



PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

**SECOND TERM TEST - 2018****Grade 08****ENGLISH LANGUAGE****Two Hours**Name / Index No. : \***Answer all questions on this paper itself.****Test - 01 Complete the following paragraph with prepositions from the list. The first one is done for you.**

of / on / to / by / with / during

We were (1) on holiday (2) ..... our grandparents (3) ..... the April vacation. We had a lot (4) ..... fun. But when it was time (5) ..... get back home we were very sad. However we enjoyed the return journey (6) ..... train. (10 marks)

**Test - 02 Complete the following sentences writing the most suitable answer in the blank. The first one is done for you.**

- (1) My sister looked at herself in the mirror and then combed her hair.  
 (a) herself (b) itself (c) yourself
- (2) When I have no one to talk to, I talk to .....  
 (a) itself (b) myself (c) himself
- (3) The cat cleaned..... and then it cleaned the kittens.  
 (a) itself (b) themselves (c) yourself
- (4) My sister wasn't careful when she was cooking. She cut ..... with a knife.  
 (a) himself (b) itself (c) herself
- (5) Ravi, you're only five years old. Can you get dressed by ..... ?  
 (a) yourself (b) yourself (c) ourselves
- (6) Why don't we give ..... a few minutes to rest before we leave?  
 (a) myself (b) yourself (c) ourselves (10 marks)

**Test - 03 Underline the correct word to complete the sentence.**

- (1) "Nelum Kuluna" is the ..... tower in Colombo.  
 a) shorter b) tallest c) tall
- (2) The film was cute ..... Everyone enjoyed it.  
 a) interesting b) boring c) unhappy
- (3) There was a big ..... in the city. So we returned home late.  
 a) crowd b) people c) passengers
- (4) I want to find the meaning of this word from the .....  
 a) catalogue b) directory c) dictionary
- (5) Ashini likes to learn about birds. She wants to be an ..... one day.  
 a) engineer b) ornithologist c) artist (10 marks)

**Test - 04 Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below.**



This is a picture of a (1) ..... room. There is a man (2) ..... a cup of tea. He is wearing (3) ..... . A woman is feeding her (4) ..... . She has (5) ..... hair. There are six chairs (6) ..... the table. There are two (7) ..... of sauce and three (8) ..... of water on the table. There is a (9) ..... of bananas in the basket. The (10) ..... is on the gas cooker.

(10 marks)

**Test - 05 Here is what Malsha and her family do every Saturday morning. Read the sentences and write what each one does in passive voice. One is done for you.**

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|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| (1) Mother prepares breakfast.       | - | <b>Breakfast is prepared by mother.</b> |
| (2) Father cleans the garden.        | - | .....                                   |
| (3) Grandmother reads the newspaper. | - | .....                                   |
| (4) Sister washes all the clothes.   | - | .....                                   |
| (5) Malsha sweeps the house.         | - | .....                                   |
| (6) Brother does homework.           | - | .....                                   |

(10 marks)

**Test - 06 Read the following poem and answer the questions.**

**Fish**

Oh, how I wish I were a fish  
 To swim in the deep blue sea,  
 There would be no rules to follow  
 All fun down here,  
 on the land rules are a trouble  
 A real pain in the rear.  
 Humans are not wanted down here,  
 For they want to see us fish  
 Dangling from their hook.  
 Oh how I wish to be a fish  
 In the sea full of wonder  
 Yes, that's the life for me.

