

**JUSCO SCHOOLS
FINAL EXAMINATION 2019**

**CLASS - VIII
SUBJECT - ENGLISH**

**TIME : 3 HRS
F.M: 80**

Instructions:

- **READ ALL QUESTIONS CAREFULLY.**
 - **ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ATTEMPTED.**
 - **WRITE IN NEAT AND CLEAR HANDWRITING.**
 - **MENTION THE CORRECT SERIAL NUMBER OF THE QUESTION CLEARLY AGAINST THE CORRECT ANSWER.**
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SECTION A- READING (20 MARKS)

A1. Read the following passage carefully:

(12 Marks)

1. The world's smallest dog, the Chihuahua or the Pocket Dog is barely 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 the 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 a 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: (1 × 4 = 4 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:

(12 Marks)

1. Make sentences with a) inherent b) graceful (2)
2. Give the antonyms of the following words a) popular b) occasionally c) dull (3)
3. Find words from the passage which are similar in meaning. (3)
 - a) cutting (para 5)
 - b) thief (para 5)
 - c) obstacle (para 6)

A2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows: (8 marks)

Have you thought of the fact that music is the one thing that has the power to make just about everyone happy? That is the magic mantra that we all have within us – the ability to hum along and listen to some great music. It's God's gift to humanity and it is free! The poorest person can hear it played all around him on radios and loudspeakers. The seven pure notes are as beautiful as the seven colors of the soul. It fills you up with real happiness as beautiful as the rainbow and as deep as the seven seas.

Music can take us to ecstatic heights. Put your heart and soul into it and it fills you up with real happiness. All kinds of music is divine – and it does not matter whether you listen to happy, sad or joyful music. Any kind of music has the ability to uplift your mood and the power to recondition your mind.

We hear it first in a mother's womb as she listens to music or hums a tune. Then, when we are born, we hear our mother's and father's lullabies for us. We don't realize how quietly music becomes an integral part of our lives. From nursery rhymes to the school parade there is music all around us. By the time we are in Junior School music has already submerged our soul. It becomes even more important when we enter our teens, no party, function is complete without it.

The way we listen to music changes as we grow up. In mid life we begin listening to more meaningful music –soulful, even devotional. Over the years you find yourself attuned to music that touches the mind, heart and soul. We become more compassionate and start looking at the world differently. It gives us solace, peace and loads of comfort. Music weaves an amazing umbrella of spiritual, metaphysical and cultural threads that uplift our spirit and makes us face life.

2.1 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (2x4=8 marks)

- a) How is music able to make everyone happy?
- b) Why does the type of music we listen to not matter?
- c) Where all do we listen to music?
- d) How does our choice of music change as we grow up?

2.2 Give the meaning of the word given by choosing the correct option: (1x4=4 marks)

- a) ecstatic
- i) sad ii) extreme happiness

iii) joy iv) moody

b) uplift

i) to climb stairs ii) to lift weight

iii) to take one to a different level iv) to throw down

c) submerge

i) to take deep into ii) to be afloat

iii) to fall iv) to drown

d) solace

i) disturbance ii) joy

iii) anger iv) calmness

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

3. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times of India' complaining about the harms being done by the extreme use of the Cell phones to the students. You are Peeyush Sharma/Priti, a resident of sector 15, Vasundhara Enclave New Delhi. (10 marks)

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother telling him about the benefits of time-management.

4. Write a diary entry discussing your viewpoint on whether it is better to be an only child or to have brothers and sisters sharing your home and life with you in 100-120 words.

Or

(8 marks)

You are Arvind/Anushka, Member of the Eco Club of Modern school, Bikaner, which is celebrating a week long festival 'Ban the Plastic' to create awareness regarding harms of plastic. Draft a suitable notice in not more than 50 words.

5. Do as Directed:

(1X12=12)

- a) Why didn't you tell the truth to your mother?(change from active to passive)
- b) All the dancers_____ (leave) the auditorium, when suddenly the floor.....(start) trembling.(Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given)
- c) This material is different that.(Fill in with suitable preposition).
- d) The manager said to him, 'Where will you stay during the tour?'(change into indirect speech)
- e) I received no answer. I called again. (join the sentences using the conjunctions)
- f) I will be rescued.(Rewrite in future perfect tense)

- g) The snow has accumulated into thick layers.(Rewrite in present perfect continuous).
- h) They made a big hole in the wall.(Rewrite as an exclamatory)
- i) I went to my village very _____. (use a modal)
- j) When at last he returned to the village, the people told him that his mother has died.
(Find out the principal clause and subordinate clause or clauses).
- k) You can wear it on _____ hand (use a determiner)
- l) _____ Silence in library(fill with an interjection)

SECTION C- LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

6.Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (4X2=8)

a) Today's arithmetic lesson is on the addition of proper fractions. Please insert yesterday's homework in the proper slot.

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| a. Who said these words and to whom? | 1 |
| b. Do you think the person being spoken to, is happy to study with the speaker?
Give reasons for your answer. | 2 |
| c. Why does the homework have to be put in a slot? | 1 |

OR

*b) When the Rock was hid by the surge's swell,
The Mariners heard the warning bell;
And then they knew the perilous rock,
And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothok.*

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| a. Where was the Rock? When was it hidden? | 2 |
| b. Which 'warning bell' is being referred to in this stanza? | 1 |
| c. Who was the Abbot? | 1 |

7. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each (:2X4=8)

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| 1. Who has Bellario deputed to preside over the case? Why? | 2 |
| 2. Who had placed the bell on the Inchcape Rock? Why? | 2 |
| 3. What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have? | 2 |
| 4. What does the poet tell us about Lucy's education? | 2 |

8. Answer any two the following questions in about 120-150 words: (5X2=10)

- Poetic justice is a literary device in which virtue is ultimately rewarded or vice punished. Do you think this play reflects poetic justice? Justify.
- Describe the different dangers that Sher Singh encountered on the way to the hospital and how he faced them.
- Discuss the theme of the poem: 'A man of courage is full of faith' or ' patriotism is a great virtue that makes people forget their selfishness'- (casabianca)
- Give a character sketch of Sir Ralph the Rover.

9. Value –Based Question : Answer any one out of two (4X1=4)

How can we make our lives enjoyable? Discuss with reference to the poem “The Lake Isle of Innisfree”.

Or

Casabianca is true spirit of a soldier. Comment?