

**Basic Level Examination****Model Question****2081 (2024)****Class: VIII****F. M.: 50****Time: 2 Hours****1) Read the following text and write 'TRUE' for true and 'FALSE' for false statements.****5 x 1 = 5 marks**

Isaac Newton was born in 1643 in Wools Thorpe, England. He was the son of a peasant who died three months before Isaac was born. Newton spent most of his early years with his maternal grandmother after his mother remarried. His education was interrupted by a failed attempt to turn him into a farmer. In the beginning, he seemed to be a dull boy. He had little interest in his studies. However, he liked to use his hands. He used to make little machines, such as windmills. He would catch mice and make them drive some of his little machines.

At the age of nineteen, Newton went to Cambridge University where he studied mathematics and science. He started to make discoveries in mathematics when he was a college student. He continued to do so after he had achieved his degree. He was appointed Professor of mathematics when he was only 26 years old.

Newton did not limit his studies to mathematics. He became very interested in the behavior of light. His interest in light led to the improvement of telescopes. The lenses used in telescopes in those days were not as good as modern-day lenses. Newton showed that curved mirrors could be used instead of lenses. These gave better results in some ways and such telescopes have been used ever since.

- A) Isaac Newton's father died before he was born.
- B) Newton got parental love in his childhood.
- C) Newton's family supported him in his studies.
- D) At Cambridge University, Newton started making discoveries in mathematics.
- E) Newton's findings about curved mirrors improved telescopes.

**2) Read the paragraphs below and put the sentences in the correct order as they appear in the text.****5 x 1 = 5 marks**

I knew a little about Mustang, Nepal before I visited it in early 2020. I was curious to see a place untouched by tourists, away from the busy life of Hong Kong. Mustang has only been open to tourists since 1992 and non-Nepali tourists need a special travel permits to enter Upper Mustang.

On the first night, I stayed in Pokhara to meet up with my tour group. Pokhara is the starting point for many treks that can be taken in the Himalayas. The staff of the hotel provided me with cushions and blankets to ensure I would not get cold during the night.

The next day, my tour guide Reena, picked me up early and we jumped in a jeep to start the journey. January in Nepal is usually somewhere between 0<sup>0</sup> to -15<sup>0</sup> C in the Himalayas. For that reason, the winter months draw few tourists to Nepal. Even though I was on my own, I was not lonely as we ended up picking up and dropping off several locals on the way.

After a full seven hours travel, we arrived at our first travel spot-Taopani, meaning a hot spring. The spring itself was a small but charming natural pool. While relaxing in the warm water, my tour guide shared about her life growing up in Nepal. She told me about the rustic daily living conditions. The natural beauty of the place combined with its loving people was something that could not be replaced anywhere else in the world.

- A) The staff of the hotel in Pokhara were caring.
- B) Travel permission is needed for non-Nepali tourists to enter Upper Mustang.
- C) The writer's tour guide shared her experience while they were in the hot spring.
- D) The writer's visit to Nepal was a memorable one.
- E) Few tourists visit Nepal during the winter season.

**3) Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct word(s) or phrase(s) from the text.**

**5 x 1= 5 marks**

A Milkmaid had been out to milk the cows and was returning from the field with the shining milk pail balanced nicely on her head. As she walked along, her pretty head was busy with plans for the days to come.

"This good, rich milk," she mused, "will give me plenty of cream to churn. The butter I make I will take to market, and with the money I get for it I will buy a lot of eggs for hatching. How nice it will be when they are all hatched and the yard is full of fine young chicks. Then when May Day comes, I will sell them, and with the money I'll buy a lovely new dress to wear to the fair. All the young men will look at me. They will come and try to make love to me, —but I shall very quickly send them about their business!"

As she thought of how she would settle that matter, she tossed her head scornfully, and down fell the pail of milk to the ground. And all the milk flowed out, and with it vanished butter and eggs and chicks and new dress and all the milkmaid's pride.

Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.

- A) The Milkmaid was carrying a/an.....on her head.
- B) As the Milkmaid was walking, she was busy making ..... for future.
- C) The first thing the Milkmaid planned to buy was/were.....
- D) The Milkmaid wished young men would notice her at the.....
- E) The story tells us not to..... the chickens before they are hatched.

**4) Read the following text and do the tasks.**

**10 marks**

Laxmi Prasad Devkota was born on the night of Laxmi Puja Day in 1909 to Tilmadhav Devkota and Amar Rajya Laxmi Devi in Dillibazar, Kathmandu. He was born at a time when the Hindus including, his family, were worshiping Laxmi, the goddess of wealth. So, his parents took his birth as the greatest gift of the Goddess and accordingly, named him Laxmi Prasad—the blessings of Goddess Laxmi.

Devkota's father was a scholar in the Sanskrit language. Laxmi Prasad Devkota got his basic education at home under the guidance of his father. He completed Bachelor's Degree in liberal arts and law. Right after earning his bachelor's degree, Devkota started working as a personal tutor—a rigorous job, that lasted for hours every day. He had to do that to support his family.

