

Standard VIII

ENGLISH

Max. Score :40

Time :1½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- ◆ This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- ◆ You are not supposed to write anything during the cool off time.
- ◆ Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. Read the passage from the story 'The Light on the Hills' and answer the questions that follow.

(1x5 = 5)

'I want to work at my picture,' he said, and went into the field. The little sister went too, and stood by him watching while he painted.

'The trees are not quite straight,' she said, 'and oh, dear brother the sky is not blue enough.'

'It will all come right soon,' he answered. 'Will it be of any good?' 'Oh yes,' she said, wondering that he should even ask. 'It will make people happy to look at it. They will feel as if they were in the field.'

1. Why did the boy go into the field?
2. Who accompanied the boy to the field?
3. What were the suggestions given by his sister for the picture?
4. According to the girl, how can the boy make people happy?
5. Read the sentence given below.

'The trees are not quite straight'.

Identify the **head noun** in the sentence.

Questions 6-9. Read the excerpt from the poem 'The Sower' and answer the questions that follow.

(1x4 = 4)

Sitting in a porch way cool,
Fades the ruddy sunlight fast,
Twilight hastens on to rule—
Working hours are well - nigh past.
Shadows shoot across the lands;
But one sower fingers still,
Old, in rags, he patient stands,—
Looking on, I feel a thrill.

6. Who is sitting in the porch way?
7. What is the time mentioned in the poem?
8. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the given lines.
9. What does the poet feel?

Question 10. Prepare a **profile** of 'Rosa parks' using the details given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary. (5x1 = 5)

Name	: Rosa Louise MaCauley Parks.
Birth	: 4 th February, 1913, Alabama, USA.
Nationality	: American
Fame	: Montgomery Bus boycott.
Education	: Highlander Folk School, Alabama State Teachers College for Negroes.
Awards	: Presidential Medal for Freedom. Golden plate Award, etc.
Death	: 24 October, 2005, Michigan, USA.

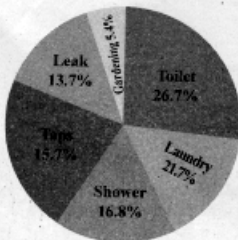
Questions 11-12. Attempt any ONE of the following. (5x1 = 5)

11. The arrest of Rosa Parks provoked the black community. They started boycotting the buses. Prepare the likely **news report**.
(Rosa sits still - driver warns - police arrest her - provokes the blacks - boycott the buses - use taxis - great loss for the bus company)
12. The story, 'The Nightingale and the Rose', talks about the bonding between man and nature. Write a **paragraph** on how nature helped the boy to fulfill his true love.
(empathy of nightingale - responses of other creations - nightingale tolerates the pain - rose gives birth to red rose.)

Questions 13-15. Answer any TWO of the following. (5x2 = 10)

13. The boy's love is rejected in the story 'The Nightingale and the Rose'. He feels very sad and writes his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.
14. "Rosa Parks refused to move - and this transformed a million lives" - Prepare the **character sketch** of Rosa Parks.
15. In an exhibition, you happened to see the beautiful paintings of the boy in the story 'The Light on the Hills'. Write a **letter** to congratulate him.

Questions 16-19. Study the following Pie Diagram that shows the domestic water usage as per one of the researches conducted in 2016. Answer the questions that follow. (1x4=4)



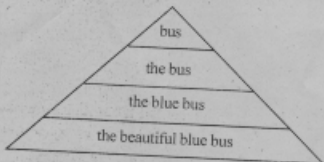
16. The highest percentage of water is utilised for _____.
17. How much water is used for shower?
18. What percentage of water is wasted through leakage?
19. Mention the purpose for which the lowest percentage of water is used.
20. **Edit** the errors in the following sentence.

(1x4=4)

Once more they looked (a) for the hills (b) who seemed to (c) rose up out of the deep (d) shadaw into the light, and then together they went home.

21. Look at the **word pyramid** given below.

(1x3=3)



Prepare a similar **word pyramid** using the word **'tree'**.