

**Class : Eight**  
**Subject : English**

**Syllabus: Unit- 5 (EFT) ;**

**Reading Test (25 Marks) : Questions # 1 (MCQ), 2 (Question and Answer), 6 ( Fill in the gaps without clue), 7 ( Fill in gaps with clue)**

**Grammar Test (25 Marks): Questions # 9 (Suffix and Prefix), 10 (Article), 11 (Changing Sentence), 12 ( Speech), 13 (Punctuation Marks)**

**Sample Question**

**Class : VIII**

**Subject: English**

**Time : 1: 20 Hours**

**Full Marks :50**

**Part-A (Reading Test)**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions below:**

Once upon a time, a dove and a bat were very good friends. One day the two friends decided to set out on a journey. They flew over the rivers and hills and came to a jungle. Both the friends were very tired, they needed to sit down and take a rest. Soon night fell and it was dark all around. A storm rose. It started to rain heavily. The dove and the bat started to look for a shelter.

They came upon a century-old rain tree. An owl had his nest in that tree. The dove and the bat knocked at the owl's door. The old grumpy owl opened the door. The dove and the bat requested him to give them shelter. The owl unwillingly let them in. The two birds were hungry too. They begged for some food. The selfish owl was not happy. However, he shared his dinner with them. The dove was so tired that she could hardly eat. But the bat was sly. He ate greedily. He began to praise the owl with the thought of getting more food. The bat said, " O wise and brave owl, you are the most generous person I have ever seen. You are powerful and mighty The owl was very pleased at the bat's flattery." He puffed and ruffled himself, trying to look as wise and brave as possible. Then he turned to the dove and asked "Now little dove , what do you think about me?"

**1. Choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given and write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script.**

**1 X 7 = 7**

- (i) The word '**unwillingly**' in line 5 means .....
- (a) spontaneously                      (b) intentionally                      (c) voluntarily                      (d) reluctantly
- (ii) They took shelter .....
- (a) on a rain tree                      (b) in a hole                      (c) on a mango tree                      (d) in the owl's nest
- (iii) The antonym of the word '**praise**' is .....
- (a) magnify                      (b) exalt                      (c) glorify                      (d) knock
- (iv) The word '**grumpy**' is a/an .....
- (a) noun                      (b) adverb                      (c) adjective                      (d) verb
- (v) The synonym of the word '**generous**' .....
- (a) magnanimous                      (b) stingy                      (c) frugal                      (d) penurious
- (vi) The bat was a ----- creature.
- (a) innocent                      (b) shrewd                      (c) foolish                      (d) ingenuous
- (vii) The owl became ----- with the dove .
- (a) annoyed                      (b) delighted                      (c) pleased                      (d) satisfied

**2. Answer the following questions.**

**2 X 4 = 8**

- a) Why did the bat and the dove become hungry?  
b) Why did the bat praise the owl?  
c) What did the owl want to know from the dove?  
d) How was the owl grumpy?

**3. Fill in the gaps with appropriate word.**

**1X5=5**

Unfair means in the examination is (a) ——— offense. It degrades the (b) ——— of education. If the students of a country do not acquire (c) ——— education, there will be no (d) ——— for the country. Then the country will lag (e) ——— .

**4. Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary.**

**.5X10=5**

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Our freedom fighters are the real heroes (a) ——— our country. We should remember them as they (b) ——— their lives for the cause of (c) ———. It is a matter of great regret (d) ——— most of them are neglected and our young generation (e) ——— about their valiant (f) ———. Yet today many of the real freedom fighters have not (g) ——— found out and established. (h) ——— of them lead a very poor life. The authority (i) ——— take proper step to enlist them and give them (j) ——— honour.

**Part-C (Grammar)**

**5. Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the root words in the brackets adding suitable suffix, prefix or both.**

**.5 X 10 = 5**

My mother has come of a (a) **(respect)** Muslim family. She is very polite, (b) **(affection)** and intelligent. She manages the family (c) **(nice)**. She loves me (d) **(dear)**. She is ready to sacrifice her own (e) **(happy)** for us. She gives much importance on (f) **(truthful)** and (g) **(honest)**. She advises us not to follow any (h) **(honesty)** in the life and not to do anything (i) **(wise)**. She cannot tolerate (j) **(modesty)**.

**6. Fill in the gaps in the following text with appropriate articles (a, an or the). Put a cross (x) where no article is used.**

**0.5×10=5**

A library is (a) ——— part and parcel of (b) ——— educational institution. It is (c) ——— unique place where books of different subjects are kept for (d) ——— reading. It enables (e) ——— readers to read books of their choice that create (f) ——— enthusiasm for learning. Students should pay (g) ——— visit to (h) ——— library regularly. They can borrow books for (i) ——— certain period and return them after (j) ——— given time.

**7. Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets.**

**1×5=5**

(a) We are proud of our freedom fighters. (Interrogative) (b) Their contribution will never be forgotten. (Active) (c) They were inspired by the common people. (Interrogative) (d) Their sacrifice is greater than any other thing. (Negative) (e) They lead a very miserable life. (Exclamatory)

**8. Change the following passages into indirect speech.**

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"My sons, listen to me," said the old man. "A great treasure lies hidden in the land. I am going to leave it to you." "How will we find it?" said the sons. "You must dig the land for it," said the old man.

**9. Use capital letters and punctuation marks as needed in the following passage.**

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once i asked a little girl what is your mothers name she replied cleverly i know my mothers name but i wont tell you that i said what a clever girl you are may you prosper in life