The Lawrence School, Lovedale

NEVER GIVE IN

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

2026-27

CLASS VIII
(STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION FOR CLASS VIII)

SECTION A – READING

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: **[12]**

1. The other day I received an unusual and very gratifying gift: I was given a tree. Or rather, I was given half-a-dozen trees which would be planted on my behalf. I had been invited to give a talk at an organisation. After such events, the speaker is usually given a token gift. Sometimes the gift is a pen, or something useful. However well-meant, such gifts are destined to gather dust in forgotten corners. This is why I was agreeably surprised to be given a scroll which attested that on a designated plantation established for the purpose, six trees would be added in my name as a part of the 'green' movement being sponsored by the organisation.

2. In an increasingly environmentally-conscious world, the gift of a living tree or plant makes for a perfect present. The tradition of giving and receiving gifts has increasingly become a highly-evolved marketing exercise. Apart from festivals like Diwali, Holi, Christmas, Eid and others, a whole new calendar of celebratory events has been created to promote the giving of gifts: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Teacher's Day, Valentine's Day, and so on and so forth.

3. What do you give to people — friends, relatives, spouses, children, parents, employees, clients, well-wishers — who more or less have everything, or at least everything that you could afford to give them as a gift?

4. Another shirt or kurta? Another bottle of scent or after-shave? Another box of chocolates? Another other?

5. Thinking up unusual and pleasing presents which are also affordable is a full-time job. Like wedding planners and planners of theme parties, *present planners* – professionals who select and make up gift packages for you to give on occasions like marriages and corporate events – are doing increasingly good business.

6. However, the best-planned gifts of yours and mine go oft awry. How often – particularly during so-called 'festive seasons' when gift-giving and gift-receiving reach epidemic proportions – have you had the embarrassing experience of getting back as a present a gift you yourself had given to someone who, having no use for it and not realising that it was you who had gifted it, to begin with, had unwittingly returned your own gift to you? Like musical chairs, musical gifts only too often go round and round.

7. If the giving of tree saplings were to be institutionalised, it could lead to another *green revolution* in the lucrative and growing field of gift-giving, with a new, eco-friendly industry taking root in plantations and nurseries specially created for the purpose.

1.1:On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions as briefly as possible: **(2x4=8)**

(i) "The other day I received an unusual and very gratifying gift…". What was the gift and why was it unusual and gratifying?

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(ii) Why is selecting a gift described as a `full-time job'?

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(iii) "However, the best-planned gifts of yours and mine go oft awry." What does the writer mean by this?

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(iv) How can we cause another *green revolution*?

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1.2: Answer the following by selecting the most appropriate option: (1x4=4)

(i) The word 'gratifying' in Para 1 means

(a) humiliating   (b) satisfying   (c) chastening   (d) fastening

(ii) The word 'awry' in Para 6 means

(a) right   (b) straight   (c) possible   (d) wrong

(iii) What do you understand by 'unwitting' in Para 6?

    (a) unknowingly   (b) undecidedly   (c) unheard   (d) unbelievable

(iv) Give the opposite of 'lucrative' (Para 7).

    (a) profitable   (b) well-paid   (c) unprofitable   (d) interesting

SECTION B- WRITING

Q2. You visited the city of Agra during your vacation, where you saw the famous monument, the Taj Mahal. Write a paragraph in about 100-120 words describing this monument using the points given below.   **[10]**

- Located in the city of Agra
- Built by Shah Jahan
- Fine Mughal architecture
- Completed in 16 years

- Jewel of Muslim art
- Made of white marble
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Seventh wonder of the world

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Q3. After experiencing the scorching heat, the other day it rained heavily. It was a welcome relief after a long spell of dry weather. Write, in about 100-125 words, a letter to your friend, describing your experience of a rainy day. **[10]**

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SECTION C-GRAMMAR

Q4. Given below is a set of instructions for washing clothes. Imagine that you have completed this procedure. Complete the following paragraph reporting what you did. **[4]**

(i) Pour water in the washing machine up to the marked level.
(ii) Add sufficient detergent powder to give a rich foam.
(iii) Put the fine clothes first and switch on the machine.
(iv) Switch off the machine after five minutes.

Water was poured into the washing machine up to the marked level, and sufficient powder

(a)_____ to give a rich foam. The fine clothes

(b)_____ and the machine (c) _____After five

minutes the washing machine (d) _____ .

