

Section A- Reading (5 marks)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow

The *unsung* heroes -- that's what they are. Uniformed men and women who protect our country from danger and foreign intrusion; day after day, month after month, year after year.

Countless are the sacrifices they have made, risking their lives for the safety of our nation. Their call of duty sometimes brings them far away from their loved ones for long periods of time, to areas ravaged by war and famine and inflicted with disease. Often, they are unable to join their family members for birthdays, anniversaries and other festive occasions like Hari Raya, Deepavali, Christmas or Chinese New Year.

Yet, sadly, many a time we fail to appreciate their deeds and sacrifices. We tend to be *blind to the fact* that every day, the members of the armed forces are playing their part to ensure that the peace and stability of our country is maintained. They patrol our seas and skies, and guard our borders against foreign intrusion. We have the marine police protecting our waters, looking out for pirates and smugglers who bring in illegal immigrants or smuggle goods in or out of the country under the cover of darkness; the air force protecting us from air raids and helping out in rescue missions; the police who see to the smooth running of traffic and security in our towns and countryside, and members of the Federal Reserve Unit who prevent riots and fights.

We do not have to wait till Warriors' Day to remember them. In fact, for every new day that we are blessed with peace, we have them to thank.

1. In the expression 'The *unsung* heroes', the word *unsung* means that the heroes are not

- (A) brave
- (B) singers
- (C) praised
- (D) real heroes

2. According to the passage, the unsung heroes are unable to

- (A) work with their family members
- (B) support their family financially
- (C) celebrate any special occasions or festivals
- (D) be with their family members most of the time

3. The word *Countless* can be replaced with

- (A) too long
- (B) too many
- (C) too difficult
- (D) too insignificant

4. The following are the physical dangers faced by the members of the armed forces except

- (A) working in war-torn areas
- (B) having to deal with intruders
- (C) risking their lives to protect the country
- (D) being forgotten by their family members

5. When we are *blind to the fact*, we do not

- (A) help
- (B) hear
- (C) realize
- (D) contribute

Section B: Writing (20 marks)

1. Write a notice in not more than 50 words to inform the students of your class about Group Recitation Competition to be held on 21 September 2014. The best group will get an opportunity to perform in the school Annual Day uncton. You are Nidhi/ Nikhil, English Activity In-charge of Class VIII.
2. Being a student, it disturbs you that punishment in today's schools mean, taking away the activity and games period from the time table. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, discussing the issue.
3. Students of your class were awarded at the School Annual Function for their exceptional performances in fields like sports, dance and academics. As the monitor of the class, write a 100 word Report for your class magazine mentioning the details of the award ceremony.

Section C: Grammar: (15 marks)

1. Edit the following passage: 4 Marks

I entered the manager's office and sat down.
I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset. a) ____
"I leave the money in my desk," I said, b) ____
"and it is not there now". The manager was very sympathetic
but he can do nothing. "Everyone loses money these days", c) ____
he said, He start to complain about this wicked world, d) ____
but is interrupted by a knock at the door. e) ____
A girl came in and puts an envelope on his desk. f) ____
It contains five hundred rupees. "I found this g) ____
outside this gentleman's room," she said.
"Well! I say to the manager, "there is still some h) ____
honesty in this world !"

2. Fill in the blanks with correct verb forms. 5 marks

When we (arrive) at the cinema hall, the movie (finish) and people (leave) at that very moment. We (understand) at once that we (miss) the film. My cousin (become) very frustrated. He (say) he had (want) to (see) the movie for a very long time. He (suggest) (buy) the tickets for the following day. We all (agree).

3. Convert the given dialogue in Reported Speech. 6 marks

Rohan : "What are you doing here, Lalit? I haven't seen you since June."

Lalit : "I've just come back from my holiday in Ireland."

Rohan : "Did you enjoy it?"

Lalit : "I love Ireland. And the Irish people were so friendly."

Rohan : "Did you go to the Wicklow Mountains?"

Lalit: "It was my first trip. I can show you some pictures. Are you doing anything tomorrow?"

Section A :Reading (5 marks)

Read the poem and answer the questions that follow

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed--and gazed--but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Complete the summary of the poem using appropriate words.

William Wordsworth describes his happiness when he sees the beauty of (1)..... Like the (2)....., they shine and appear as if ten thousand of them (3)..... their heads. The (4)..... waves were dance along with them. The poet cannot stop being (5).....with such a(6).....that they bring. Whenever the poet is alone on his couch in a (7)..... mood, the sight of the (8)..... flashes in his imagination and fills his heart with (9)..... and it seems that his heart also(10)..... along.

Section B: Writing (20 marks)

1. You are Akash. Read the following conversation.

Akash: Hello.

Rajesh: Hello, is that Aman? I am Uncle Rajesh.

Akash: Hello Uncle, Aman is not at home. He has gone for his cricket practice.

Rajesh: Hello Aman. Can you inform him that he should pick me up from the
Airport at 5:00 pm instead of 4:00 pm as my flight has been delayed.

Akash: Sure Uncle. I will inform him.

Rajesh: Thank you! See you all at home.

Akash has to leave for his tuitions. He writes a message for Aman to give him Uncle Rajesh's message. Draft the message as Akash.

2. It's the year 2030. You work in XYZ Company as a Manager. A workshop is being organised for all the employees on English Speaking. You notice that your English teacher from school has come to take the workshop for your company employees. The English teacher is now old but she recognises you. You both share your life's journey with each other. You are extremely happy and want to share this moment with your best friend from school. Write a letter expressing your thoughts.

3. As part of the Social Science Project, your class conducted a programme on "Adopt a pet". Under this project, your classmates adopted a stray puppy and took care of it. It is now a permanent member of the school. Write a report on the programme conducted.

Section C: Grammar (15 marks)

1. Read the passage given below. There is a word missing in each line. Write the missing word in your answer sheets.

1. I'm looking my pen.
2. What am I going to write?
3. you seen it?
4. I wanted write an article on education
5. The submission date tomorrow
6. I know you hidden my pen somewhere
7. Please tell me where hid it
8. Take off those earphones and listen me

2. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. 5 marks

1. we/interesting/found/the/some/library/books/in
2. football/Ken/play/does/weekend/every/ ?
3. park/building/opposite/new/they/a/are/hotel/the
4. his/minutes/a/I/few/name/remembered/after
5. write/page/please/top/name/of/the/at/your/the

3. Read the following conversation and convert the same in Reported Speech (6 marks)

Richa: Is Neeta in the class? Can I meet her

Purvi: No she is not inside. She has not been coming to school these days. She is not well.

Richa: Is it so? I wanted to meet her.

Purvi: Is there anything urgent? I live near her house I can give her your message.

Richa: Yes, I wanted to gift a "Thank you" card to her. She helped me during my unit tests.

Purvi: She may come to school next week. You should present her the card yourself. She will be very happy.

