

REVISION ASSIGNMENT - 2012-13
CLASS - VIII

ENGLISH

READING

A.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Ganga among 10 dying rivers

The Ganga, which is virtually synonymous with Indian civilization, is dying. Pollution, over-extraction of water, emaciated tributaries and climatic changes are killing the mighty river, on whose fecund plains live one in 12 people of this planet.

Apart from Ganga, Indus, Nile and Yangtze are among the 10 most endangered rivers of the world.

The Ganga basin makes up almost a third of India's land area and its rich soil is home to millions of people. However, indiscriminate extraction of water with modern tube wells from the river as well as its basin, coupled with the damming of its tributaries for irrigation, have seriously reduced its flow.

Climate change has added to the threat. Apart from humans, many other kinds of lives are in danger due to Ganga's degeneration. The river is home to more than 140 fish species, 90 amphibian species and the endangered Ganga river dolphin. And Ganga is, of course, sacred to Hindus, besides having spawned many great cities on its banks. The report is a wake-up call not only to save the great river but also this great civilization, said WWF officials.

Q.1 Complete the following sentences:

The Ganga is synonymous with (a)..... (b) (c) (d) and (e) are killing the river. One in 12 people live on the (f)..... plains of Ganga.

Q.2 Name other two endangered rivers of the world.

Q.3 How has the flow of Ganga been reduced?

Q.4 Give words from the passage which mean the same as the following.

- (a) living both on land and water (b) the present times

A.2 Read the given passage carefully and complete the sentences given below.5M

Ayurveda or Ayurvedic medicine is a system of traditional medicine native to the Indian subcontinent and practiced in other parts of the world as a form of alternative medicine. In Sanskrit, the word ayurveda consists of the words ayus, meaning 'longevity', and Veda, meaning 'related to knowledge' or 'science'. Evolving throughout its history, Ayurveda remains an influential system of medicine in South Asia. The earliest literature on Indian medical practice appeared during the Vedic period in India. The Susruta Samhita and the Charaka Samhita were influential works on traditional medicine during this era. Over the following centuries, ayurvedic practitioners have also identified a number of medicinal preparations and surgical procedures for curing various ailments and diseases. Ayurveda is considered to be a form of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) in the western world, where several of its methods, such as the use of herbs, massage, and yoga, are applied on their own as a form of CAM treatment.

- a) The Susruta Samhita and Charaka Samhita were.....
b) Ayurveda is a system of
c) In Sanskrit, the word 'ayurveda' consists
d) Ayurveda is considered to be
e) Over the following centuries, ayurvedic practitioners have

A.3 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Suramya, U.R. (11 years, 8 months): In the afternoon on December 12, 2012, Akhila, a Class VII student, in Palakkad, Kerala, had gone for a wash to the nearby canal. Her classmate, Suramya, was with her. While Suramya was waiting for Akhila, she heard something falling into the water. She called out to Akhila. On getting no response, Suramya moved closer to the canal and saw Akhila drowning. Only her hands were visible above the water. Though not an expert swimmer, Suramya jumped into the canal to rescue Akhila. After some struggle, she managed to catch hold of Akhila's hand and dragged her to the bank. On hearing about the incident from a student, other students and teachers rushed to the spot and brought them back.

Q.1 Answer the following questions:

- (a) While Suramya was waiting for Akhila, she heard something falling into the water. What fell down?
- (b) What did Suramya do to save Akhila?
- (c) Which place did Suramya belong to?

Q.2 Find words in the passage which are the opposites of:

- (a) invisible
- (b) untimely

Q.3 Find words in the passage which mean the following:

- (a) make great efforts
- (b) reply

SECTION B (WRITING)

QB1. You are Partho/ Parineeta, Secretary Cultural Affairs, National Public School, Delhi. Draft a Notice informing the students of classes VI to IX about a Theatre Workshop starting from April 4 - 20, 2013. The workshop will be conducted in the A.V. Room of your school from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on weekdays.

QB2. Read the following telephonic conversation and write a message as Amita in about 50 words.

Janki: Hello, Can I speak to Priya?

Amita: She is not at home. I am her sister Amita.

Janki: Please tell her that our friend Preeti has met with an accident and has been admitted to Noida Hospital in Sector 14. Since the visiting hours of the hospital are from 5:00pm to 7:00pm we will go to the hospital at 5:30pm.

