Reading Comprehension

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 44 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. Read the passage and answer.

The students of Class 8A asked 40 students in their school about how they come to school. Six students come by auto-rickshaw. Two students come by car. Eleven students walk to school. The remaining 21 come by school bus. They shared the results at the morning assembly.

Which way of coming to school was the least popular?

(a) the school bus **(b)** auto-rickshaw **(c)** walking **(d)** car

2. Read the passage and answer.

Rohan's family set out from Ahmedabad at 8:05 am by train. After 2 hours 5 minutes, they reached Anand, where they stopped for 35 minutes to visit a lake. The second part of the journey took 2 hours 35 minutes, and at last they reached Vadodara.

At what time did they reach Anand?

(a) 11:10 am **(b)** 10:45 am **(c)** 10:40 am **(d)** 10:10 am

3. Read the passage and answer.

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL, NAGPUR
NOTICE
15 May 2027
Science Exhibition
The Science Club is holding a Science Exhibition on Wednesday, 26 May 2027 at 10:55 am in the science block. Students of Classes 8 and 9 can take part. The entry fee is Rs 30. Interested students should give their names to the undersigned by 21 May 2027.
Dev Singh
Secretary, Science Club

Who has issued the notice?

(a) Dev Singh **(b)** Ishaan Singh **(c)** Aman Singh **(d)** Zoya Singh

4. Read the passage and answer.

The weather report for Nagpur gave the highest temperature for each school day of one week. On Monday, the highest temperature was 36 °C. On Tuesday, it rose to 40 °C. On Wednesday, it fell to 28 °C. On Thursday, it rose to 37 °C. On Friday, it fell to 29 °C. People were advised to drink plenty of water on the hottest day.

Which was the hottest day?

(a) Thursday **(b)** Wednesday **(c)** Tuesday **(d)** Monday

5. Reading a passage quickly to get its general idea is called:

(a) summarising **(b)** skimming **(c)** scanning **(d)** proofreading

6. Read the passage and answer.

Early one morning, Rahul was waiting at the bus stop when he spotted a brown purse lying on the ground. Inside were some money, a bus pass and an old photograph. Rahul could have kept the money, but he did not even think of it. The bus pass showed the owner's name, Mrs Kamla Devi. He took the purse to the nearest police station and handed it over to the officer on duty. That evening, Mrs Kamla Devi telephoned Rahul's parents to thank them. She said the photograph was of her late mother and was more precious to her than all the money.

Which word best describes Rahul?

(a) honest **(b)** boastful **(c)** selfish **(d)** rude

7. Read the passage and answer.

The students of Class 8D asked 50 students in their school about their favourite fruit. Thirteen students like bananas best. Four students like apples best. Seven students like guavas best. The remaining 26 like grapes best. They shared the results at the morning assembly.

How many more students chose grapes than guava?

(a) 26 **(b)** 19 **(c)** 33 **(d)** 18

8. Assertion (A): In the passage “Rohan's family set out from Pune at 6:30 am by bus. After 3 hours 5 minutes, they reached Lonavala, where they stopped for 30 minutes to buy fruit. The second part of the journey took 3 hours 5 minutes, and at last they reached Mumbai.”, the whole journey took 7 hours 10 minutes.
Reason (R): The whole journey time is the time of each part added together, including the stop.

(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

(c) A is true, but R is false.

(d) A is false, but R is true.

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Read the passage and answer.

The students of Class 8A asked 40 students in their school about how they come to school. Ten students come by car. Seventeen students come by school bus. Two students walk to school. The remaining 11 come by auto-rickshaw. They shared the results at the morning assembly.

What percentage of the students chose car?

10. Read the passage and answer.

Farhan's family set out from Chennai at 9:15 am by train. After 1 hour 45 minutes, they reached Vellore, where they stopped for 25 minutes to drink tea. The second part of the journey took 1 hour 20 minutes, and at last they reached Bengaluru.

How long did the whole journey take, from Chennai to Bengaluru?

11. Read the passage and answer.

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL, BHOPAL
NOTICE
25 November 2027
Inter-House Quiz Competition
The Quiz Club is holding an Inter-House Quiz Competition on Monday, 6 December 2027 at 12:00 pm in the school auditorium. Students of Classes 6 to 8 can take part. The entry fee is Rs 100. Interested students should give their names to the undersigned by 28 November 2027.
Rahul Iyer
Captain, Quiz Club

How many days are there between the last date for giving names and the day of the event?

12. Read the passage and answer.

The weather report for Indore gave the highest temperature for each school day of one week. On Monday, the highest temperature was 31 °C. On Tuesday, it rose to 38 °C. On Wednesday, it rose to 40 °C. On Thursday, it fell to 37 °C. On Friday, it fell to 29 °C. People were advised to drink plenty of water on the hottest day.

What was the average highest temperature for the five days?

13. Read the passage and answer.

One cold winter morning, Sana was going to school. Near a bench, she noticed a tiny puppy shivering in the cold. It had a red collar but no name tag. Sana wrapped it gently in her scarf and gave it some water. Then she asked the people nearby whether anyone had lost a puppy. At last, a little boy came running up, calling out frantically. When he saw the puppy, his face lit up, and he thanked Sana gratefully. Sana walked home feeling warm and happy inside.

Find a word or phrase in the passage that means “shaking with cold or fear”.

14. Read the passage and answer.

One Saturday, Ishaan and his friend Aman were walking back from a picnic. Suddenly, Aman slipped on a wet stone and twisted his ankle. He cried out in pain and could not stand. Ishaan stayed calm. He helped Aman sit down under a tree and tied his handkerchief firmly around the ankle. Then he ran to fetch an adult, who called for help. Later, the doctor said that Ishaan's quick thinking had stopped the injury from getting worse. Aman smiled and said, “You were as calm as a lake.”

