

# प्रथम भाषा : इंग्रजी - इयत्ता : आठवी



**Maharashtra Academic Authority, Pune 30.**

**Pragat Shaikshanik Maharashtra (PSM)**

**Summative Evaluation 2 : 2017-18**

**Standard : Eight - Subject : English (Written)**

Name of the Student : \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No. :

Name of the School : \_\_\_\_\_ Div. : \_\_\_\_\_

Cluster : \_\_\_\_\_ Taluka : \_\_\_\_\_ District : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2018

Q. No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Oral	Total	Teacher's Signature
Marks Obtained												
Marks Allotted	5	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	60	

**Q. 1. Listen and Write.**

**(5 Marks)**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
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- 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. 2.** Read the given passage carefully.

Mark Twain was the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, a popular American writer. He was famous for his humorous stories, novels and other writings. His ready wit shone through everyday conversations. Many anecdotes related to Mark Twain are told and enjoyed even today.

It should be noted that he was a great defender of human values like liberty, equality and fraternity. He opposed wars and imperialism and supported the cause of labourers and of the black people in his country. America.

Now answer the following questions.

**A)** Mark Twain was famous for his... (Tick (✓) the correct answer.)

(1 Mark)

- a) acting skills
- b) humorous stories
- c) poems

**B)** What did Mark Twain greatly defend ?

(2 Marks)

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**C)** Why do you think, Mark Twain is considered to be an intelligent person ?

(2 Marks)

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**Q. 3.** Read the given poem carefully.

This is my prayer to thee, my lord  
strike, strike at the root of penury in my heart.  
Give me the strength  
lightly to bear my joys and sorrows  
Give me the strength  
to make my love fruitful in service.  
Give me the strength  
never to disown the poor  
or bend my knees before insolent might.  
Give me the strength  
to raise my mind high above daily trifles.  
And give me the strength  
to surrender my strength  
to thy will with love

- Rabindranath Tagore

Now answer the following questions.

**A)** What is the poet asking God to give him ? Tick (✓) the correct answer. (1 Mark)

a) Love       b) joy       c) strength

**B)** 'Never to disown the poor or bend my knees before insolent might'.  
What do understand by the line ? Explain. (2 Marks)

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**C)** Finally to whom does the poet wish to surrender ? Why ? (2 Marks)

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**Q. 4.** Read the given passage carefully.

The Moghul emperor Akbar was not a highly educated man, but he was naturally clever and thoughtful. He took a great interest in religion and philosophy. In religion he was very broad-minded and liked to listen to religious discussions among Muslims, Christians, Hindus and Buddhists and teachers of all faiths. He was not satisfied with the views of any religion. So he took the help of two clever brothers. Abu'l Faizi and Abu'l Fazal, and founded a new religion called the Din-i-Ilahi. This became the court religion. It contained the cream of all the religions.

Now answer the following questions.

**A)** The newly founded religion by Akbar was....

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(1 Mark)

- a) Abu'l Fazal
- b) Din-i-Ilahi
- c) Abu'l Falzi

**B)** In which subjects was Akbar interested ?

(2 Marks)

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**C)** Describe the Moghul Emperor - Akbar.

(2 Marks)

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**Q. 5.** Read the given passage carefully.

Man enjoys the gift of speech and ability to think. Yet certain actions of man show that he is thoughtless and lacks imagination. He causes much suffering to dumb creatures without meaning to be cruel.

Think of the happy wild birds flying freely, enjoying the open sky and living in the dense forest trees. Man catches a bird and imprisons it in a beautiful cage. He thinks that the bird will be happy if it gets a lot of food and fruits, and a clean cage to live in.

Man fails to understand the bird's feelings. The little prisoner no longer feels like singing its songs of freedom and joy of living. If it could speak, it would tell man how sad it is, cooped up in that small cage. To the bird, freedom is more valuable than food and comfort.

Now answer the following questions.

**A)** What is more important to the bird in a cage ?

Tick (✓) the correct answer.

(1 Mark)

a) food

b) comfort

c) freedom

**B)** What are nature's gifts to man ?

(2 Marks)

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**C)** Imagine the feelings of a caged bird. Write in your words, what would they be ?

(2 Marks)

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**Q. 6.** Do as directed.

**A) a)** They had posted the invitation cards. (1 Mark)

(Rewrite the sentence beginning with - 'The invitation cards.....')

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**b)** The cheetah runs faster than the deer. (1 Mark)

(Change the degree)

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**B)** Complete the following table. (2 Marks)

Sr. No.	Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
a)	_____		Proud	_____
b)	expression	_____	_____	

**C)** Use the following phrases in sentences of your own. (2 Marks)

a) in due course - \_\_\_\_\_

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b) to carry out - \_\_\_\_\_

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**D)** Chinese language is too complicated to understand. (1 Mark)

(Remove adverb 'too' and rewrite the sentence with 'so---that')

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**E)** They had nothing to eat. (1 Mark)  
(Change to Affirmative)

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**F)** The gardener said to her, "Who gave you permission to pluck these flowers?" (1 Mark)  
(Change into indirect speech.)

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**G)** She said to us, wait and watch. (1 Mark)  
(Punctuate the sentence.)

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**Q. 7.** Write a report on the given topic for your school magazine. "Your school had arranged a social service camp to a nearby village. You were asked to explain the importance of cleanliness to the people of that village."

(5 Marks)

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**Q. 8.** You wish to ban the use of plastic carry bags in your locality. The use of plastic carry bags is a serious hazard to the environment.

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper suggesting suitable steps to overcome the problem. (5 Marks)

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**Q. 9.** Write your opinion, suggesting your views on 'Traffic congestion is the biggest problem faced today.' (5 Marks)

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