- (1) Is the poet a fish ? ..... (Yes / No) (2 marks)
- (2) Where does the poet like to live in ? ..... (2 marks)
- (3) Mention 2 words used to describe the sea.  
1. .... 2. .... (2 marks)
- (4) Write a rhyming word for the word "fish" ..... (2 marks)
- (5) Fill in the blanks.  
1. On the land we must follow ..... (2 marks)  
2. The sea is full of ..... (10 marks)

**Test - 07 Match A with B. Write the correct letter in the box. One is done for you.**

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| (1) I like                      | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px;"></div>                      | a) when I was small         |
| (2) I have                      | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">f</div> | b) with my friends          |
| (3) I started collecting stamps | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px;"></div>                      | c) help me with my hobby    |
| (4) I have got                  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px;"></div>                      | d) to collect stamps        |
| (5) I share the extra stamps    | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px;"></div>                      | e) stamps of many countries |
| (6) My partents                 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px;"></div>                      | f) a stamp album            |

**Test - 08 Fill in the blanks using the words given.**

deepest	expensive	interesting	small	better
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- (1) 'Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince' is the most ..... novel I've ever read.
- (2) My pet is a ..... rabbit.
- (3) Mariana is the ..... tenon in the world.
- (4) Prevention is ..... than cure.
- (5) Gold is more ..... than silver. (10 marks)

**Test - 09 Read the following text and answer the questions.**

**History of the Stamp.**

Before the postage stamp came into use, the person who received a letter had to pay a delivery charge. The fee depended on the distance the letter had been carried in fact the receiver could have refused to accept the letter and not paid. The mail was carried by mail boys. Some of them walked while others rode on horse back. This system prevailed in many countries until the fist stamp was introduced in Great Britain on May 6<sup>th</sup> 1840.

The prepaid stamp brought about a uniform charge regardless of the distance. The first stamp was a black stamp with the portrait of Queen Victoria. The Words "potage" and "One Penny" were also painted on it As it was the world's first stamp, the name of the country was not printed.

- (1) Who paid the delivery charge before the postage stamp was introduced ? (2 marks)  
.....
- (2) Who carried the mail ? (2 marks)  
.....

- (3) When and where was the first stamp introduced ? (2 marks)
- i) ..... ii) .....
- (4) Fill in the blank.
1. There was a ..... of Queen Victoria on the 1<sup>st</sup> stamp.
2. The name of the ..... was not printed on the 1<sup>st</sup> stamp. (2 marks)
- (5) Find the antonyms / opposites of the following words from the text.
1. after - ..... 2. sender - ..... (2 marks)

**Test - 10 Write on one of the followings. (Use 75 - 100 words)**

1. Write an essay on "Good Friends"  
Mention,
  - a) why you need friends
  - b) qualities you see in good friends
  - c) how they help you.or
2. Write a letter to your pen friend describing a trip you went on to see birds in 'Kumana', the birds' sanctuary. Mention;
  - a) the colours and sizes of the birds you saw
  - b) where do they live in
  - c) what do they eat
  - d) how you observed themor
3. Write an essay to be published in your class magazine on "How I hope to spend the August Vacation."

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(10 marks)

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Second Term Test- 2018

**Grade 08****ANSWER PAPER****English Language**

- Test 01 :** (2) with (3) during (4) of (5) to (6) by
- Test 02 :** (2) myself (3) itself (4) herself (5) yourself (6) ourselves
- Test 03 :** (1) tallest (2) interesting (3) crowd (4) dictionary  
(5) ornithologist
- Test 04 :** (1) dining (2) drinking / having (3) spectacles/spects  
(4) baby / child / son (5) short/black (6) around  
(7) bottles (8) glasses (9) comb (10) kettle
- Test 05 :** (2) The garden is cleaned by father. (3) The news paper is read by grandmother.  
(4) All the clothes are washed by sister. (5) The house is swept by Malsha.  
(5) School homework is done by brother.
- Test 06 :** (1) No (2) sea / in the sea (3) 1. deep 2. blue  
(4) wish (5) 1. rules 2. wonder
- Test 07 :** (1) d (2) f (3) a (4) e (5) b (6) c
- Test 08 :** (1) interesting (2) small (3) deepest (4) better (5) expensive
- Test 09 :** (1) the person who received a letter / the receiver. (2) mail boys  
(3) i. May 6<sup>th</sup> 1840 ii. Great Britain (4) 1. portrait 2. country  
(5) 1.before 2.receiver.
- Test 10 :** Content - 03, Language - 04 Format & Organization - 02 Mechanics of Writing - 01