

**UDAYA PUBLIC SCHOOL, AYODHYA**  
**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT –II 2023-24**  
**CLASS: VIII | SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**M.M.: 80**

**Note: All questions are compulsory.**

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**SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)**

**1- Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

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The Ghost of Christmas Present, a majestic figure with a youthful countenance, whisked Scrooge away to witness scenes that would forever change his heart. They arrived on a ship where the captain, with a jolly smile, wished his crew a Merry Christmas as he granted them leave to celebrate the holiday.

Scrooge was struck by the stark contrast between the captain's warmth and his own miserly demeanor towards Bob Cratchit, his loyal employee. The Ghost showed Scrooge the Cratchit family's humble home, where they were preparing for a simple yet joyful Christmas feast. Despite their meager means, the Cratchits radiated love and happiness.

Scrooge's heart melted as he laid eyes on Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit's crippled son. The boy's courageous spirit, despite his physical challenges, touched Scrooge deeply. He watched as the Cratchit family raised their glasses in a toast to Scrooge's health, even though he had shown them little kindness. Scrooge realized the true value of love, compassion, and the joy of giving, which he had long neglected.

Q1. Who whisked Scrooge away to witness scenes that would change his heart?

Q2. What contrast did Scrooge notice between the captain and himself?

Q3. What were the Cratchits doing in their humble home?

Q4. Who is Tiny Tim, and how did he affect Scrooge?

Q5. What did Scrooge realize as he watched the Cratchit family raise their glasses in a toast to his health?

**2- Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

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One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of course. Often they are blown right out to sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. They cannot fly at their fastest. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80.

Q 1) When do the birds travel from northern regions to southern warmer lands and why?

Q 2) What danger do they face when they are flying over the sea?

Q 3) What happens to these birds at night when they see the lights?

Q 4) When do the birds make their return journey?

Q 5) What is the migration speed of the birds

**SECTION –B (WRITING SKILLS)**

- 3- Describe your visit to a 'Book Fair' in your city . (8)**
- 4- Write a review of a film that you have recently watched. (7)**

**SECTION – C (LITERATURE)**

- 5- Write the answer of the following questions in about 40-50 words. (9)**
- a. Why did Penny Baxter allow Jody to go to find the fawn and raise it?
  - b. What is the scientist's message for the disabled?
  - c. What ways is the forest pool different from the one which Ranji knew in Rajputana desert?
- 6- Write the answer of following questions in about 30-40 words. (6)**
- a. Who was the better swimmer? How do you know it?
  - b. What were the consequences of buying jalebies with the fees money?
  - c. What are the two ways in which the hills appear to change when the mist come up?
- 7- Write the meaning of the following words. (5)**
- Anguish, Attics, Rumbling, Wander, Wobbling
- 8- Write the central idea of the poem ' The School Boy'. (5)**

**SECTION – D (GRAMMAR)**

- 9- Change into indirect speech. (5)**
- a. Meena asked Suheli, "When are you celebrating your birthday?"
  - b. Rajnikant says, "My English teacher is the best."
  - c. She said to me, "I don't believe you."
  - d. Father said to karina, "Can you pour me a cup of tea?"
  - e. He said, "What a pity you were not there!"
- 10- Transform the sentences as directed. (5)**
- a. Sam is as intelligent as John. (comparative degree )
  - b. She failed to recollect her old memories. (negative)
  - c. Sam read the novel in one day. ( passive)
  - d. Her voice was very soothing.( Exclamatory)
  - e. Rohan promised that he was coming. (Infinitive) .
- 11- Combine the sentences to form a single simple sentence. (5)**
- a. Shakespeare was born in 1564.He was a great dramatist.
  - b. He hurt his leg. He stopped.
  - c. She is polite girl. This is certain.
  - d. I was looking at the burning house. I was helpless.
  - e. We were late. We were not allowed to attend the meeting.
- 12- Fill in the blanks with the correct verbs. (5)**
- a. The state of his affairs..... badly disrupted his studies.
  - b. Five hundred rupees..... too little for this outfit.
  - c. She and her friends..... at the bus stop now.
  - d. The manager and the salesman..... absconded.
  - e. The trousers..... gone for a wash.