

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti Noida

Mid-term Examination 2021-22

Class VIII

Time-3 Hrs.

Subject- English

Marks-80

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- a) This question paper is divided into four sections. Section A-Reading, Section B-Writing, Section C-Grammar & Section D-Literature.
 - b) Separate instructions have been given under each section.
 - c) Marks are indicated on the right side of the page.

Section A Reading-20 Marks.

Q1 Read the following passage and answer the questions 1 x 5=5 Marks

Insurance industry in India has seen a major growth in the last decade along with an introduction of a huge number of advanced products. This has led to a tough competition with a positive and healthy outcome. Insurance sector in India plays a dynamic role in the wellbeing of its economy. It substantially increases the opportunities for savings amongst the individuals, safeguards their future and helps the insurance sector form a massive pool of funds.

With the help of these funds, the insurance sector highly contributes to the capital markets, thereby increasing large infrastructure developments in India.

The Indian Insurance Sector

The Indian Insurance Sector is basically divided into two categories – Life Insurance and Non-life Insurance. The Non-life Insurance sector is also termed as General Insurance. Both the Life Insurance and the Non-life Insurance is governed by the IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India).

The role of IRDA is to thoroughly monitor the entire insurance sector in India and also act like a custodian of all the insurance consumer rights. This is the reason all the insurers have to abide by the rules and regulations of the IRDAI.

The Insurance sector in India consists of total 57 insurance companies. Out of which 24 companies are the life insurance providers and the remaining 33 are non-life insurers. Out of which there are seven public sector companies.

Life insurance companies offer coverage to the life of the individuals, whereas the non-life insurance companies offer coverage with our day-to-day living like travel, health insurance, our car and bikes, and home insurance. Not only this, but the non-life insurance companies provide coverage for our industrial equipment's as well. Crop insurance for our farmers, gadget insurance for mobiles, pet insurance etc. are some more insurance products being made available by the general insurance companies in India.

The life insurance companies have gained an investment prospectus in the recent times with an idea of providing insurance along with a growth of your savings. But, the general insurance companies remain reluctant to offer pure risk cover to the individuals.

1. Competition in any field leads to-----.

- a) A healthy and positive outcome.
- b) An unhealthy and negative outcome.
- c) A healthy and negative outcome.
- d) An unhealthy and positive outcome.

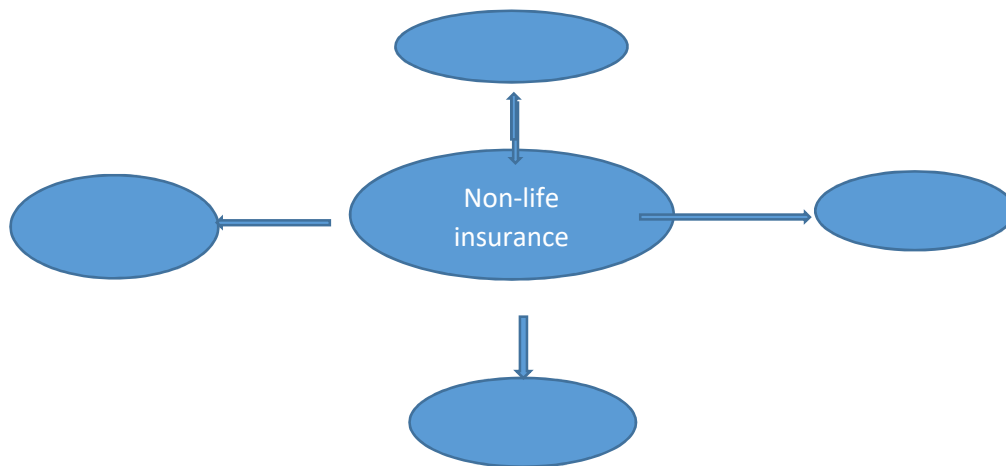
2. Insurance Sector contributes to -----

- a) An economic growth of the state
- b) An economic growth of the country.
- c) An economic growth of a person.
- d) An infrastructure growth of the country.

3. You purchased a car from Maruti Showroom and decided to do your own and the car insurance. Under which category it would fall.

- a) Life-Insurance
- b) Non-life insurance.
- c) Life Insurance and None-life insurance.
- d) None of the above.

