



INDIAN SCHOOL DARSAIT
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ENGLISH MODEL QUESTION PAPER



Class-VIII
Date:

Max Marks :80
Time :3 hrs

General Instructions:

- 1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.**
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.**
- 3. Do not exceed the prescribed Word limit while answering the questions.**

Section-A (Reading -20 Marks)

Q-1 Read the following passage carefully.

8mks

Yoga Can Help Control Non-Communicable Diseases: Health Minister JP Nadda

With non-communicable diseases (NCDs) claiming nearly five million lives in India every year, the Centre today said yoga can help control these diseases and that the ancient Indian practice is being encouraged as an integral part of their prevention and management.

Launching a campaign on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to generate awareness among the people and an M-Diabetes initiative where people can get information on prevention and management through a missed call, Health Minister JP Nadda said prevention of diseases, whether non-communicable or communicable, will remain at the forefront of his government.

“Yoga and knowledge in AYUSH system of medicine can be of great help in not only preventing but also controlling non-communicable disease. Traditional system of medicines can complement modern medicine.”

“Yoga is not only physical activity but also a complete science of living. Yoga as an intervention is being encouraged as an integral part of NCD prevention and management,” Mr. Nadda said at a national conference on ‘Prevention and Control of Major NCD in India.’

Mr. Nadda also launched the second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2) for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use and tracking key tobacco control indication.

“Prevention of diseases will always remain in the forefront, whether for communicable or NCD and awareness regarding a balanced lifestyle and healthy living is a crucial pillar in combating NCDs,” Mr Nadda said.

Mr. Nadda said as most of major NCDs, generally labeled as ‘lifestyle disease’, are acquired, there is an urgent need for paying attention to their preventive aspect and social behavior change plays a major role in preventing NCDs.

Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik said there is a need for a

holistic approach for maintaining good health and to integrate traditional medicinal practice and healthy lifestyle for leading a healthy life.

According to the World Health Organisation, every year, roughly 5-8 million Indians die from heart and lung diseases, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

Now answer the following questions: (1 × 8 = 8 Marks)

1. Which type of diseases can be controlled by Yoga?
2. How can an M-Diabetes initiative help people?
3. What is yoga? Why is it being encouraged?
4. What was the objective of the second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2)?
5. What is a crucial pillar in combating non-communicable diseases (NCDs)?
6. What according to the Health Minister, will remain at the forefront of his government?
7. What is needed for the prevention of NCDs?
8. What did the Minister of state for Ayush say?

Q-2 Read the following passage carefully:

**12
mks**

1. The world's smallest dog, the Chihuahua or the Pocket Dog is barrel 1 kg to 2 kg as an adult! The Chihuahua is named after a Mexican State, but its roots can be traced back to China. Today this breed is popular choice among the dog lovers world over and their popularity seems to be ever increasing.

2. The main advantage of this breed is that they need no particular exercise. They are quite satisfied with their walks within their house. Being small, however, does not mean that they are dull, on the contrary they are sharp, alert animals, very strong in character. They are good guard dogs due to their strong cords. They have an inherent curiosity that makes them want to know what goes on within the house.

3. For show purposes the maximum permissible weight is 0.9kg to 1.8 kg. Chihuahuas are of two types, the long coated and the smooth coated. The long coated ones have flat or slightly wavy coats. The smooth coated ones are soft textured and glossy in appearance.

4. They can be of any colour. Their heads are apple dome-shaped and in some animals, the frontal areas of the skull do not fuse! The nose is short and the ears are at an angle of 45 degrees to the head. The dogs are slightly longer than the tail and the tail is carried like a sickle that just touches the back. The body on the whole is compact and has a graceful appearance. Occasionally a tailless dog is born but tail cropping is not an accepted practice.

5. Compared to other pups, they require little care, and only the long-haired

variety needs grooming. They tend to exercise themselves within the confines of the house. This makes them prone to have overgrown nails that need regular clipping. As far as their diet is concerned, they could be fussy and choosy eaters, but then almost all toy breeds are so! They are intelligent and learn easily.

