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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

ENGLISH CLASS VIII

DURATION: 3Hrs

MARKS: 80

Q. 1. READ THE PASSAGE CAREFULLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW. 8 M

Cancer has emerged as the second-leading cause of death globally after cardiovascular diseases. Proportion of deaths due to cancer around the world increased from 12% in 1990 to 15% in 2013 while the number of new cases almost doubled in India during the period.

In India, deaths from the disease have increased by 60%, according to the latest report 'Global Burden of Cancer-2013', released worldwide on Friday.

"Even if we adjust for the rise in population in India over this period, the new cancer cases have increased by 30% per unit population and deaths have risen by 10%," says Lalit Dodona, coauthor of the study and professor at the public health foundation of India and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

In 2013, there were 14.9 million new cancer registered globally, whereas 8.2 million people died due to the disease. The report is based on a global study of 28 cancer groups in 188 countries by a consortium of international researchers from University of Washington and Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.

The report suggests that new cases of virtually all types of cancer are rising in countries globally – regardless of income-but the death rates from cancer are falling in many countries primarily due to its prevention and treatment. However, it says there is a threat of increasing incidence in developing countries due to ill-equipped health systems.

While incidence of breast cancer is highest in India as well as globally, most number of cancer deaths in India are caused due to stomach cancer, which is globally the second most common reason for death.

- (a) Cancer is next only to _____ Diseases resulting in deaths, worldwide.
- (b) The report _____ claimed that cancer deaths in India have risen
- (c) The death rates from cancer in many countries are coming down mainly due to _____ and treatment.
- (d) The developing countries have failed to control the death rate due to _____.
- (e) All types of cancer are on an increase regardless of _____.
- (f) The incidence of _____ is the highest in India as well as globally.
- (g) Most number of cancer deaths in India are caused due to _____.
- (h) The synonym of the word phrase 'come out' is _____ (last Para)

Q. 2 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

12m

The dormant ngorongoro volcano and the wilderness that surrounds it are full of surprises. It is a conservation area and a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the Crater Highlands area of Tanzania. This is where I had one of my most dangerous encounters. Ngorongoro Crater, a dormant volcano, is as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa.

The Ngorongoro crater is home to the world's most ferocious lions. These magnificent, blackmined lions are distinguished by their large size and thick black mane around the face. There are over 130 lions in this small area-the highest density of predators found anywhere in the world. They make their presence felt; thunderous roars reverberate through the crater every now and then.

That morning, we were trying to film a newborn elephant. Zobe, my jeep driver and friend of many years, is an expert tracker. He had seen the mother elephant in the last stages of labor. We found her near a champ of acacia trees surrounded by thick Savanna grass.

Aware of the power of a protective mother elephant, we stopped a safe distance away. She was tending to the newborn, who was struggling to stand up. The cow went down on her knees and gently used her tusks and trunk to support the calf.

Suddenly, a group of impalas shot out of the thick grass. One female was bleeding heavily. Our forest guard looked through his binoculars.

We could hear little bleats. It was probably a baby impala, dropped by its frightened mother while running from the leopard. The herd had disappeared there was no chance of the mother returning and the abandoned newborn had no chance of survival.

I On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:

5*2=10 m

- (a) Which is considered as one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Africa?
- (b) Where did the writer's adventurous encounter take place?
- (c) How many lions can be seen there?
- (d) What is meant by 'reverberate'? (Para 2)
- e) How are black-mined lions different from others?

II ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION FROM THE PASSAGE

1*2=2 MARKS

- a) Who was Zobe?
- b) Why couldn't the baby impala survive?

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (30 MARKS)

Q3 You are Varuna/ Vintha, the school Leader of Carmel public school. Write a notice in about 50 words requesting students to contribute things for the flood victims of Kerala and kodagu. Give necessary details. Put the notice in a box **4 marks**

Q.4 You are Samay/ Soumya of Adarsh Colony, Hubli. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining the problems faced by the public due to inappropriate maintenance of garbage bins in your area. You can suggest some remedial measures for the problem. **6 marks**

Q 5 Write a story using the following hints in about 150-200 words. Give it a suitable title. 8 m

Radha-driving – busy road – late for college – attends a call – becomes absent – ended

Q 6 DO AS DIRECTED

6 MARKS

A) Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verb given in the bracket 2 marks

a) She _____ told a lie (have)

b) The work _____ not been finished yet. (have)

B) Say whether the following sentence are ACTIVE OR PASSIVE

2MARKS

a) It is time to cook the food

b) Meena wants Niti to help her.

C) Change the following into indirect speech 2 marks

a) I said, "my relatives are very helpful to me."

b) He said, "Rana was exercising in his room".

Q 7 The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Identify the missing word and write it along with the word before and the word after in your answer sheet. 3m

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
I met him the first time	e.g. him	for	the
At weekend leadership camp.	a. _____	_____	_____
All the students been invited _____	b. _____	_____	
To sing up become more _____	c. _____	_____	

Q. 8 Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 3m

E.g. rear cattle/we/for/mainly/their milk

We rear cattle mainly for their milk.

(i) even/but surprisingly /the/rear cows / smallest of ants

(ii) of the ant/ the cow /small green/ is a/ called aphid/creature

(iii) insects/Aphids/a e/ suck/ that/juices of plants/ the

Q 9 .Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

4m

Macavity's a mystery cat: he's called the hidden paw _

For he's the master criminal who can defy the law.

He's the bafflement of Scotland yard, the flying squad's despair:

For when they reach the scene of crime – Macavity's not there.

- a) What is the other name of the Mystery cat?
- b) Why the Scotland Yard in bafflement?
- c) Who reaches the crime scene and who is not found?
- d) Name the poem and the poet.

Q 10 .Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.

4m

Breathing is difficult. You curse yourself for having let yourself in for this. You wonder why you ever undertook the ascent. There are moments when you feel like going back. It would be sheer relief to go down, instead of up. But almost at once you snap out of that mood. There is something in you that does not let you give up the struggle. And you go on. Your companion keeps up with you.

- a) Where did the author find breathing difficult?
- b) What for did he curse himself?
- c) What does the climber at times feel in the last leg of the journey?
- d) What prevents him from giving up the struggle?

Q 11. Answer of the following questions briefly

8M

- a) What are the three qualities that helped the author in climbing the mighty Everest?
- b) What had happened to Jody's father? How did the fawn save his life?
- c) Who had written the letter, to whom and when?
- d) Where did the smith family and the others on the bench go to escape from the tsunami?

Q 12 Answer of the following questions briefly

8MARKS

- a) Who was the better swimmer? How do you know it? (The Fight)
- b) What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?
- c) What did he decide to follow the 'strange 'girl'?
- d) Why is the giant called selfish?

13. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words.

6m

- a) The little child's hands and feet had marks of noils. Who does the child remind you of? Give a reason for your answer.

OR

- b) What do you think happened after Bepin Babu came to know the truth? Explain.