

**Session 2020-21**  
**MODEL QUESTION PAPER**  
**CLASS 8th**  
**ENGLISH (SOS)**

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**Time Allowed : 3 Hours      Maximum Marks : 100**

**Special Instructions :**

- 1. All questions are compulsory. Internal choice has been given.**
- 2. Candidates are required to write answers in their own words as far as practicable.**
- 3. Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.**
- 4. While answering your questions, you must indicate on your answer books the same question number as appears in your question paper.**
- 5. Do not leave blank pages in your answer book.**

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1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 8

Long ago, a baby girl was born to Queen Ahmose, the wife of Pharaoh Tuthmosis I. The Pharaoh was the supreme ruler of ancient Egypt, which was a powerful and wealthy empire. Queen Ahmose named her daughter Hatshepsut, a name that meant “the foremost of noble ladies.”

Young Hatshepsut lived in a palace and had many servants to care for her. During the day she played with her dolls and sometimes visited her father's zoo. As she grew older her father died. Hatshepsut married but her husband died within few years and she became Egypt's pharaoh. Because it was unusual for a woman to become king, she was shown in wall paintings and carvings wearing a false beard and men's clothing.

**Questions :**

- A. Who was Pharaoh Tutmosis I ?
- B. How did Hatshepsut live when she was young ?
- C. Why she was shown in paintings and carvings ?
- D. Which word in the passage means 'Rich' ? Choose the correct answer.
  - I. Powerful
  - II. Wealthy
  - III. Supreme
  - IV. Foremost

**OR**

There was a time when all house-work was done by the women or girls of the household. Few husbands ever dreamt of washing up, preparing breakfast or tending the baby. Such duties were no concern of theirs. And normal school boy assumed that if help were needed in the home, his sisters would be called on to give it. The whole family supported the views that the male child could not or should not clean, mend, wash, cook or make beds.

Things are very different today. Doctors or barristers find nothing shameful in putting on an apron to help in the kitchen or nursery and even boast of being good at washing of clothes and personal linen. The school boy is more often now than formerly expected to help his mother. One reason for the change is the shortage of domestic servants. Girls could once be found to do the hard work in middle and upper class homes for very moderate wages. Such girls nowadays work in factories. They earn more money than most householders can afford to pay. Thus, the wife now does the the household work herself with the aid of labour-saving machines ; and she expects some help from her husband.

### Questions

- A. Who did house-work in the past ?
- Note :** Choose the correct answer in the following questions.
- B. Husbands did not help in
- I. Washing
  - II. Preparing breakfast
  - III. Tending the baby
  - IV. All of the above
- C. What is the reason of shortage of servants ?
- I. They work in factories.
  - II. They do not want to work.
  - III. Labour saving machines have come
  - IV. Husbands help in household work

D. The word.....means 'look after.'

- I. Afford
- II. Support
- III. Tending
- IV. Domestic

2. Read the given passage and answer any four questions that follow : 6

It is the last day of August, and the lush monsoon growth has reached its peak. The seeds of the cobra lily are turning red, signifying that the rains are coming to an end.

In a few days the ferns will start turning yellow, but right now they are still firm, green and upright. Ground orchids, mauve lady's slipper and the white butterfly orchids put on a fashion display on the grassy slopes of Landour. Wild dahlias, red, yellow and magenta rear their heads from the rocky crevices where they have taken hold.

### Questions

- A. What signifies the end of the rains ?
- B. How does the fern look ?
- C. Where are the orchids ?
- D. What are the colours of the dahlias ?
- E. Which word in the passage means 'cracks in rocks' ?

OR

Then he opened the wings and flew right away into the blue. But the little princess burst into tears, for it was very difficult to put the happiness of

someone you love before your own, and with a little bird far out of sight she felt, all of a sudden, very lonely. When her sisters knew what had happened, they mocked her and said that the little bird would never return. But he did at last. And he sat on September's shoulder and ate out of her hand and sang her the beautiful songs he had learnt while he was flying up and down the fair places of the world. September kept her window open day and night so that little bird might come into her room whenever he felt inclined, and this was very good for her; so she grew extremely beautiful.

### Questions

- A. Why did the princess start crying ?
  - B. What did her sisters say ?
  - C. How did the little bird entertain the princess ?
  - D. Why the princess kept the window open ?
  - E. Which word in the passage means 'to make fun of'?
3. Answer any **five** questions from English Reader 'Honeydew.' 2×5=10
- A. What is Connie's Christmas present ? Why is it "the best Christmas present in the world" ?
  - B. What were the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw ?
  - C. Had Bepin Babu really lost his memory and forgotten all about his trip to Ranchi ?
  - D. What had happened to Jody's father ?
  - E. What is the scientist's message for the disabled?
  - F. Why is the author not able to see Bijju ?