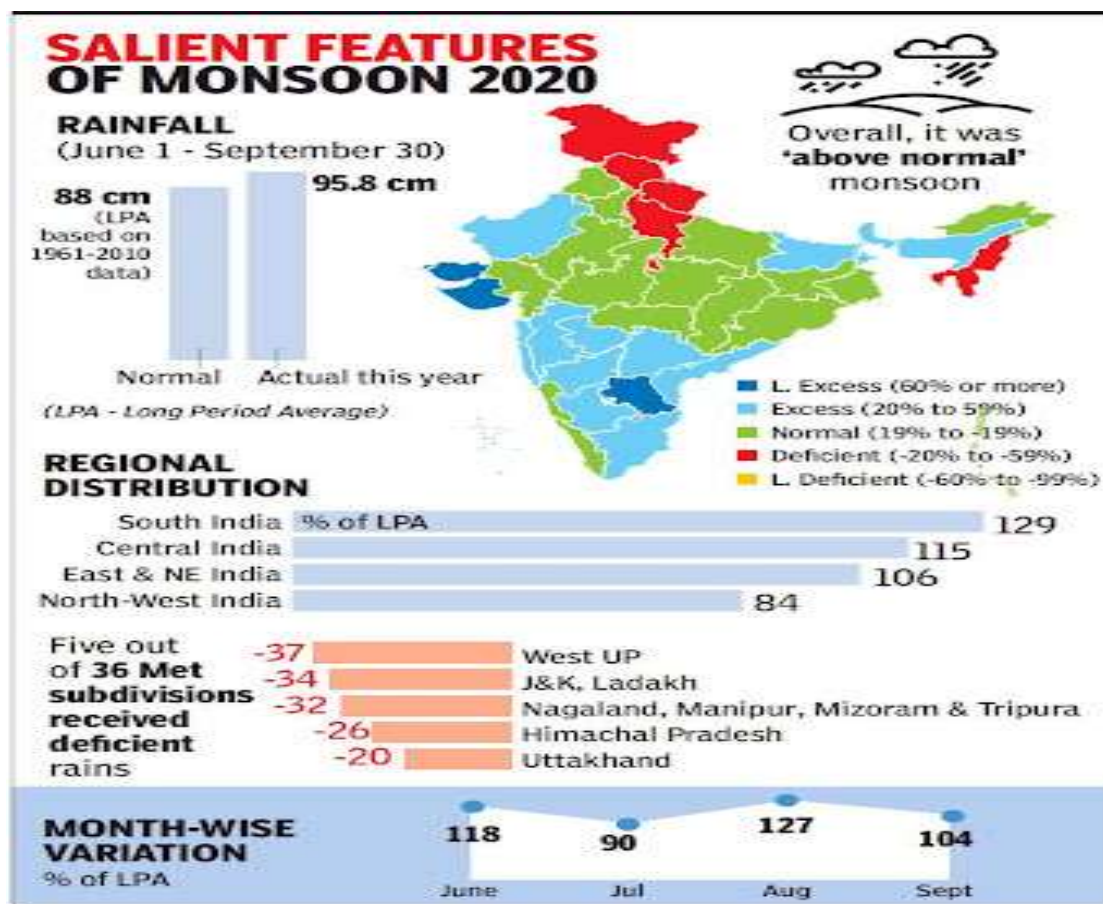
4. Non-life insurance companies cover-



5. Choose an appropriate preposition that does not go with the word **Abide**

- a) Abide by
- b) Abide in
- c) Abide with
- d) Abide off

Q2 Study the salient features of monsoon 2020 and answer the following questions- 1 x 5=5 Ms



- After studying Long Period Average rainfall and an actual rain fall what is your conclusion?
 - Actual rainfall has increased.
 - Actual rainfall has decreased.
 - Actual rainfall and Long Period Rainfall is same.
 - None of the above.
- What is an average deficiency of rainfall in Himachal and Uttarakhand?
 - 20%
 - 23%
 - 26%
 - 46%
- Which region of the country has recorded the highest Long Period Average rainfall?
 - Central India
 - South India
 - North-west India
 - East & North-east India
- What is an average rainfall of four months from June to September in 2020?
 - 100%
 - 105%
 - 110%
 - 115%

5. Name the state which does not fall in Normal Rainfall?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jammu & Kashmir
- d) Bihar.

Q3. Study the following visual inputs and answer the questions- 1 x 5=5 Marks.



1. What is the meaning of the term-“farm to fork?”

- a) Traditional farming
- b) Advanced farming
- c) Latest farming
- d) The oldest farming.

2. Mohan is a farmer and produced a bumper crop of potatoes. Right now the cost of potato is 10 rupees per kg in the market and he doesn't get good profit. In the given situation what efforts should he make to get good price of potatoes?

