



**English Language Proficiency Test
Grade VIII standard**

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Maximum Marks: 50

General Instructions:

This question paper is divided into three sections.

<i>Section A:</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section B:</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>20 marks</i>
<i>Section C:</i>	<i>Grammar</i>	<i>10 marks</i>

A. Reading Section: 20 marks

Read the short passage and answer the following questions.

DOLPHINS

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly the most common argument in favor of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

- 1) On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following sentences. (8)
 - a) It is clear from the passage that dolphins.....
 - b) Dolphins take care of
 - c) They communicate to each other
 - d) Author doubts man's superiority over dolphins because.....

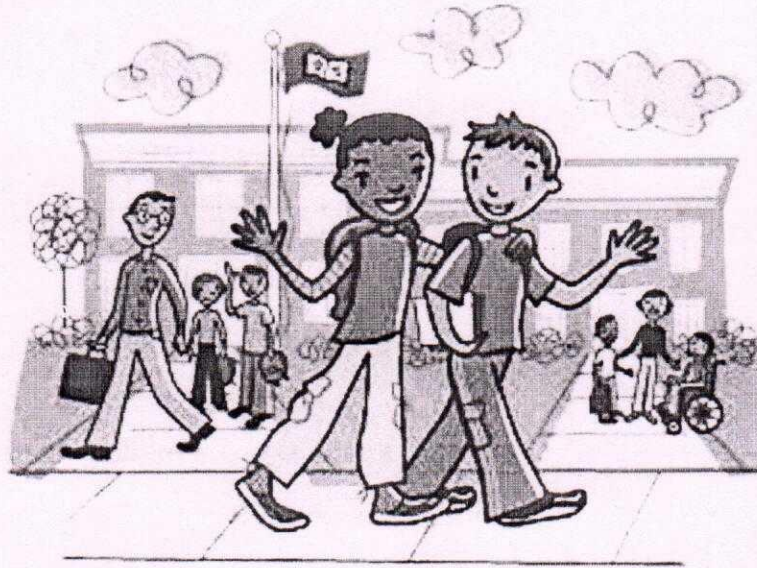
- 2) Find the synonyms of the following words from the passage. (8)
 - a) Considered
 - b) Mariners
 - c) Complicated
 - d) Sick
 - e) Safeguard
 - f) Animal
 - g) Find
 - h) Demolish

- 3) Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage. (4)
 - a) Dumb
 - b) Healthy
 - c) Inferior
 - d) Simple

B. Writing Section: 20 marks

4) Look at the picture below and write a ten-line poem.

(8)



5) Write a short essay on 'a memorable dream' or 'a nightmare' in about 100 words. (6)

6) Write a short letter to your parents, in about 100 words, telling them about Gandhi Jayanti celebration held on October 02, 2014 at your school. (6)

C. Grammar Section: 10 marks

7) Write the past tense form of the verbs given in the bracket. (5)

- a) I _____ to school. (walk)
- b) Tenzin _____ a movie last week. (watch)
- c) My dad _____ a green car. (drive)
- d) Dolma _____ some poems. (write)
- e) I _____ five books last week. (read)

8) Identify the adverbs in the following sentence: *She drove very slowly on the bumpy road.* (1)

9) Write the correct form of the adjectives given in the bracket. (4)

- a) Which towel is _____, the blue one or the red one? (soft)
- a) The _____ boy of all is Tsering. (strong)
- b) Nyima is a _____ girl. (beautiful)
- c) Youtso is the _____ of the twins. (young)

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