Why did the doctor praise Ishaan?

15. Read the passage and answer.

The weather report for Pune gave the highest temperature for each school day of one week. On Monday, the highest temperature was 40 °C. On Tuesday, it fell to 31 °C. On Wednesday, it rose to 34 °C. On Thursday, it fell to 28 °C. On Friday, it rose to 37 °C. People were advised to drink plenty of water on the hottest day.

How much hotter was it on Monday than on Thursday?

16. Read the passage and answer.

Meera's family set out from Delhi at 9:25 am by bus. After 2 hours 35 minutes, they reached Mathura, where they stopped for 10 minutes to drink tea. The second part of the journey took 50 minutes, and at last they reached Agra.

At what time did they reach Agra?

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Read the passage and answer.

The students of Class 8B asked 40 students in their school about how they spend their free time. Thirty students enjoy playing outdoors. Two students enjoy music. Five students enjoy drawing. The remaining 3 enjoy reading. They shared the results at the morning assembly.

(a) How many students took part in the survey? (b) Which free-time activity was the most popular, and which the least? (c) How many students chose either playing outdoors or music? (d) Draw a simple table of the results.

18. Read the passage and answer.

Early one morning, Ananya was watering the plants when a sparrow fell from the neem tree and lay flapping on the ground. One of its wings was injured. Ananya picked it up very carefully and made a soft nest for it in a shoebox lined with cotton. For a week, she fed it grains of rice and kept a little bowl of water beside it. Slowly, the sparrow grew stronger and began to flutter around the room. On the eighth day, Ananya carried the box outside and opened the lid. The sparrow hopped out, looked back once and flew up into the tree.

(a) Where and when does the story take place? (b) What did Ananya do first? (c) Which quality does Ananya show? Give evidence from the story. (d) Find a word that means “flap the wings quickly and lightly”. (e) Suggest a suitable title.

19. Read the passage and answer.

GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL, DEHRADUN
NOTICE
20 August 2027
Chess Tournament
The Chess Club is holding a Chess Tournament on Saturday, 28 August 2027 at 12:25 pm in the activity room. Students of Classes 9 and 10 can take part. The entry fee is Rs 20. Interested students should give their names to the undersigned by 22 August 2027.
Isha Sharma
Captain, Chess Club

(a) What is the notice about? (b) Who can take part? (c) On which day and at what time is the event? (d) How much will two students from the same family pay in all?

20. Read the passage and answer.

Last monsoon, a thunderstorm broke out while Meera's parents were away at the market. Meera's little brother, Chintu, hid under the table, trembling at every crash of thunder. Meera sat down beside him and switched on a torch. She made shadow animals on the wall and told him funny stories about a clumsy elephant. Soon Chintu was giggling instead of crying. By the time their parents returned, both children were fast asleep on the sofa. Their mother smiled and covered them with a blanket.

(a) Put these events in the order they happened: (p) Chintu hid under the table; (q) a thunderstorm broke out; (r) Meera made shadow animals on the wall; (s) the parents came home. (b) Why did Chintu hide under the table? (c) How do you think Meera felt at the end? Why?

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) car**	auto-rickshaw 6, car 2, walking 11, the school bus 21
2	**(d) 10:10 am**	8:05 am + 2 hours 5 minutes = 10:10 am
3	**(a) Dev Singh**	the name at the end of a notice is the person who issued it
4	**(c) Tuesday**	Monday 36 °C, Tuesday 40 °C, Wednesday 28 °C, Thursday 37 °C, Friday 29 °C
5	**(b) skimming**	—
6	**(a) honest**	he took the purse to the police station instead of keeping the money
7	**(b) 19**	26 − 7 = 19
8	**(d) A is false, but R is true.**	A is false: 3 hours 5 minutes + 30 minutes + 3 hours 5 minutes = 6 hours 40 minutes, not 7 hours 10 minutes. R is true.
9	**25%**	10 out of 40 = 25%
10	**3 hours 30 minutes**	1 hour 45 minutes + 25 minutes + 1 hour 20 minutes
11	**8 days**	28 November 2027 to 6 December 2027
12	**35 °C**	(31 + 38 + 40 + 37 + 29) ÷ 5 = 35
13	**shivering**	—
14	**Because Ishaan's quick thinking stopped the injury from getting worse.**	—
15	**12 °C**	40 − 28
16	**1:00 pm**	9:25 am + 2 hours 35 minutes + 10 minutes + 50 minutes
17	**(a) 40; (b) most popular: playing outdoors (30); least popular: music (2); (c) 32; (d) playing outdoors: 30, music: 2, drawing: 5, reading: 3**	—
18	**(a) early one morning, while Ananya was watering the plants; (b) She picked it up carefully and made a nest for it in a shoebox; (c) Gentle: she picked up the injured sparrow very carefully and looked after it for a week; (d) flutter; (e) e.g. "The Sparrow in the Shoebox"**	—
19	**(a) A Chess Tournament; (b) students of Classes 9 and 10; (c) Saturday, 28 August 2027, at 12:25 pm; (d) Rs 40**	—
20	**(a) (q), (p), (r), (s): a thunderstorm broke out → Chintu hid under the table → Meera made shadow animals on the wall → the parents came home; (b)**	—

Q	Answer	Working
	Because he was frightened of the thunder. (c) Any sensible answer, e.g. happy and proud, because things ended well.	