



PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

SECOND TERM TEST - 2018

Grade 08

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Two Hours

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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Test - 01 Complete the following paragraph with prepositions from the list. The first one is done for you.

of / on / to / by / with / during

We were (1) on..... holiday (2) our grandparents (3) the April vacation. We had a lot (4) fun. But when it was time (5) get back home we were very sad. However we enjoyed the return journey (6) train. (10 marks)

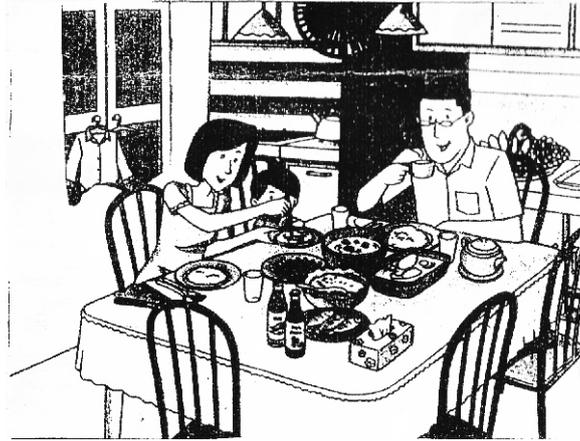
Test - 02 Complete the following sentences writing the most suitable answer in the blank. The first one is done for you.

- (1) My sister looked at herself in the mirror and then combed her hair.
(a) herself (b) itself (c) yourself
- (2) When I have no one to talk to, I talk to
(a) itself (b) myself (c) himself
- (3) The cat cleaned..... and then it cleaned the kittens.
(a) itself (b) themselves (c) yourself
- (4) My sister wasn't careful when she was cooking. She cut with a knife.
(a) himself (b) itself (c) herself
- (5) Ravi, you're only five years old. Can you get dressed by ?
(a) yourself (b) yourself (c) ourselves
- (6) Why don't we give a few minutes to rest before we leave?
(a) myself (b) yourself (c) ourselves (10 marks)

Test - 03 Underline the correct word to complete the sentence.

- (1) "Nelum Kuluna" is the tower in Colombo.
a) shorter (b) tallest (c) tall
- (2) The film was cute Everyone enjoyed it.
a) interesting (b) boring (c) unhappy
- (3) There was a big in the city. So we returned home late.
a) crowd (b) people (c) passengers
- (4) I want to find the meaning of this word from the
a) catalogue (b) directory (c) dictionary
- (5) Ashini likes to learn about birds. She wants to be an one day.
a) engineer (b) ornithologist (c) artist (10 marks)

Test - 04 Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below.



This is a picture of a (1) room. There is a man (2) a cup of tea. He is wearing (3) A woman is feeding her (4) She has (5) hair. There are six chairs (6) the table. There are two (7) of sauce and three (8) of water on the table. There is a (9) of bananas in the basket. The (10) is on the gas cooker. (10 marks)

Test - 05 Here is what Malsha and her family do every Saturday morning. Read the sentences and write what each one does in passive voice. One is done for you.

- (1) Mother prepares breakfast. - **Breakfast is prepared by mother.**
- (2) Father cleans the garden. -
- (3) Grandmother reads the newspaper. -
- (4) Sister washes all the clothes. -
- (5) Malsha sweeps the house. -
- (6) Brother does homework. -

(10 marks)

Test - 06 Read the following poem and answer the questions.

Fish

Oh, how I wish I were a fish
 To swim in the deep blue sea,
 There would be no rules to follow
 All fun down here,
 on the land rules are a trouble
 A real pain in the rear.
 Humans are not wanted down here,
 For they want to see us fish
 Dangling from their hook.
 Oh how I wish to be a fish
 In the sea full of wonder
 Yes, that's the life for me.

- (1) Is the poet a fish ? (Yes/No) (2 marks)
- (2) Where does the poet like to live in ?! (2 marks)
- (3) Mention 2 words used to describe the sea.
 1. 2. (2 marks)
- (4) Write a rhyming word for the word "fish" (2 marks)
- (5) Fill in the blanks.
 1. On the land we must follow (2 marks)
 2. The sea is full of (10 marks)

Test - 07 Match A with B. Write the correct letter in the box. One is done for you.

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| (1) I like | | a) when I was small |
| (2) I have | f | b) with my friends |
| (3) I started collecting stamps | | c) help me with my hobby |
| (4) I have got | | d) to collect stamps |
| (5) I share the extra stamps | | e) stamps of many countries |
| (6) My partents | | f) a stamp album |

Test - 08 Fill in the blanks using the words given.

deepest	expensive	interesting	small	better
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- (1) 'Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince' is the most novel I've ever read.
- (2) My pet is a rabbit.
- (3) Mariana is the tenon in the world.
- (4) Prevention is than cure.
- (5) Gold is more than silver. (10 marks)

Test - 09 Read the following text and answer the questions.

History of the Stamp.

Before the postage stamp came into use, the person who received a letter had to pay a delivery charge. The fee depended on the distance the letter had been carried in fact the receiver could have refused to accept the letter and not paid. The mail was carried by mail boys. Some of them walked while others rode on horse back. This system prevailed in many countries until the fist stamp was introduced in Great Britain on May 6th 1840.

The prepaid stamp brought about a uniform charge regardless of the distance. The first stamp was a black stamp with the portrait of Queen Victoria. The Words "potage" and "One Penny" were also painted on it As it was the world's first stamp, the name of the country was not printed.

- (1) Who paid the delivery charge before the postage stamp was introduced ? (2 marks)

- (2) Who carried the mail ? (2 marks)

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ANSWER PAPER

English Language

- Test 01 :** (2) with (3) during (4) of (5) to (6) by
- Test 02 :** (2) myself (3) itself (4) herself (5) yourself (6) ourselves
- Test 03 :** (1) tallest (2) interesting (3) crowd (4) dictionary
(5) ornithologist
- Test 04 :** (1) dining (2) drinking / having (3) spectacles/spects
(4) baby / child / son (5) short/black (6) around
(7) bottles (8) glasses (9) comb (10) kettle
- Test 05 :** (2) The garden is cleaned by father. (3) The news paper is read by grandmother.
(4) All the clothes are washed by sister. (5) The house is swept by Malsha.
(5) School homework is done by brother.
- Test 06 :** (1) No (2) sea / in the sea (3) 1. deep 2. blue
(4) wish (5) 1. rules 2. wonder
- Test 07 :** (1) d (2) f (3) a (4) e (5) b (6) c
- Test 08 :** (1) interesting (2) small (3) deepest (4) better (5) expensive
- Test 09 :** (1) the person who received a letter / the receiver. (2) mail boys
(3) i. May 6th 1840 ii. Great Britain (4) 1. portrait 2. country
(5) 1.before 2.receiver.
- Test 10 :** Content - 03, Language - 04 Format & Organization - 02 Mechanics of Writing - 01