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## ENGLISH AWARENESS & SKILL TEST (EAST) – 2012

Time: 2 hours

Class: VIII

Full Marks: 100

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N.B. Answer all the Questions in the space provided. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistake, untidiness and bad hand writing.

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### Section – A (Grammar – 30)

1. Rewrite as directed:

[1 X 20 = 20]

(a) Give him a glass of water. (Point out direct and indirect object)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) They sang a sweet song. (Point out Transitive or Intransitive verb)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(c) We will see to it. (Join the sentences using Emphatic Pronoun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(d) A \_\_\_\_\_ of swans. (Use collective noun in the blank)

(e) Whose book is this? (Name the case) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(f) It rained heavily. He took an umbrella with him. (Join using Illative conjunction)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(g) We should not hate one another. (Name the under underlined pronoun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(h) No other metal is so bright as gold. (Turn into Superlative)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(i) None but a rogue can act this. (Turn in to Affirmative)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(j) He had done the sums before he wrote the sums. (Change the voice)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(k) He displeased his father. (Change the voice)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(l) Coming home, he began to study. (Turn into Complex Sentence)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(m) It is his habit to do this. (Rewrite the Sentence using adverb form of "habit")

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(n) If you want to pass the examination, you \_\_\_\_\_ study harder. (Fill the blank using 'modal')

(o) He must serve twenty years. After that he can retire. (Combine using Gerund)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(p) The poet said, "Real happiness is only a dream." (Change the narration)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(q) Suman said to his father, "You might bring a Cycle for me." (Change the narration)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(r) There lived a hermit in this forest. It was fifty years ago. (Join the sentence)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(s) If only I were young again. (Turn into Assertive sentence)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(t) Are you win ? (Write the name if the mood) Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: [1 X 5 = 5]

(i) The habit of idleness ever stands \_\_\_\_\_ the way of progress. (ii) We made much ado \_\_\_\_\_ nothing. (iii) He has a great lust \_\_\_\_\_ monkey. (iv) He is a helpmate \_\_\_\_\_ me. (v) It is dangerous to have any bias \_\_\_\_\_ a new idea.

3. Replace the underlined words by suitable phrasal verbs given below :( Use the proper form of verbs)  
(take off, take after, bring up, break out, call up ) [1 X 5 = 5]

(i) A five erupted in the market last night. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) The poet remembers the past. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) The girl resembles her mother. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) The child was reared by his aunt. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

(v) He removed his disguise after being enough. Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section – B (Comprehension Test – 15)**

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Encouraged by small allowance sent by his brother, Van Gogh decided to become a painter. His early pictures were clumsy and heavy, both in line and colour, and expressive of his melancholy and depression. He worked under several influences. By 1885 he was painting more under the influence of the styles of Rukens and the work of the Japanese paint makers. In February 1886 he went to Paris and there he met some of the impressionists including Pissarro and Degas and Gauguin, and that was the beginning of a serious painting career which had begun in 1885 with “Potato Eaters”.

A. Answer the questions briefly: [2 X 4 = 8]

a) Who appointed Van Gogh as an apprentice in 1885 ?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) What did encourage Van Gogh to become a serious painter ?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) Why did his early pictures are clumsy and heavy ?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d) Which of the incidents do you consider mainly contributed to his becoming of a painter ?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Write ‘**T**’ for true and ‘**F**’ for false statements in the boxes on the right-hand side: [1 X 4 = 4]

i) Van Gogh brother’s sent him a lump sum money .

ii) Impressionists had no influence on Van Gogh.

iii) “Potato Eaters” was the beginning of his painting career.

iv) Melancholy and pessimism are the natural traits of his pictures.

C. Find the words from the above passage and match them with their meaning given here: [1 X 3 = 3]

(i) inspired: \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) started \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) hopeless: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section – C (Writing – 20)**

5. Write a paragraph on the following topic: (Word limit – 150 words) [10]

“Teachers Day celebrations in your school”

6. Write a letter to your friend, describing the experience of a visit to a zoo with your life-science teacher:

(Word limit – 150 words) [10]

**Section – D (Vocabulary – 25)**

7. Rewrite the following sentences by making them correct: [1 X 3 = 3]

i) He likes vegetable.            Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

ii) We had a good play of football. Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

- iii) It is a beautiful poetry.      Ans: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Make sentences using the following words as nouns and verbs: [2 X 3 = 6]
- (i) Water: (Noun): \_\_\_\_\_  
       Water: (Verb): \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) Spy: (Noun): \_\_\_\_\_  
       Spy: (Verb): \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Right: (Noun): \_\_\_\_\_  
       Right: (Verb): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Use single word expression for the following group of words: [1 X 3 = 3]
- (i) A women living in a convent: \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) A lump on the back of a camel: \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Meaningless words: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Give the opposite meaning of words for the following: [1 X 2 = 2]
- (i) pull: \_\_\_\_\_      (ii) lazy : \_\_\_\_\_
11. Give the synonym of the following words: [1 X 2 = 2]
- (i) aged : \_\_\_\_\_      (ii) rustic : \_\_\_\_\_
12. Fill up each blank space with the right word from the brackets: [1 X 4 = 4]
- (i) Half a dozen bananas \_\_\_\_\_ a rupee. (coast/ cost)
- (ii) They wet to a \_\_\_\_\_ last night. (fare/ fair)
- (iii) Shyamal has a strong \_\_\_\_\_ (physic/ physique).
- (iv) For \_\_\_\_\_ I know, he is an honest man. (aught/ ought).
13. Form nouns from the following verbs and make sentences with them: [1.5 X 2 = 3]
- (i) warm (verb) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) bloodily (verb) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence : \_\_\_\_\_
14. Replace the underlined word/words by suitable idiomatic expressions: [1 X 2 = 2]
- (i) He left the place with all belongings.  
 Ans. \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The 15<sup>th</sup> August is a festive day for the Indians.  
 Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section – E (Passage for Translation – 10)**

14. Translate the following into English :

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