A K M PUBLIC SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION (SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER)

CLASS: VIII ENGLISH MARKS: 50
TIME: 2 HRS

SECTION A :READING READ AND ANSWER

I.

Dogs and cats should never be permitted to eat chocolate, because chocolate works like a poison in their bodies. Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine, which is similar to caffeine. Human bodies are able to process the theobromine without any ill side effects, but dogs and cats cannot. Different types of chocolate contain different amounts of theo-bromine. It would take 20 ounces of milk chocolate to kill a 20-pound dog, but only two ounces of baker's chocolate or six ounces of semi-sweet chocolate. The amounts, of course, are much smaller for a cat, whose body weight is typically less than that of a dog.

Most cats are not naturally attracted to eating chocolate, but many dogs are. Dogs by nature will sample nearly anything that they see their masters eating, so pet owners must take care to keep all chocolate products well out of reach of their dogs and cats. (1x5=5)

- 1. According to the passage, why is chocolate poisonous for dogs and cats?
 - a. It contains caffeine.
 - b. Chocolate is made from processed cocoa.
 - c. It gets stuck in their intestines.
 - d. They cannot process theobromine.
- 2. How much milk chocolate would be poisonous to a cat, according
 - to the passage?
 - a. substantially less than 20 ounces
 - b. substantially more than 20 ounces
 - c. approximately one pound
 - d. half a Hershey bar
- 3. Why might a dog eat chocolate, according to the passage?
 - a. Because it tastes good.
 - b. Dogs won't eat chocolate.
 - c. They can smell the theobromine.
 - d. Dogs like to imitate their owners.
- 4. What best summarizes this passage?
 - a. Look before you leap.
 - b. Pet food for pets, people food for people.
 - c. Monkey see, monkey do.
 - d. A penny saved is a penny earned.
- 5. Write an appropriate title for the passage.

II. Below is a fictional table similar to something that you might encounter in a publication from the IRS. (1x5=5)

0–15.	0.	0	
15–20.	10	5	
20–25	12	7	
25–40.	13	9	
40–70.	15.	7	
70–100	18.	5	
100+.	20	3	

- 6. How much tax will you pay if you earn \$28,000?
 - a. 7% b. \$13
- c. \$13,000
- d. 13%
- 7. How much Social Security will you pay if you earn \$75,000?
 - a. 5% b. \$12,000
- c. 18%
- d. none
- 8. What is the highest salary you can earn and still pay no taxes?
 - a. \$21,999 b. \$20,000
- c. \$18,000
- d. \$15,000
- 9. What salary range pays 15 percent total, including tax and Social Security?
 - a. \$25,000 \$40,000 b. \$20,000 \$25,000 c. \$15,000 \$20,000 d. 0 \$15,000

- 10. What salary range does not have to pay any tax?
 - a. \$25,000 \$40,000 b. \$20,000 \$25,000 c.\$15,000 \$20,000 d. 0 \$15,000

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR

I. 11. WRITING (5X1=5)

- A. Write a profile of Robert Frost using the following promts.
- Robert Frost- an American poet.
- Born on 26 March1874. San Francisco
- Full Name Robert Lee Frost
- parents- Wlliam Prescott Frost Jr. and Isabelle Moodie
- Occupation- poet, Playwright
- Notable works -A Boy's will, North of Boston, Stopping by woods on a Snowy Evening, New Hampshire
- Notable Awards: Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, Congressional Gold Medal, Bollingen Prize.
- Only poet to receive four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry.
- Named poet laureate of Vermont
- Died -January 29, 1963

OR

- B. Write a book review of your favourite book or a book that you recently read.
- Complete the sentences with participle clauses. Use the words in brackets. II.
 - 12. ----(feel,tired), he went to bed.

13. Penicillin is a wonder drug----(discover, Alexander Fleming). III. Fill in the blanks using appropriate binomial pairs. (black and white, rock and roll, safe and sound) (1X2=2)14. After walking through the red-light district for hours, we finally got back to our hotel..... 15. Come on! Don't look at everything in..... IV. Change the following sentences to the conditional clauses as directed (1X3=3)16. I — (earn) a lot of money if I— (get) that job. (First conditional) 17. If he— (try) harder, he –(reach) his goals. (Second conditional) 18. If we — (listen) to the radio, we — (hear) the news. (Third conditional) V. Change these sentences as directed. (1X3=3)19. Boys and girls below the age of ten cannot enter the hostel. (complex) 20. I went to the park today. It was loads of fun. (compound) 21. It was cold outside, she wore a warm jacket.(compound). **SECTION C - LITERATURE** Read the following extract and find out the answers for the questions that follow. VI. People often say to I, Α. Smaller noses we have seen, On elephants and rhinoceri! 22. Which figure of speech is used in these lines (1/2)23. Name the poem and the poet. **(1)** 24. Why does the poet make fun of his nose **(1)** 25. Why does the speaker make a mention of elephants and rhinoceroses? $(1\frac{1}{2})$ B. 'Well, you didn't have to snatch my pocketbook to get some suede shoes,' said Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones. 'You could've asked me.' 26. Who is the listener? (1/2)27. What was Roger doing when Mrs Jones made this suggestion? $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 28. What was his reaction to this suggestion? $(1\frac{1}{2})$ 29. What did he want to do immediately? (1 1/2)VII. Answer any five of the following questions. (2x5=10)30. How are 'inner values' like a 'rings within a tree'? 31. What kind of training did the Pandavas and the Kauravas receive under Guru Dronacharya? 32. How did the landlord's a teacher react to the fishing expedition? 33. What message do you think the poet possibly wants to convey through the poem my nose? 34. Why was Phytiyas late in returning to Syracuse? 35. What did the speaker's father tell him about his nose? 36. Write any three qualities traits or attributes Rabindranath Tagore wants in his country men?

VIII ANSWER ANY TWO IN A PARAGRAPH OF AROUND 50 WORDS. (2x3=6)

- 37. Write a short note explaining the poets vision through the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'?
- 38. Why do you think everybody at the inn was telling false stories to claim that they had caught that trout?
- 39. What does the poet mean by 'make my life too easy'?