



SILVER GROVE SCHOOL

Practice set [A](2025-26)

CLASS- VIII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH-I

Time: 2.00Hrs

M.M.:50M

Name: _____

Roll No.: _____

Instructions:

1. Read all the questions attentively.
2. The intended marks for each question are given in brackets [].

Question 1

Write a composition (200-250 words) on any one of the following:

[10M]

- i. *'School children should not have long holidays'* Express your views either for or against this statement.
- ii. Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



Question 2

Select any one of the following:

[6M]

- i. Write a letter to your friend telling him / her about the competition you won against your neighbouring school.

ii. Write an email to your teacher asking for guidance to improve your English writing skills.

Question 3

- i. Write a notice to invite students for Blessing ceremony event, As a council members of your school. [3M]
- ii. Write an e-mail to the editor of a newspaper regarding the poor conditions of the government hospitals in Varanasi. Give your suggestions for improvement. [3M]

Question 4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [5M]

Tenderly, Siddhartha looked into the rushing water, into the transparent green, into the crystal lines of its drawing, so rich in secrets. With a thousand eyes, the river looked at him. How he loved this water! How it delighted him! How grateful he was to it! In his heart, he heard the voice: Love this water! Stay near it! Learn from it!

But out of all secrets of the river, he saw one today, which touched his soul. He saw and thought: this water that ran incessantly was nevertheless always there, was always at all times the same and yet new in every moment!

Siddhartha rose and in a daze, he walked on, up the path by the bank, listening to the current, listening to the rumbling hunger in his body.

- i. Describe Siddhartha's feelings towards the river.
- ii. What inner message did Siddhartha hear while observing the river?
- iii. What special truth about the river did Siddhartha did?
- iv. Explain why the river seemed alive to Siddhartha.
- v. What does Siddhartha's walk along the river bank show about his state of mind?

Question 5

i. Read the passage given below, and fill in each of the numbered blanks with the suitable articles. Write *no article* where no article is used. Do not copy the passage and write in correct serial order. [5M]

a).... flower vendor who sits next to my school is b) old man. He sells c) flowers of various kinds. My favourite are sunflowers. My uncle had once presented me with bouquet of d)flowers and loved them ever since. I buy sunflowers, and I have bunch of sunflowers from e) flower vendor every day after f) school. He keeps the freshest ones for me and always sells g) flowers with h) smile on his face.

ii. Given below are statements with blank and four options. You are required to fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in the options. [2M]

1. Payal won the sports competition ____ Friday.
 - a) On
 - b) At
 - c) By
 - d) Of
2. Let's meet ____ the entrance to the cinema.
 - a) from
 - b) off
 - c) To
 - d) out
3. Ram is standing ____ Mohan and Vinita .
 - a) between
 - b) on
 - c) inside
 - d) in
4. The rain stopped ____ the night.
 - a) during
 - b) at
 - c) from
 - d) with

iii. Complete the sentences with the words given.

[2M]

1. Under no circumstances..... (visitors / should feed)the animals at the zoo.
2. Seldom..... (we/get) complaints about noise in this neighbourhood.
3. No sooner (I/ turn on) my computer than the electricity went off.
4. I was late for the concert and so.....(my friends/be).

iv. A Given below are a few simple sentences. Transform them into complex ones. [4M]

1. The principal is likely to punish him.
2. She has informed him of his in the board exams.
3. His suggestion did not prove successful.
4. The old man is too ill to speak.

v. Complete the sentences with the words given.

[3M]

1. So..... People drive to work everyday day that there is too..... traffic on the roads. (much/many).
2. My teacher told us we could pick up..... new vocabulary by reading..... English language magazine. (any/some).
3. Only research has been done on this subject, so very..... information is available. (little/ a little).

vi. Choose the correct form of the verb given in the brackets that agrees with the subject. [2M]

1. Either you or he (has / have) broken the glass.
2. Honesty and Bravery (is / are) virtues.
3. All my plans to start a new school (has / have) failed.
4. The public (is / are) crazy about this actor.

vii. Change the following active voice sentences to passive voice. [2M]

1. The chef cooks a delicious meal.
2. The students clean the classroom.
3. The gardener waters the plants.
4. The teacher explains the lesson.

Question 6

i. Write the synonyms of the following words. [1.5M]

1. Feeble.
2. Malice.
3. Placid

ii. Write the antonyms of the following words. [1.5M]

1. Reprehensible
2. Demolish
3. Abate