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# BHARTIYA SHIKSHA BOARD

## MODEL PAPER – TERM II

### ENGLISH – CLASS VIII

### SESSION-2025-26

**Time: 1 Hour**

**Max Marks: 20**

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Read the questions carefully.
- 10 minutes extra time is allowed to read this question paper. During this time, students will read the question paper only and not write the answer.
- This question paper contains four sections and 6 questions.
- Section A: Reading. - 06 Marks
- Section B: Grammar - 04 Marks
- Section C: Literature. - 07 Marks
- Section D: Writing. - 03 Marks
- All questions are compulsory to attempt.

#### **SECTION -A(Reading)**

##### **Q1. Read the following passage.**

**(6 Marks)**

Time is a precious and irreplaceable gift. It is the one thing we cannot get back once it has passed. Every second, minute, and hour that goes by is lost forever. Therefore, it is essential to use our time wisely and productively. Many people waste their time on activities that have no real value, such as excessive television watching or endless social media scrolling. This leads to missed opportunities and a feeling of regret later in life.

Using your time productively means setting goals and working towards them. It involves planning your day, organizing your tasks, and focusing on what is important. Punctuality is a key aspect of respecting your own time and the time of others. Being punctual shows that you are disciplined and reliable. Those who manage their time well are more likely to be successful in their careers and personal lives. They have time for work, hobbies, and spending quality time with loved ones. In essence, time management is not just about being busy; it is about being effective and living a fulfilling life.

➤ **Multiple Choice Questions**

**1. What is the main idea of the passage?**

**(1 Mark)**

- (a) Time is a gift that can be wasted.
- (b) Time should be used wisely to be productive.
- (c) Punctuality is the only way to be successful.
- (d) Excessive television is the cause of regret.

**2. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a way people waste time?**

**(1 Mark)**

- (a) Excessive television watching.
- (b) Wandering outside aimlessly.
- (c) Playing video games.
- (d) Excessive social media scrolling.

**3. According to the passage, what does punctuality show?**

**(1 Mark)**

- (a) That you are busy.
- (b) That you are indisciplined.
- (c) That you are disciplined and reliable.
- (d) That you have a lot of free time.

**4. What is the importance of being punctual?**

**(2 Marks)**

**5. Find the word from the passage that means similar to 'necessity'.**

**(1 Mark)**

**SECTION-B (Grammar)**

**Q2. Choose the correct determiner in the following sentences**

**(1×2=2)**

- (i) Mehul finished her project with \_\_\_\_\_ (this/these) drawing pens.
- (ii) Today we had \_\_\_\_\_ Biryani. (much/enough)

**Q3. Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of the adjective:**

**(1×2=2)**

- (i) My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) than I am.
- (ii) She is the \_\_\_\_\_ (good) student in the class.

**SECTION-C (Literature)**

**Q4. Answer any two of the following questions in about 50 to 60 words. (2×2=4)**

- (i) Why did the grandfather believe that planting trees was important, even if no one saw them?
- (ii) How does the poet use the word 'radiant' to convey meaning in the poem Joyati Bharat?

(iii) How does the poet connect personal loss with national duty in the poem 'The Gift of India'.

**Q5. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.**

$(3 \times 1 = 3)$

(i) The monsoon season was the time of rambling about. At every turn \_\_\_\_\_.

(ii) The speaker describes the grim reality of war, where the bodies \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) Spiritual Grandeur: Natural landmarks like the Himalayas are portrayed as symbols of \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION-D (Writing)**

**Q6.** You are Poorva/Partha, Cultural Secretary of your school, D.B. Senior Secondary School, Ambur. Write a report towards Yoga Day celebration in your school on the occasion of Yoga Day to be published in the newspaper. **(3 Marks)**