During Devkota's time, the country was under Rana's dictatorial rule. Young Devkota knew the importance of education and he promised to do something to help educate the mass. But the idea was not well received by the then Rana rulers. They believed in the idea that the general people should continue to remain illiterate so that they would not go against them.

Devkota, as a student, was very intelligent. Right from an early age, he was keen on Nepali literature. At the early age of ten, he wrote a poem when he was studying in Durbar High School—the school set up for the education of the ruling Rana children. Children of ordinary people had to seek special permission to study in this school. Laxmi Prasad Devkota's father also had to run from pillar and post to ensure admission for his son in the Durbar High School.

**A) Answer the following questions.**

**5 x 1 = 5 marks**

- i) Where was Devkota born?
- ii) Do you think Devkota took care of his family? Give a reason.
- iii) At what age did Devkota write a poem?
- iv) Who were the rulers during Devkota's time?
- v) Was it easy for ordinary people to enter Darbar High School? Give a reason.

**B) Match the meanings in 'Column A' with the words from the text given in 'Column B'. One word does not have a match.**

**5 x 1 = 5 marks**

**Column A**

- i) a group of people
- ii) established or arranged something
- iii) unable to read and write
- iv) common thing or people
- v) advice or direction to do something

**Column B**

- a) permission
- b) guidance
- c) mass
- d) set up
- e) ordinary
- f) illiterate

**5) Identify ten punctuation errors in the following paragraph. Rewrite the paragraph by correcting the errors. Underline where you have made correction.**

**10 x 0.5 = 5 marks**

"Where did you spend your last holiday" I asked my friend, rohan who had just come back from a three-day long tour to pokhara. He replied, Oh, it was really wonderful. Weve enjoyed a lot He further added, "we went boating took photos and did paragliding." I told him that I would go with them next time He said, "Wow, what a nice idea that is"

**6. You are the secretary of the child club of your school. As a part of your regular weekly programme, the club has decided to organise a sanitation programme at the school next week. Write an announcement in about 100 words on behalf of the child club using the following clues. 5 marks**

on 23 January 2025.... clean classrooms, corridors, and playgrounds, plant flowers, etc. .... develop teamwork and responsibility .... all students, teachers, and staff .... contribute to making school a healthier and more beautiful place

**7) Waste management has been a major problem in the world today. Although different efforts have been made by governments to manage the wastes, the issue has not been solved. Write an essay in about 200 words on 'Effective Ways of Managing Wastes'. In your essay, state the problem, its effects and possible solutions.** **10 marks**

**8) Rewrite the given sentences as indicated in the brackets.** **5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks**

- A) Priya works in a bank. (Change into simple future.)
- B) Harrish read me a story yesterday, ..... ? (Add a question tag.)
- C) Dolma said to me, "Help me, please." (Change into indirect speech.)
- D) Anupam is helping us. (Change into passive voice.)
- E) Nobody will help me tomorrow. (Change into positive statement.)

**9) Choose and copy the correct answer from the given alternatives.** **5 x 0.5 = 2.5 marks**

The bear is (1)..... (a, an, the, no article) animal. It (2).... (can, must, can't, would) be found in black, brown and white colour. It has sharp teeth and a lot of fur (3).... (in, to, at, on) its body. It can climb trees and eat fruits like berries. It (4)..... (loved, loves, is loving, will be loving) to eat fish and honey. Its hind legs (5)..... (gets, make, has made, makes) it stand on its own like human beings.

The End

## Marking Scheme

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2) Read the paragraphs below and put the sentences in the correct order as they appear in the text.

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- A) (shining) milk pail
- B) plans
- C) eggs
- D) fair
- E) count

4) A) Answer the following questions.

5x1=5 marks

- i) Any answer that mentions '(Dillibazar) Kathmandu'.
- ii) Any answer that mentions 'Yes' with the idea 'he worked as a personal tutor to support his family'.
- iii) Any answer that mentions 'at ten'.
- iv) Any answer that mentions 'the Ranas'.
- v) Any answer that mentions 'No' with the idea 'they had to seek special permission'.

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Use Common rubrics

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- D) We are being helped by Anupam.
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**9) Choose and copy the correct answer from the given alternatives.**

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- 1. an      2. can      3. on      4. loves      5. make

The End

## Test Matrix – English Grade 8

Test set no.: .....

SN	Skill area	Item Code	Text type	Item format	Marks	Vocabulary (5)	Literal comprehension (8)	Reorganization (4)	Inference (5)	SEP Evaluation and reflection (3)
1)	Reading 1		Biography	T/F	5		1	1	3	
2)	Reading 2		Memoir	Ordering	5		1	2	1	1
3)	Reading 3		Story	Filling the blank	5		3	1	1	
4)	Reading 4A		Biography/Essay	SAQ	5		3			2
	Reading 4B		Biography/Essay	Matching	5	5				
5)	Punctuation				5					
6)	Guided writing		Announcement		5					
7)	Free writing		Essay		10					
8)	Grammar (Reproduction 2.5)				2.5					
	Grammar (Multiple choice 2.5)				2.5					
		<b>Total</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>