- a) Store in cold storage and wait for right time.
- b) Register himself on e-NAM and sell the potatoes.
- c) Visit the nearby cities and sell the potatoes.
- d) Either a) or b)

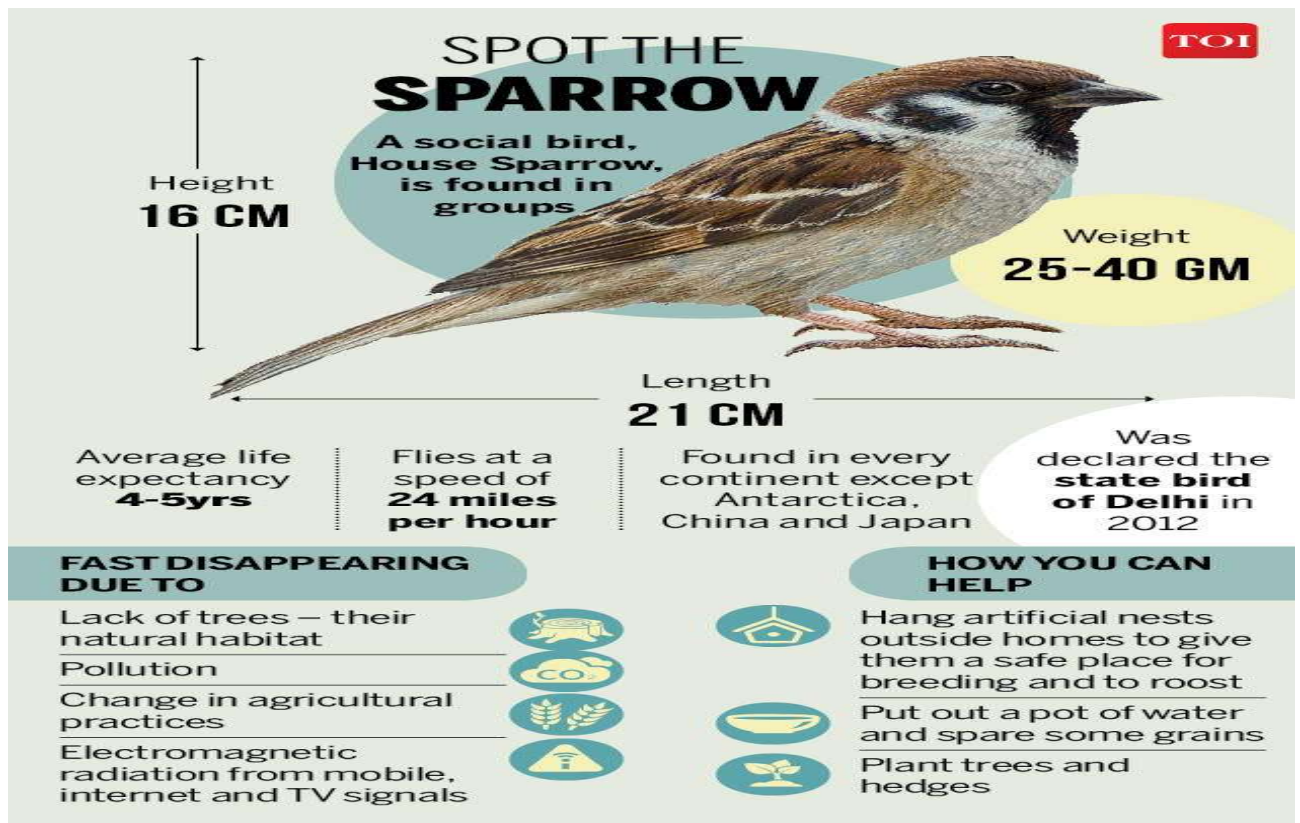
3. Organic farming increases -----

- a) Fertility of soil.
- b) Production of crops.
- c) Infertility of soil.
- d) Selling price of crops.

- i) a) & b) are correct.
- ii) a) & c) are correct.
- iii) b) & d) are correct.
- iv) a),b) & d) are correct.

4. When will the farmer get the crops insurance?
 - a) If his crops are affected by the floods.
 - b) If his crops are affected by diseases.
 - c) If his crops are affected by pests.
 - d) All the above.
5. Being a farmer you want to avail the scheme of a drip irrigation. Under which scheme you will register yourself?
 - a) Pradhan Mantri Bima Fasal Yojana
 - b) Pradhan Mantri Krushi Sanchayee Yojana.
 - c) Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana
 - d) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Mandhan Yogjana.

Q4. Study the information about sparrow given below and answer the questions. 1 x 5=5 Marks.