6. They are very active within the house and literally are burglar alarms. They are good with children and are loyal and devoted to the family. On the whole, the Chihuahua is quite a pet! At just six inches, it is bundle of energy. Most people are surprised seeing these animals and the general awareness of this breed is still low. However, just one hurdle remains. Because this is a pocket dog, it may pinch a few pockets.

I. Now answer the following questions in brief: (2 × 4 = 8 Marks)

1. Which is the most popular variety of dogs today?
2. How much does the dog weigh?
3. Besides the strength of character, what do these dogs possess?
4. What makes them function as burglar alarms?

II. Vocabulary: (1 × 4 = 4 Marks)

1. What does the word 'popular' (Para 1) mean?
2. What does the word 'inherent' (Para 2) mean?
3. What does the word 'compact' (Para 4) mean?
4. What does the word 'grooming' (Para 5) mean?

Section-B Writing and Grammar-30mks

Q-3 On the basis of the given telephone conversation, Write a message in 50 words .Put the message in a box. 4mks

Gladys : Anne !

Anne : Hello Aunt Gladys.

Gladys : Is your mother at home?

Anne : No

Gladys : Please tell her when she comes that she must reach the ICU at the hospital instead of home as the baby has developed some complications again. Tell her not to bring any food.

Anne : Can I come too Aunt ?

Gladys : Of course ! My dear. Bye.

Q-4 Write a letter to the editor, The Indian Express, New Delhi regarding man's utter disregard towards animal life for his own selfish needs.(80-100 words) 6mks

Q-5 Today you have to address in the morning assembly of your school. You have to speak on "Tree Plantation". Write your speech in not more than (100-120) words using your own ideas . 8mks

Q-6 **Fill in the blanks with the correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets.**

David(a)_____ (take) this book yesterday from the library. His brother (b) _____ (read) it now. He (c)_____ (return) it tomorrow. He (d)_____ (borrow) books from the library for the last few years. 4mks

Q-7 **Change the voice of the following sentences:**

i) People speak English all over the world. 8mks

ii) Men and women are watching the show.

iii) I have misplaced my purse.

iv) He wrote the book last year.

v) Some boys were helping the wounded man.

vi) Everybody had forgotten him.

vii) The doctors will do the operation tomorrow.

viii) Open the door.

SECTION C :Literature- 30 mks

Q-8 **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follows** 6mks

1 *But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,* 3mks
a. Whom does the word *they* refer to?

- b. Why would they *have the rabbit out of hiding*?
- c. Who is the poet? (*Mending Wall*)

2. *I stand and look at them long and long.* 3mks
- a. Whom does the word *I* refer to?
 - b. Whom does the word *them* refer to?
 - c. Why does the person *stand and look at them long and long*? (*I Think I Could Turn and Live with Animals*)

Q-9 Answer any six of the questions that follows in 40 to 50 words. **12mks**

1. Unlike Miss Lucy, Chester is not shy at all. Give evidence from the story to support this statement.
2. What was wrong with the way Miss Lucy had been brought up?
3. How did the elephants enter the kitchen?
4. What was 'near ecstasy' for the raiders?
5. What is Dr King's purpose in giving this speech?
6. Why does Dr. King say that the Emancipation Proclamation has proved futile?
7. How did Swami convince his mother to let him stay at home?
8. How was Daru involved in crime ?

Q10 Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words **6mks**

1. Why was Swami reluctant to give the letter to the headmaster?
2. Describe the attitude of machines initially and also towards the end of the poem.

Q11 Answer any one of the following in 100-120 words.

- a. In the story 'Jungle in Jeopardy' do you think the three young boys were truly heroic or do you think they took unnecessary risks? What would you have done had you been in their place? 6 mks
- b. Re-write the story 'Jungle in Jeopardy' giving it a different ending.