

ENGLISH LANGUAGE GRADE 8
FINAL EXAMINATION FEBRUARY 2021

I Depict or Narrate incidents of ‘Your experience through the ongoing Pandemic.’
OR (10marks)

I Write an Argumentative Essay on – How Physical Schooling is preferable to Virtual (Online) Schooling.

II Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

Rather an amusing thing happened while dressing that morning. I was very cold when I got back into the boat, and, in my hurry to get my shirt on, I accidentally jerked it into the water. It made me awfully wild, especially as George burst out laughing. I could not see anything to laugh at, and I told George so, and he only laughed the more. I never saw a man laugh so much. I quite lost my temper with him at last, and I pointed out to him what a drivelling maniac of an imbecile idiot he was; but he only roared the louder. And then, just as I was landing the shirt, I noticed that it was not my shirt at all, but George’s, which I had mistaken for mine; whereupon the humour of the thing struck me for the first time, and I began to laugh. And the more I looked from George’s wet shirt to George, roaring with laughter, the more I was amused, and I laughed so much that I had to let the shirt fall back into the water again.

“Aren’t you—you—going to get it out?” said George, between his shrieks.

I could not answer him at all for a while, I was laughing so, but, at last, between my peals I managed to jerk out: “It isn’t my shirt—it’s YOURS!”

I never saw a man’s face change from lively to severe so suddenly in all my life before. “What!” he yelled, springing up. “You silly cuckoo! Why can’t you be more careful what you’re doing? You’re not fit to be in a boat, you’re not. Gimme the hitcher.”

I tried to make him see the fun of the thing, but he could not. George is very dense at seeing a joke sometimes.

A. Answer these questions.

1. Why did the author get ‘awfully wild’? 2
2. What was George’s reaction to the unfortunate incident that happened to the author? 2
3. Why did the author suddenly start laughing? 2
4. Give meanings of the words from the extract that mean the same as the following. 2
 - a) moved suddenly-
 - b) shrill cries-
5. Give the opposite of the following words from the extract. 2
 - a) lenient-
 - b) withdrawing-

GRAMMAR

III. A. Change the sentences according to the directions given in brackets. 5

1. Dunnock, a European bird will sing a song by noon. (future perfect tense)

2. Mrs. Julie had authored many articles on air pollution. (past perfect continuous tense)
3. Tony and Grover are outshining the girls in the final examination. (present perfect tense)
4. She made the puppy ready for the dog show yesterday. (present continuous tense)
5. Tan and Shabnam are collecting pebbles from the dry lake now. (past tense)

B. Rewrite these sentences in direct or reported speech.

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1. Shopia said, 'Thanks for the dinner.'
2. The Boss said, 'Aren't they late?'
3. A friend of mine said that the previous week he had lent me a book that he would like back that day – not the following week.
4. Faith says that things were bad, they are changing and they will become better.
5. Mark Twain told the Media that the report of his death was an exaggeration.'

C. Fill in each of the blanks with the correct form of the verb in each sentence.

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1. Sammy _____ (turn/turn) the key in the lock.
2. Either his parents or Soju _____ (has/have) written a complaint to the postmaster against the postman.
3. Roy and Rayna _____ (studies/study) in the same school.
4. Ten kilometres _____ (is/are) not a long distance.
5. A pair of glasses _____ (was/were) lying unclaimed on the table.

D. Change the voice in these sentences.

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1. The door was knocked on by the postman.
2. The workers are whitewashing the fence.
3. The main roads of the town blocked by protesting workers.
4. Roughage does not wash his own clothes.
5. Snake-bite kills an old nurse.