- G. Who is an artisan ? Why do you think they suffered ?
- H. What did the dogs in Galle do ?
4. Answer any **four** questions from English Supplementary Reader 'It so happened....'  $2 \times 4 = 8$
- A. What made the dog, the horse, and the ox very angry ?
- B. Is velu happy or unhappy to find work ? Give reasons for your answer.
- C. Why was it still winter in one corner of the garden ?
- D. What is it that Ranji finds difficult to explain at home ?
- E. Why is Indrani Debi unhappy about Duttada's discovery ?
- F. "I am not buying any Christmas present till December 15." What did Sir John mean by that ?
5. Match the words in column 'A' with their meaning in column 'B.' 4
- | A            | B         |
|--------------|-----------|
| A. Restore   | frighten  |
| B. Chaos     | happily   |
| C. Gleefully | confusion |
| D. Alarm     | repair    |
6. Use any **five** of the following words or phrases in your own sentences :  $1 \times 5 = 5$
- Artisan, Serious, Remember, Mistake, take care, Swept away, Wonderful, Leopard, Pull out.

7. A. Write central idea of the poem : 5  
The Ant and the Cricket

Or

Geography Lesson

Or

What makes the child unhappy in the poem 'The School Boy.'

B. Read the follownig stanza and answer the questions that are given below: 5

*At last by starvation and famine made bold,  
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,  
Away he set off to a miserly ant,  
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant  
Him shelter from rain,  
And a mouthful of grain,  
He wished only to borrow ;  
He'd repay it tomorrow;*

### Questions

- A. What made the cricket bold ?
- B. Where did the cricket decide to go ?
- C. What did the cricket want ?
- D. On what condition the cricket wanted help ?
- E. Write any two rhyming words ?

OR

*Said the Duck to the Kangaroo,  
'Good gracious ! how you hop !  
Over the fields and the water too,  
As if you never would stop !*

*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'  
Said the Duck to the Kangaroo*

**Questions :**

- A. Name the poem and the poet ?
  - B. Why was the duck surprised ?
  - C. Where did the Duck live ?
  - D. What did the Duck wish for ?
  - E. Write any two rhyming words ?
8. Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics :  
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- A. My Family
  - B. A Morning Walk
  - C. My Village
  - D. Himachal Pradesh
9. Write an application to the Principal/Headmaster of your school for remission of fine. 6

Or

Write a letter to your mother, informing her about your performance in final examinations.

Or

Write a story on any **one** of the following topics :

- A. Thirsty Crow
  - B. Union is Strength
- 10.
- A. Change the number of any **six** of the following nouns :  
Key, Leaf, Baby, Ox, Wife, Woman, City, Fish 3



- B. Change the gender of any **six** of the following words :  
 Actor, Tiger, Nephew lady, Horse, Child, Sir,  
 Peacock 3
- C. Write the opposite words of any **six** of the following :  
 Sweet, Difficult, Sharp, Present, Enter, Victory,  
 Start, Close 3
- D. Write three forms of the verbs. Do any four.  
 Say, Dream, Catch, Put, Pay, Cry, Speak, Play 4
- E. Punctuate the following sentence :  
 Rohit asked dhruv who is teaching you english 2
- F. Fill in the blacks in any **four** of the given sentences :  
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- I. Suman lives.....Una. (in/at)
  - II. I had tea.....you last evening. (for/with)
  - III. Priya's house was.....fire. (on/in)
  - IV. Post the letter in.....envelope. (a/an)
  - V. Honesty is.....best policy. (the/a)
  - VI. We must obey.....law. (The/a)
11. Do as directed in the following sentences. Do any **ten** sentences. 10
- A. My friend sings a song.  
 (Change into simple past tense)
  - B. She is writing a poem.  
 (Change into past continuous tense)
  - C. He lived a long life.  
 (Change into past perfect tense)
  - D. The King will honour you.  
 (Change into negative sentence)

- E. What a beautiful bird it is !  
(Change to assertive sentence)
- F. Open the window. (Change the voice)
- G. I have helped the students.(Change the voice)
- H. Gobind said, "I will do it now or never."  
(Change the narration)
- I. He said, "God rules and governs all things."  
(Change the narration)
- J. Barking dogs..... .  
(Complete the sentence)
- K. Where there is a will..... .  
(Complete the sentence)
- L. India great a is nation.  
(Re-arrange to make a sentence)
- M. An man honest not is afraid.  
(Re-arrange to make a sentence)
12. Translate any **six** of the following sentences into English : 6
- A. सबका आदर करना चाहिए।
- B. कल रात बहुत गर्मी थी।
- C. हम खेल रहे हैं।
- D. क्या मैं पानी पी सकता हूँ?
- E. तुम्हारी माता जी का क्या नाम है?
- F. दो और दो चार होते हैं।
- G. एकता में बल हैं।