- Q1. The sparrow is found in-----
 - a) Antarctica
 - b) China
 - c) Japan
 - d) India
- Q2. What is an average life span of a sparrow?
 - a) 5-6 Years
 - b) 4-5 Years
 - c) 3-4 Years
 - d) 6-7 Years

Q3. The sparrow is -----

- a) Friendly bird.
- b) Unfriendly bird.
- c) Indifferent bird.
- d) None of the above.

Q4. What is required for roosting of a sparrow?

- a) A pot
- b) A tree
- c) Seeds
- d) A nest

Q5. Which among the following is not a correct statement.

Sparrows are fast disappearing due to-----

- a) Radiation
- b) Pollution
- c) Change in farming practices
- d) Afforestation

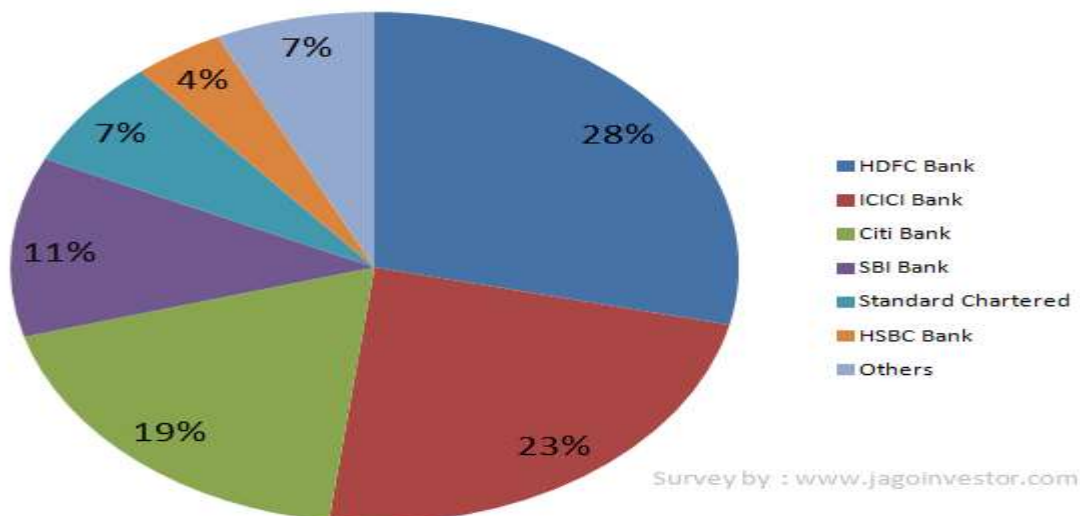
Section B- Writing

09 Marks.

Q5. Study the following pie chart and write an analytical paragraph on Credit Cards Users in India. (Minimum five correct sentences)

5 x 1= 5 Marks.

Which credit card do people have ?



Q6 Study the following visual image and create a dialogue between a fruiterer and a customer.
(Any four sentences $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ Marks)



Q7. Your school has decided to organize an Inter House Quiz Competition on the Freedom Fighters. Fill in the missing part of sentences in the given notice. $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ Marks.

Modern English School

Inter-House Quiz Competition.

Notice Board.

23rd July 2021.

a)------. The quiz competition is based on the life and contribution of freedom fighters. b) ------. c) -----
awarded with prize. The details of competition are given below.

Place- M P Hall

Date-23rd July

Time- 9:30 am.

So the interested students d)-----.

School Captain.

Section C- Grammar (15 Marks)

Q8. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the one that follow. 1 x 5= 5 Marks.

The modern student a)-----the importance b)-----physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in the open air c)-----he takes part in different sports. However, care should d)-----not to overstrain e)----- body.

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| a) i) understood | ii) understand | iii) have understand | iv) understands. |
| b) i) of | ii) by | iii) from | iv) with |
| c) i) how | ii) which | iii) where | iv) why |
| d) i) be taken | ii) took | iii) takes | iv) has taken |
| e) i) a | ii) an | iii) the | iv) any |

Q9. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the indicated lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ Marks.

	Incorrect	correct
In the prisoner's room, a candle is	e.g. is	was
burning dimly. A prisoner himself	a)-----	-----
sat by the table. Only him back,	b)-----	-----
the hair by his head, and his	c)-----	-----
hands are visible from outside	d)-----	-----
through an window.	e) -----	-----

Q10. Do as Directed. 1 x 5= 5 Marks.

- Rakesh -----perform well in an upcoming test. (have to/has to/had to)
- The doctor said to the patient, "I hope you can read." (Change it into Indirect Speech)
- Anup said to Atul, "Where can we meet tomorrow?" (Change it into Indirect Speech)
- India has won the match. (Change it into Passive Voice)
- The East India Company collected heavy taxes from Indians.
(Change it into Passive Voice)

Section D-Literature (36 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. 1 x 4= 4Marks.

