



# ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

## SAMPLE PAPER

HALF YEARLY EXAM SESSION 2025 – 26

CLASS –VIII

TIME: 3 HRS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

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. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Food items can often come from unexpected sources. One such food is the humble mushroom, which is neither a plant nor an animal. It is a fungus, and grows on animal waste and straw. The mushroom is a universal favourite for use on pizzas, pastas, salads and sandwiches, soups, noodles and a lot more.

There are many varieties of edible mushrooms. Oysters, porcini, morels, shitake, truffles, etc. are some well-known ones. The most widely eaten variety is the button mushrooms. While button mushrooms cost only a little more than most vegetables, some varieties are considered a delicacy and are amongst the most expensive foods in the world. The white truffle mushroom often sells for hundreds of dollars per kilogram. This mushroom, also called the 'white diamond', is mainly grown in Italy. It is expensive because of its aroma and heavenly taste, and is mostly eaten raw.

Button mushrooms however should never be eaten raw because they contain cancer-causing compounds. Further, mushrooms require special conditions to grow—dark regions and damp straw and animal waste. So mushrooms should be washed thoroughly.

Many species of mushrooms are extremely poisonous. Hence care should be taken while selecting mushrooms.

#### Health Benefits:

Mushrooms contain nutrients like protein, potassium (good for the heart), copper (helps in making red blood cells) etc. and vitamins like B-complex, B2, B3 and B5.

They have no cholesterol or fat.

They help to boost the immune system.

Canned mushrooms are not as healthy as fresh ones; fresh mushrooms contain more health benefits.

(a) Complete the following sentences appropriately:

(7x1=7)

- (i) Mushrooms are neither plants nor animals, they are\_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Mushrooms grow on\_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii)\_\_\_\_\_are the most common among all varieties of mushrooms.
- (iv) The white truffle mushroom is mainly grown in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) The white truffle mushroom is very expensive because of its aroma and heavy\_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) Many species of mushrooms are\_\_\_\_\_.
- (vii) Fresh mushrooms contain more health benefits than the\_\_\_\_\_.

**(b) Answer the following questions.**

(4x2=8)

- (i) Name some food items in which mushrooms are used.
- (ii) Mention any two edible varieties of mushrooms.
- (iii) Why is the white truffle mushroom called the 'white diamond'?
- (iv) Why should button mushrooms not be eaten raw?

**SECTION – B (WRITING)**

**[15]**

**2. Write an essay on the topic: 'A Memorable Experience From My Childhood'.**

(7)

**3. Develop a story from the outlines given below.**

(8)

A lamb \_\_\_\_\_ grazing with flock of sheep \_\_\_\_\_ found sweet grass \_\_\_\_\_ went farther \_\_\_\_\_ separated from others \_\_\_\_\_ didn't notice a wolf coming nearer \_\_\_\_\_ wolf pounced upon lamb \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb pleaded \_\_\_\_\_ said his stomach full of grass \_\_\_\_\_ wait to taste better \_\_\_\_\_ wolf waited \_\_\_\_\_ lamb requested to allow him to dance \_\_\_\_\_ grass will be digested \_\_\_\_\_ told wolf to ring the bell \_\_\_\_\_ wolf ringing bell \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd heard \_\_\_\_\_ sent dogs to find lamb \_\_\_\_\_ wolf frightened away

**SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)**

**[20]**

**4. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives.**

(2x1=2)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ mangoes are sour. (demonstrative)

(b) This is \_\_\_\_\_ hat. (possessive)

**5. Fill in the blanks with suitable degrees of adjectives.**

(2x1=2)

(a) Today is \_\_\_\_\_ than yesterday. (cold)

(b) The invention of the wheel is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all inventions.

**6. Fill in the blanks with the suitable forms of adverbs given in the brackets.**

(2x1=2)

(a) She works \_\_\_\_\_. (hard/hardly)

(b) He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to the passenger. (rude/rudely)

**7. Rewrite the following sentences by using articles wherever necessary.**

(2x1=2)

(a) He is honorary member of the club.

(b) Ceylon is Island.

**8. Choose and fill in the blanks with correct prepositions.**

(2x1=2)

(a) The police investigation is going \_\_\_\_\_. ( in / on)

(b) There are attractive prizes \_\_\_\_\_ winners of this contest. ( From/for)

**9. Choose the correct option.**

(3x1=3)

(a) Give me blood \_\_\_\_\_ I will give you freedom. ( yet / and / or / while)

(b) Kapil Dev was a good bowler \_\_\_\_\_ a captain. ( yet / as well as / only / else)

(c) The manager has given him two promotions in six months, \_\_\_\_\_ he is not happy.  
(yet/and/else/ herwise)

**10. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals.**

(3x1=3)

**(must ,used to , ought to )**

(a) The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ not move out of their bunkers.

(b) The superpowers \_\_\_\_\_ to find a method for preventing war.

(c) His hair \_\_\_\_\_ be black. It is grey now.

**11. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the present continuous tense of the verbs given in brackets.**

(2x1=2)

(a) They \_\_\_\_\_ the t.v.now. ( watch)

(b) The train \_\_\_\_\_ the platform. ( leave)

**12. Fill in the blanks by using the verbs given in bracket in the past perfect tense.** (2x1=2)

- (a) I \_\_\_\_\_ my work before my friend arrived. (finish)  
(b) I found that the thief \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money with him. (take)

**SECTION – D (LITERATURE)**

**[30]**

**13. Give meanings for the following words.**

(8x1=8)

- (a) scimitar                      (b) eternally beautiful      (c) felt his strength ebb  
(d) colossal wreck              (e) Timur the lame          (f) Nordic      (g) azure      (h) chaplets

**14. State whether the following statements are true or false.**

(8x1=8)

- (b) In the poem 'The Tartary', the poet is talking about a dream land.  
(c) Gopal wanted to leave his house and family because he felt they didn't earn well.  
(d) Salim had practiced the art of sculpting secretly at home.  
(e) The poet gets to know about the broken statue from a traveller he met somewhere.  
(f) Ruskin Bond decided not to go to Hong Kong because he did not want that job.  
(g) People ask Ruskin Bond where he hails from because they think he is an American.  
(h) King Vikram came to lake and watered his horse.  
(i) Inside the lake, King Vikram found a beautiful city.

**15. Answer the following questions.**

(7x2=14)

- (a) Do you think legends and folktales help us in anyway?  
(b) How does the poet in the poem 'The Tartary' describe the evening?  
(c) What does 'crowns for the brow of a bridegroom' mean?  
(d) What does 'trunkless legs' from the poem 'Ozymandias' mean?  
(e) Who was Salim? How had master ji helped him?  
(f) What was the old man working on? Why was he finding it difficult to finish his work?  
(g) Why does Ruskin Bond feel he is an Indian?