could not resist steering toward their island. Many ships were lured upon the rocks, and men forgot home, duty, and honour as they flung themselves into the sea to be embraced by arms that drew them down to death. Ulysses, determined not to be lured by the Sirens, first decided to tie himself tightly to the mast of his boat, and his crew stuffed their ears with wax. But finally he and his crew learned a better way to save themselves: they took on board the beautiful singer Orpheus whose melodies were sweeter than the music of the Sirens. When Orpheus sang, who bothered to listen to the Sirens?

So we must fix our vision not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but upon the positive affirmation of peace. We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody that is far superior to the discords of war. Somehow we must transform the dynamics of the world power struggle from the negative nuclear arms race which no one can win to a positive contest to harness man's creative genius for the purpose of making peace and prosperity a reality for all of the nations of the world. In short, we must shift the arms race into a 'peace race'. If we have the will and determination to mount

such a peace offensive, we will unlock hitherto tightly sealed doors of hope and transform our imminent cosmic elegy into a psalm of creative fulfillment.

All that I have said boils down to the point of affirming that mankind's survival is dependent upon man's ability to solve the problems of racial injustice, poverty, and war; the solution of these problems is in turn dependent upon man squaring his moral progress with his scientific progress, and learning the practical art of living in harmony.

Tick the most appropriate option.

(7x1=7)

(a) This extract is from MLK Junior's speech.

(i) Pulitzer (ii) Booker (iii) Roman Magsaysay (iv) Nobel

(b) We need to follow a path to build a peaceful world.

(i) negative (ii) positive (iii) right (iv) wrong

(c) The story of Ulysses and the Sirens is from mythology.

(i) Greek (ii) Egyptian (iii) Roman (iv) Sumerian

(d) Orpheus_____beautifully.

(i) sang (ii) walked (iii) danced (iv) played

(e) _____race should be turned into a _____ race.

(i) Peace; arms (ii) Arms; friendly (iii) Arms; peace (iv) Peace; friendly

(f) What should man aim to learn?

(i) The art of warfare (ii) The art of living in harmony
(iii) The art of singing (iv) The art of making friends

(g) _____affirmation of _____ is as important as _____expulsion of _____

(i) Negative; peace; positive; war. (ii) Positive; war; negative; peace.
(iii) Positive; peace; negative; war. (iv) Negative; war; positive; peace.

B. Answer the following questions.

(4x2=8)

(a) How did the Sirens attract sailors?

(b) What are the two things that Ulysses did to not get lured by the Sirens?

(c) What are the three main problems that hamper man's growth and development?

(d) What is the importance of living in peace and harmony?

2. Write a letter to your principal requesting more books for the school library, explaining how it will benefit students. (7)

OR

Write an essay on 'Climate Change: a threat to our future' in about 150 words.

3. Today your Maths exam went quite bad and you are feeling quite sad. Explain what had happened in the form of a diary entry. (8)

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

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4. Choose the correct option. (2x1=2)

(a) Physics _____ is a tough subject. (are/is)

(b) Five kilometres _____ a long distance to run. (are is)

5. Identify whether the following sentences are simple, complex or compound. (2x1=2)

(a) Rohit is an intelligent boy with a good grasping power.

(b) They rowed the boat fast and reached the shore safely.

6. Fill in the blanks with infinitives formed with words given in brackets. (2x1=2)

(a) He agreed _____ permission for the rally. (give)

(b) Harpreet can better draw than _____. (paint)

7. Convert the following into passive voice. (2x1=2)

(a) Ashwin does not fly kites.

(b) The train is blowing whistles.

8. Convert the following into indirect speech. (2x1=2)

(a) She said to me, "I want to join the hostel."

(b) The saint said, "Honesty is the best policy."

9. Give synonyms for the following words. (2x1=2)

(a) ask (b) awful

10. Give an antonym for the following words. (2x1=2)

(a) ascend (b) descend

11. Choose the correct option. (2x1=2)

(a) The girl looked _____ and half asleep in class. (bored / board)

(b) You can always see her wearing a _____ coloured dress. (blue / blew)

12. Fill in the blanks with abstract nouns formed from the words given in brackets. (2x1=2)

(a) _____ binds people together. (friend)

(b) There is no _____ in his statement. (true)

13. Fill in the blanks with relative pronouns.

(2x1=2)

(a) This is the lady _____ helped me.(who/ which)

(b) Jack is the boy _____ sister is a famous tennis player. (whom/ whose)

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

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14. Give meaning for the following words.

(8x1=8)

(a) colliding (b) sonnets

(c) fumed

(d) camphor

(e) started (f) light awhile

(g) volunteers

(h) scrubland

15. State whether the following statements are true or false.

(8x1=8)

(a) Mary Curie asked not to be introduced to the king of Greece because she found the introduction pointless and of no use.

(b) Most people thought Anton to be crazy.

(c) Tenali Raman got on everyone's nerves because he was good looking.

(d) When the man approached , Sudhir reacted by pushing the man away from Pooja's neck .

(e) The poet is talking about the difficulty of writing poems woven like beautiful cocoons for music.

(f) Arun Krishnamurthy was inspired to take up the cause of the environment because of a beautiful lake near his house.

(g) Grandmother's father understood and liked trees because he had worked in the Indian Forest Service.

(h) The tiger is seen in the morning.

16. Answer the following questions.

(7x2 =14)

(a) How has the typewriter become a popular gadget today?

(b) How did Tenali please the goddess?

(c) How did the family escape from the men?

(d) Why does the poet talk about the cocoons ? What will they keep safe?

(e) Arun says he had to leave his job at Google .What were his reasons?

(f) What attracted koki's great grandfather to the island in the river ?What did it result in?

(g) How has the poet describe the beauty and grace of the tiger?