

City International School

FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2015 – 2016

Date : 29/09/2015

Std : VIII

Subject : English Language

Marks : 80

Time : 2 hrs

Answer to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all four questions.

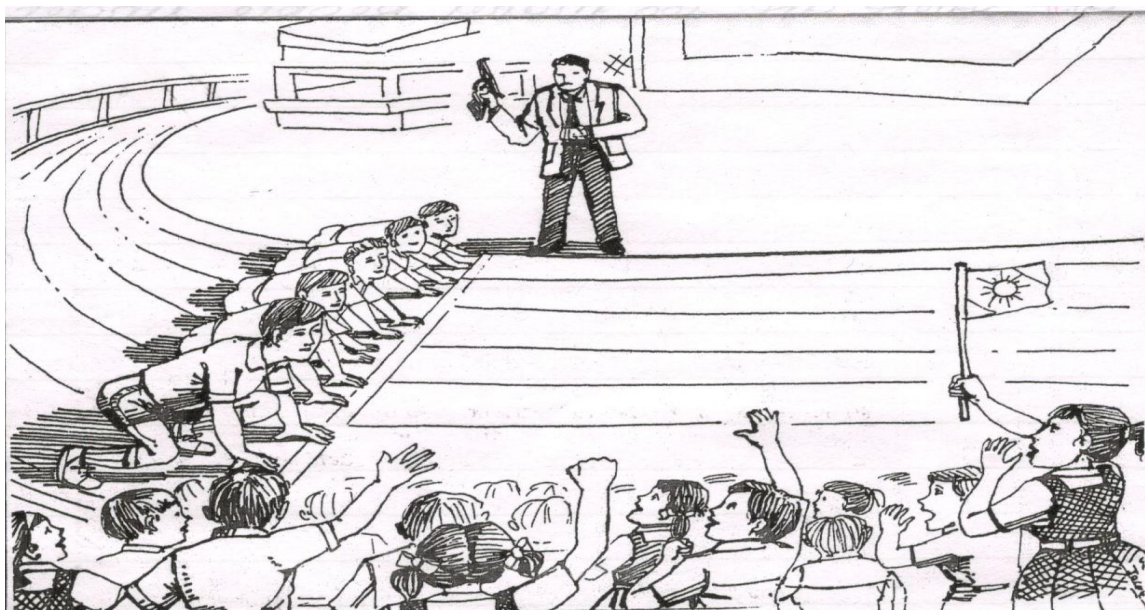
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets ().

You are advised to spend not more than **35** minutes in answering **Question 1**

And **20** minutes in answering **Question 2**.

Q. 1 Write a composition (350 – 400 words) on any one of the following. (25)
(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)

- “There are too many people under the age of 18 driving cars and motor – cycles in India today. They are making our roads unsafe not only for themselves but also for the general public.” How far do you agree with this view?
- One of your family members has to undergo an operation. Describe the circumstances leading to this situation and the trauma the family is going through.
- Relate an incident in your life which taught you that time is precious and must not be wasted.
- Write an original short story based on the statement. “It was a dark stormy night”.
- Study the picture given below and write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, but there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Q. 2 Select ONE of the following.

(10)

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)

- a. You and your friends have decided to do some social service work around the area of your school during your summer holidays. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to join your team for this good work.
- b. Write a letter to a neighbor who has recently moved into your locality introducing yourself and offering any kind of assistance, if required by them.

Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Generally speaking, the radio **functions** as a **diverting** ‘companion’ for man. Firstly, it helps to fill **voids** that are created by routine and boring tasks. To the over – worked mother, whose environment is child – and – work centered for the good part of the day, the radio introduces an ‘adult’ element that is **perceived** to be both companionable and diverting. Secondly, it fills voids created by feelings of social isolation. To the truck – driver, who by virtue of his occupation, is cut off from much social participation during the normal course of the day, the radio helps to keep him ‘in touch’ with the ‘realities’ of normal social life. Finally, the radio also helps **relieve** feelings of loneliness. To the invalid, who by virtue of his incapacity is also cut off from social participation, the radio serves as a reliable, non – threatening human companion.

The corollary to radio’s major function as a companion is its adaptability to the listener’s mood or psychological frame of mind at any given time. The wide variety of radio stations available to the average listener affords him the opportunity to select programmes that either correspond to his state of mind or can effect a change of mood in the listener.

