

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SITAPUR (LUCKNOW REGION)

FIRST PERIODIC TEST PAPER

CLASS – VIII SUBJECT – ENGLISH MM-40 TIME: 90 MINUTES

SECTION A	Reading comprehension	7 MARKS
SECTION B	Writing Skills / Grammar	15 MARKS
SECTION C	Literature	15 MARKS

General instructions:

- (i) All the questions are compulsory. Attempt all the sections.**
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.**
- (iii) All the questions of a particular section should be attempted in the correct order.**

SECTION A: READING [5 Marks]

Q.1 Answer the following questions after reading the passage.

Cardamom, the queen of all spices, has a history as old as the human race. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. Warm humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall and special cultivation and processing methods all combine to make Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavour, size and it has a parrot green colour.

Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type is the large one, which has not much significance as it is not traded in the future market. It is cultivated in north-eastern area of the country. The second type is produced in the southern states and these are traded in the future market. These are mainly cultivated in Kerala, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. As per the future market rules, only 7 mm quality was previously traded in exchanges. But later, it relaxed its norms and now 6 mm quality is also traded in the exchanges.

Cardamom is an expensive spice, secondly to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties : Malabar cardamom and Mysore cardamom. The Mysore variety contains leaves of cineol, limonene and hence is more aromatic. India is the world's largest producer and exporter and emerged as the leading producer and exporter of cardamom.

The main harvest season of cardamom in India is between August-February. Cardamom reaches the yielding stage two years after the plantation. The primary physical markets of cardamom are Kumily Vandenmodu, Jhekkady, Puliarmala in Kerala and Bodynakkaur and Cumbum in Tamilnadu.

Kerala is the main producer of cardamom and contributes upto 60% in total production. Karnataka produces around 25% of the total production of cardamom. Ooty is the main producer of cardamom in Tamilnadu and contributes around 10-15% of the total production. Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 1,000-2,000 ton cardamom per year. Due to low quality of cardamom from Guatemala, it remains available at cheaper rates.

Questions: Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of ten questions by choosing the correct option.

1. Mysore variety contains leaves of :
 - (a) Limonene
 - (b) Cineol
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) None of these
2. Indian Cardamom is:
 - (a) Poor in quality
 - (b) Average in quality
 - (c) Better in quality
 - (d) None of these
3. Guatemala produces cardamom :
 - (a) More but poor in quality
 - (b) Less but good in quality
 - (c) More and good in quality
 - (d) Less and poor in quality
4. Main harvest season of cardamom in India is :
 - (a) August-February
 - (b) August-March
 - (c) November
 - (d) February-April
5. Cardamom reaches at its yielding stage in :
 - (a) Immediately after plantation
 - (b) Depends upon the plantation
 - (c) One year after plantation

(d) Two years after plantation

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR : 13 MARKS

Q.2) Write an application to your school for three days leave to attend marriage ceremony of your elder sister
[5 Marks]

Or

Junk food has no or very little nutritional value and irrespective of the way it is marketed, they are not healthy to consume. Most of the food items labelled as junk food are high in saturated fats and sugar components and also excess of salts and lack any fiber. The only reason for their gaining popularity and increased consumption is that they are ready to eat or easy to cook. In the light of the above statement, write a short paragraph describing the ill effects of junk foods.

Q. 4. Choose the correct option of the following : [1x1=1 Mark]

i) Have *you ever been scolded* by the teacher before ?

A. Did ... scold

B. Are ... scolded

C. Have ... been scolding

D. Have ... been scolded

Q.5 Fill in the Blanks

Q i) They ___ to each other since they quarreled.

Q.ii). The doorbell ___ twice.

Q.iii). _ *you* _ the meanings of any of those difficult words so far ?

Q. 6) True / False

[1x2=2 Marks]

i) Someone has stolen *my things*. The cupboard is in a mess.

ii) She has been baked cakes; there's flour on her hands.

Q.7) Change the Verbs in their 2nd, 3rd forms :

[4x1/2=2 marks]

- a) Sleep b) Dream c) Learn d) Steal

SECTION C: LITERATURE: 22 Marks

Q.6) Read the extract and answer the following questions- **[5x1=5 Marks]**

I spotted it in a junk shop in Bridport, a roll-top desk. The man said it was early nineteenth century, and oak. I had wanted one, but they were far too expensive. This one was in a bad condition, the roll-top in several pieces, one leg clumsily mended, scorch marks all down one side. It was going for very little money. I thought I could restore it. It would be a risk, a challenge, but I had to have it. I paid the man and brought it back to my workroom at the back of the garage. I began work on it on Christmas Eve.

i) Narrator of the story is :

- a) SATYAJIT RAY
- b) MICHAEL MORPURGO
- c) HPS AHLUWALIA
- d) M.K RAWLINGS

(iii) This one was in a __ (a) __, the roll-top in several pieces, one leg __ (b) __, scorch marks all down one side. It was going for very __ (c) __ money.

- a) A-bad condition, B- Little , C-clumsily mended.
- b) A-Little, B- A Bad Condition, C- Clumsily mended
- c) A- Bad Condition, B- Clumsily mended , C- Little
- d) A-Clumsily mended , B- Little , C-Bad Condition

(iv) Statement : This one was in a bad condition

Reason : the roll-top in several pieces, one leg clumsily mended, scorch marks all down one side

- a) Statement is true , reason is false
- b) Statement is false , reason is true
- c) Both statement and reason are true
- d) Both statement and reason are false

(v) Statement : It was going for very little money

Reason: It was very cheap

- e) Statement is true , reason is false
- f) Statement is false , reason is true
- g) Both statement and reason are true
- h) Both statement and reason are false

Q. 7) .Answer Any Four questions-. [4x2 =8 Marks]

i) What did the author find in a junk shop?

ii) Who had written the letter, to whom, and when?

iii) Why did Tilly's family come to Thailand?

iv) Do you think the Indian princes were short-sighted in their approach to the events of 1757?

v) How did the East India Company subdue the Indian princes?

Q.8) Answer ANY THREE questions- [2×2= 4 Marks]

i) What tasks, do you think, were assigned to the dog and the ox?

ii) **What made him feel miserable?**

iii) **Why is the Giant called selfish?**

iv) **Can Velu read Tamil and English? How do you know ?**

Q.9) Answer any one of the following question in 40 words: [1×5=5 Marks]

i) Describe the first meeting of the little boy and the Giant.

ii) The Giant lay dead, all covered with white blossoms. What does this sentence indicate about the once selfish Giant.