Jody allowed his thoughts to drift back to the fawn. He could not keep it out of his mind. He had held it, in his dreams, in his arms. He slipped from the table and went to his father's beside. Penny lay at rest. His eyes were open and clear but the pupils were still dark and dilated.

Jody said, "How are you feeling, Pa?"

"Just fine, son. Old Death has gone thieving elsewhere. But wasn't it a close shave!"

Penny said, "I am proud of you, boy, the way you kept your head and did what was needed."

Q11. Why were the pupils still dark and dilated?

- i. Because Jody's father was sick.
- ii. Because Jody's father was bitten by a snake.
- iii. Because Jody's father kept late at night.
- iv. None of the above.

Q12. Which figure of speech is used in the sentence-Old Death has gone thieving elsewhere?

- i. Metaphor
- ii. Simile
- iii. Personification
- iv. Alliteration

Q13. When do the parents not feel proud of you?

- i. When we do some noble work.
- ii. When we do any mischievous activity.
- iii. When we represent our country.
- iv. When we bring name and fame to your parents.

Q14. What does 'close shave' mean?

- i. A wider escape.
- ii. Shaving closely.
- iii. Stopping shave.
- iv. A narrow escape.

Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow. 1 x 4= 4 Marks

The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly.

A child sat playing with shells.

He raised his head and seemed to know me and said,

"I hire you with nothing."

From henceforward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.

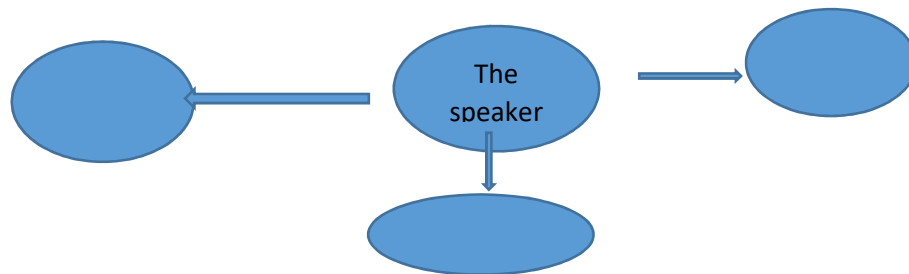
Q15. The child and his play is a metaphor for-----

- a. Innocence
- b. Sorrow
- c. Happiness
- d. Both i) and iii)

Q16. Select a wrong word from the following-

- i) Break up
- ii) Break down
- iii) Break on
- iv) Break into

Q17. The speaker turns down the offers of-



Q18. What is the theme of the poem?

- a) Work is important but freedom is sweet and shouldn't be lost at any cost.
- b) Honesty is the best policy.
- c) Money is more important than freedom. So one can lose freedom provided one gets a good job.

Answer the following questions into 20-30 words. (Any five) 5x2=10 Marks.

Q19. Why do Jim and Hans think that games or sports are good ways of resolving conflicts? Do you agree?

Q20. How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar?

Q21. In what way did the British officers exploit Indians?

Or

How did the ants follow the principle, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" in the poem the Ant and the Cricket?

Q22. Mention any three (or more) things that Parimal Ghose knew about Bepin Babu.

Q23. Why is adventure, which is risky, also pleasurable?

Or

What did Doc Wilson mean when he said, "Nothing in the world ever comes quite free"?

Answer the following questions into 20-30 words. (Any five) 5 x 2=10 Marks.

Q24. The camel said, "Humph" repeatedly. How did it affect him?

Q25. What sorts of things did Jaya and children like her collect and what did they do with those things?

Q26. The Giant saw a most wonderful sight. What did he see?

Q27. The king has a peculiar habit. What was it? Why is it called peculiar?

Q28. In what way Hafiz Contractor was a different child?

Or

Ranji sees his adversary in the bazaar. What does he wish to do? What does he actually do?
Q29. Even in the grimmest situation the soldiers of two enemy countries tried to find peace and harmony and send the message of goodwill and universal brotherhood. Explain it with reference to the Best Christmas Present in the World?

or

The story makes certain comments about the changing faces of friends. Discuss it with reference to Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of Memory. 4 Marks.

Q30. If you give up selfishness, you are blessed. How far is it applicable to the Selfish Giant?

Or

Jealousy creates negative feelings and affects us physically and mentally whereas love creates positive feelings and contributes in growth. Explain it with reference to Princess September? 4 Marks.