The two basic mood functions of radio – that of sustaining and creating desired psychological climates – to a great degree affect the listener’s choice of kinds of stations and programmes. This is particularly true in regard to music. If the listener is looking for active mood accompaniment, he will seek out music that is in his words ‘peppy and lively’. On the other hand, if the listener desires to eliminate an unpleasant or disagreeable mood, he will seek out the ‘releasing’ music that he considers to be ‘relaxing’.

Thus far the discussion of the functions radio performs has been in terms of the gratifications to the individual listener. These gratifications are indicative of the ‘entertainment’ functions of the radio. What satisfaction does the conveying of news and information provide?

In times of crises people turn to the radio as a source of immediate news in an effort to ‘keep up’ with events as they occur. In addition to enjoying a sense of being ‘informed’ at all times, radio news and information broadcasts allow the listener to participate in the great events of the day. And in a world of overwhelming complexity, where the role of the individual in shaping events is becoming even more remote, ‘keeping up’ with the news easily becomes a substitute for being actively involved in the issue and events of the day. On a smaller scale, the radio provides information that is of immediate personal utility to the listeners, who may be affected by a strictly local event such as a traffic tie – up, or a strike in the local plant.

Just as the radio allows the listener to ‘participate’ psychologically in the news events of the day, it also allows him to share with others a wide variety of events of common interest and concern. The listener uses the radio to bind him closer to other

listeners like himself merely by virtue of having been a witness to the same happenings. To many listeners these shared experiences become foci of attention and conversation. In this process, much of the 'talk' content of radio broadcasts serves as a 'social lubricant' by providing listeners with things to talk about. It serves as rather harmless catalyst in making casual communication between people easier.

- a. Give meanings for each word as used in the passage. (3)
 - i. diverting
 - ii. voids
 - iii. perceived

- b.
 - i. How does the radio function as a companion to the followings? (4)
 1. the truck driver
 2. The housewife
 - ii. State in your own words the two basic 'mood functions' of the radio. (2)
 - iii. What makes people to turn to the radio in times of crisis? (2)
 - iv. In what way does the radio provide information that is of immediate personal utility to the listener? (2)
 - v. What does the author mean by the expression 'social lubricant'? (2)

- c. State in not more than 60 words of your own how the radio is useful to man. (8)

- d. Give a title to your summary 3 (c) and justify the reason. (2)

- Q. 4** a. In the following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with correct form of the word given in the brackets. (Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word appropriate to the blank space.) (4)
- Example: (0) returned

After Christopher Columbus___ (0) ___ (returned) from his famous voyage across the Atlantic, the king of Spain___ (1) ___ (wish) to celebrate the great event and do honour to the man who___(2)___(make) himself a national hero. He ___(3)___(do) so by holding a banquet in honour of the explorer. To this banquet he ___(4)___ (invite) many of the nobles of the kings court. Some of them___(5)___ (be) gealous of the success Columbus___(6)___ (achieve). One of them sat next to Columbus. He turned towards Columbus and said, "Of course you ___(7)___ (be) a brave man but anyone can take a ship and sail on and on till he___(8)___ (reaches) the land."

- b. Fill in the blanks with a single appropriate word. (4)
 - i. I was _____ the impression that the meeting was today.
 - ii. She has been going _____ the script for days.

- iii. The elderly man prepared himself for a life _____ retirement.
- iv. Ram is very concerned _____ his mother's health.
- v. What a contrast _____ the two siblings.
- vi. He will meet you _____ the station.
- vii. They welcomed the guests _____ open arms.
- viii. Do not speak ill of a person _____ his back.

c. Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using and, but or so. (4)

- i. There was heavy traffic. We reached the stadium on time.
- ii. Swarna asked me a question. I was unable to answer it.
- iii. I heard you won a prize. I am extremely delighted.
- iv. You have to come. You like it or not.

d. Do as directed, without change the meaning of the sentence. (8)

- i. Raju did not complete the exercise on time.
(Rewrite adding a question tag)
- ii. If you are not a member you can not borrow books.
(Begin: Only)
- iii. Megha is too tall to crawl under the table.
(Begin: Megha is so)
- iv. As soon as the train arrived, the passengers rushed out of it.
(Begin: No sooner)
- v. Sunil went to his house and to his office.
(Begin:- Not only)
- vi. Kirti is not so cunning as Divya.
(Change to comparative degree and rewrite)
- vii. Rita has been wanting to learn stitching for a long time now.
(Identify the verb and tense in the above sentence)
- viii. The king, as well as his courtiers _____ to attend the games. (is / are)
(Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb)