

Mar Thoma Residential School
First Term Assessment -2020

Class VIII

English Language

Marks: 20

Time: 30 mins

Question: 1

You have recently read a book which has greatly impressed you. Write a letter to your cousin telling him/her why you were impressed. Advise him/her to read the book. (5)

Question: 2

A) Fill in the blanks with the correct **degree of comparison of the adjectives in the brackets.**

- I. The poor lady had seen _____ days. (happy)
- II. Both are bad but this is the _____ route. (bad)
- III. Of the three, she appeared to be the _____. (beautiful)
- IV. This street is not as _____ as that one. (narrow)
- V. The pen is _____ than the sword. (mighty)
- VI. Shakuntala is the _____ drama in Sanskrit. (good) (3)

B) Choose the **correct form of the verb from the brackets.**

- I. The mother of these children (was/were) killed in the accident.
- II. The price of all articles (has/have) risen.
- III. None of the students (is/are) to blame.
- IV. A large number of people (was/were) arrested by the police.
- V. None of the eggs (appear/appears) to be fresh.
- VI. The house including the furniture (was/were) insured against fire. (3)

C) Fill in the blanks with **abstract nouns, formed from the words given in the brackets:**

- I. Don't leave the class without my _____ (permit)
- II. Gandhiji was appreciated by all for his _____ (simple)
- III. Manoj has great _____ regarding space travels. (curious) (3)

D) Give the **collective noun for the following.**

- I. A _____ of teachers.
- II. A _____ of experts.
- III. A _____ of lions.
- IV. A _____ of puppies. (2)

E) Fill in the blanks with the correct **determiner or interrogative**.

- I. I didn't use _____ much fertilizer last spring.
- II. You have _____ patience.
- III. _____ sort of paper do you want?
- IV. _____ be the circumstances, people with courage and confidence keep walking on the path they have chosen for themselves. (2)

F) Fill in the blanks with appropriate **articles**. Put a cross (x) where no article is required.

- I. ____ vase we bought ____ last month needs polishing.
 - II. We can't afford such ____ expensive shirt.
 - III. The bus travelled at 40 kilometers ____ hour. - (2)
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