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Class : VIII

Marks : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

ENGLISH

General Instructions :

This paper consists of three sections -

Section A - Reading	-	20 marks
Section B - Writing and Grammar	-	30 marks
Section C - Literature	-	30 marks

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do not write anything on the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.

SECTION A - READING

1. Read the passage and answer the questions given below.

Long, long ago, in a big forest, there were many trees. Among the cluster of trees, there was a very tall pine tree. He was so tall that he could talk to the stars in the sky. He could easily look over the heads of the other trees. One day late in the evening, the pine tree saw a ragged, skinny girl approaching him. He could see her only because of his height. The little girl was in tears. The pine tree bent as much as he could and asked her: "What is the matter? Why are you crying?" The little girl, still sobbing, replied, "I was gathering flowers for a garland for Goddess Durga, who I believe would help my parents to overcome their poverty and I have lost my way." The pine tree said to the little girl, "It is late in the evening. It will not be possible for you to return to your house, which is at the other end of the forest. Sleep for the night at this place." The pine tree pointed out to an open cave-like place under him. The little girl was frightened of wild animals. The girl quickly crept into the cave-like place. The pine tree was happy and pleased with himself. He stood like a soldier guarding the place. The little girl woke up in the morning and was amazed to see the pine tree standing guard outside the cave. Then her gaze travelled to the heap of flowers that she had gathered the previous night. The flowers lay withering on the ground. The pine tree understood what was going on in the girl's mind. He wrapped his branches around the nearby flower trees and shook them gently. The little girl's eyes brightened. But a great surprise awaited her. The pine tree brought out a bag full of gold coins which had been lying for years in the hole in its trunk and gave it to the girl. With teary eyes she thanked her benefactor and went away.

1.1. Answer the following questions.

- a) Why was the girl crying?
- b) Where did the pine tree want the little girl to sleep for the night?
- c) Why was the little girl disappointed when she looked at the flowers and what did the tree do to make her happy?
- d) What lesson does this short story teach us?

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- 6. Change the voice.** 2
- a) Our army has defeated the enemy.
 b) Some boys were helping the wounded man.
- 7. Change into reported speech.** 3
- a) "Where do you live?" asked the stranger.
 b) He said to her, "Please wait here till I return."
 c) "I know his address." he said.
- 8. Arrange the following words into meaningful sentences.** 3
- a) soothing / balm / music / in / one's / nerve's / by / helps / acting / like / a
 b) of / uncertainty / is / task / a / managing / greatest / leader / the
 c) is / art / biography / both / an / and / craft / a

SECTION C - LITERATURE

- 9. Read the following lines and answer the questions given below.** 4
- "My life is a bore in this nasty pond,
 And I long to go out in the world beyond!
 I wish I could hop like you!"
- a) Name the poem and the poet.
 b) Who wants to go out in the world beyond?
 c) Who 'hops' all day long as referred here?
 d) Find a word in the stanza which means filthy / dirty.
- 10. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words.** 8
- a) How did Jody know that the fawn is a male?
 b) Why did the grandmother ask the children not to kill the Chuchundar?
 c) Why does Sir John say that Jame's paper should not be published?
 d) How did the boy plan to pay the fees the next day?
- 11. Answer the question in 100 - 120 words.** 8
- Write an appreciation of the poem 'On the Grasshopper and Cricket' - By John Keats.
- 12. Answer any one of the following questions in 150 - 200 words.** 10
- Describe in detail the story - 'Jalebis'

OR

Describe the meeting between two extraordinary people - Mr. Stephen Hawking, the astrophysicist and Mr. Firdaus Kanga, well-known writer and journalist.