Amita: Oh! That's very sad. I am sure Priya would also like to go to the hospital.

Janki: In that case, we will pick her up from her house at 5:00 pm. Please convey the message

Amita: Sure, I will convey the message

Janki: Thanks! Bye.

Amita: Bye.

QB3. Write a letter to the editor of an English newspaper informing him about the noisy pets in your neighbourhood. Also mention the need for people to be conscious of their duties towards the society particularly their neighbours.

QB4. Write a speech for the morning assembly in your school in about 150 words, expressing your views on the need of Smart Boards in schools and the responsibility of the students to take care of such modern and costly equipments.

GRAMMAR

- C.1 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and make correction in your answer sheets as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

Children love picnics and outings of their parents, eg. Of with
 though they are equally happier doing things with (a) _____
 them around the house. A parent may make (b) _____
 his child feels special by following some simple (c) _____
 rituals. Bedtime stories, the game of cards or (d) _____
 simply talking and laugh together before going to (e) _____
 bed – some give children a wonderful sense (f) _____
 of well-being. They hardly ever forgot these moments, (g) _____
 and cherish them throughout these lives. (h) _____

- C.2 Insert suitable conjunction in the following gaps.

- The school football match was interruptedin began to rain.
- Tarun works hard his brother is very lazy.
- I haven't been out for an evening we went to see Spiderman.
- I shouldn't do that I were you.
- They were so busy they could hardly meet the reporters.

- C.3 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.

- The rain (stop) before I (step) out of the house.
- The patient (die) before the doctor(come).
- When I went to the hospital, the doctor already
 (perform) the operation.

- C.4 Study the given conversation and complete the statements by choosing the correct option for each.

Mrs. Verma : How much do these gift pens cost?
 Salesman : These gift pens are Rs. 1500 each.

Mrs. Verma : That is too expensive. My budget is only Rs. 500!

Salesman : Then why don't you buy a waterman pen for your husband?

Mrs. Verma asked the salesman how much (a) The salesman replied that (b) Rs. 1500 each to which she said that (c) and her budget was only Rs. 500. The salesman then suggested that why (d) a waterman pen for your husband.

C.5 Study the given instructions.

- a) Take full rest before the exam day.
- b) Read the questions very carefully.
- c) Do the easy questions first.
- d) Redo answers if you have made a mistake.
- e) Revise and check all the answers.

Now complete the following blanks by choosing the correct option.

Be fully rested on the exam day. The questions (a) Very carefully. The easy questions (b) first. Answers (c) if a mistake has been made. All the answers (d)

C.6 Now fill in the following blank spaces with suitable pronouns.

Yesterday I treated myself with a delicious chocolate cake. (a) Was prepared by my mother. (b) makes lovely cakes. (c) Cake recipe is very popular. The cake she baked yesterday was in honour of my father. (d) has been promoted. He works for SAIL. (e) will be sending (f) to Japan to attend an International Conference very soon.

SECTION D (LITERATURE)

QD1. Read the lines and answer the questions

"So they tell you that work is a wonderful medicine,
Just look at Firestone and Ford and Edison"

- 1. Name the poem and the poet.
- 2. Who are 'they'?
- 3. What is the rhyme scheme of the given lines?
- 4. Is the poem satirical? What does the poem make fun of?
- 5. Explain the line 'Just look at Firestone and Ford and Edison'.

QD2. Read the lines and answer the questions

"I shall leave you to make acquaintance by yourselves. You already know something of each other"

1. Name the speaker and the listener.
2. Where is the speaker? Why is he there?
3. How many people are there? Name them.
4. Why does the speaker assume that they 'know each other'?
5. Name the lesson. Why does the speaker leave them alone?

QD3. Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words

- a) What changes the heart of the king's enemy in the lesson 'Three Questions'?
- b) Why does the poet long to go to Innisfree?
- c) A crafty person who intends to harm others, ultimately falls in his own trap, hence we should not have malicious heart. Justify the statement by giving example from the extract from 'The Merchant Of Venice'

QD4. Imagine yourself to be Mr. Stelling and write a page in your diary in about 100 words sharing your happiness when you see Tom and Philip as friends.