Q5. Join each of the following pairs of sentences using the conjunction given in brackets.
[2]

a) He has already delivered a good performance. Nobody can question his eligibility.
(Since)

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b) I know. He is a brave boy. (That)

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c) 'Would you like to accompany me?' He asked. (Whether)

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d) Jane is quite warm and friendly. Her sister is quite warm and friendly.
(Both…and)

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Q6. Complete the given below paragraph with the most appropriate option.   [1.5]

A total of 152 million children - 64 million girls and 88 million boys - (i) _____in
child labour globally, accounting for almost one in ten of all children worldwide. Despite
rates of child labour declining over the last few years, children (ii) _____ in
some severe forms of child labour such as bonded labour, child soldiers, and trafficking.
Across India child labourers (iii) _____ in a variety of
industries: in brick kilns, carpet weaving, garment making, domestic service, food and
refreshment services (such as tea stalls), agriculture, fisheries and mining.

(i)
    (a) are estimated to been
    (b) are estimates to be
    (c) are estimated to being
    (d) are estimated to be

(ii)
    (a) are still being used
    (b) are still been used
    (c) were still being use
    (d) are still be used

(iii)
    (a) can being found
    (b) could be found
    (c) can be found
    (d) can be find

Q7. The following passages have not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a numeral is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided. **[2]**

	Incorrect	Correct
The Egyptians were the first for make paper	(eg) for	to
from a plant calling papyrus. It grew in the	(a)..............	
delta of River Nile in Africa. For the long time,	(b)..............	
papyrus continues to be used as writing material.	(c)..............	
Then an Chinese further perfected	(d)..............	
the art for making paper.		

Q8. Rearrange the given words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. **[1]**

1. hostel life/advantages/as well/disadvantages/as/has/own/its

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2. society/to live/to learn/it/trains/the/in/students/the

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Q9. Rewrite the following passage with the correct punctuation. **[4]**

winston is one of the most laid-back people i know he is tall and slim with black hair and he always wears a t-shirt and black jeans his jeans have holes in them and his baseball boots are

scruffy too he usually sits at the back of the class and he often seems to be asleep however when the exam results are given out he always gets an 'A' i don't think hes as lazy as he appears to be

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Q10. Read the conversation and complete the passage given below. **[1.5]**

Nancy : What are you doing?

Sara   : I've been having trouble sleeping. The doctor told me not to eat a heavy meal

before bed, so I'm having it now.

Nancy asked her sister Sara (1)…………… Sara informed that (2) …………… trouble

sleeping. She informed that (3) …………….. not to eat a heavy meal before bed and so she

was having it then.

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   (a) what she is doing
   (b) what she was doing
   (c) what had she been doing
   (d) what was she doing

2.
   (a) she had been having
   (b) she is having
   (c) I've been having
   (d) she had

3.
   (a) the doctor told her
   (b) the doctor tells her
   (c) the doctor had been telling
   (d) the doctor had told her

Q11. Choose the correct Active form of the following sentences. **[2]**

   a) **Our task had been completed before sunset.**

i)   We completed our task before sunset.
ii)   We have completed our task before sunset.
iii)   We complete our task before sunset
iv)   We had completed our task before sunset.

b) This shirt cannot be worn by me any longer.

i)   I cannot wear this shirt any longer.
ii)   Wearing of this shirt any longer is not possible.
iii)   This shirt is too worn out any longer.
iv)   This worn out shirt cannot be worn any longer.

c) He was congratulated by his teacher on his brilliant success in the recent examination.

i)   He congratulated his teacher on his brilliant success in the examination.
ii)   His teacher congratulated him for his brilliant success in the recent examination.
iii)   His teacher congratulated him on his brilliant success in the examination.
iv)   His teacher congratulated him.

d) How was it managed by you?

i)   How have you managed it?
ii)   Did you manage it?
iii)   How did you manage it?
iv)   Was it managed by you?

General instructions

    i)   *All questions are compulsory.*

    ii)   *Questions from 1 to 10 carry 2 marks each.*

    iii)   *Questions from 11 to 20 carry 3 marks each.*

SECTION – A   **[2 x 10 = 20 Marks]**

1.   Multiply: 125 X 240 using a shortcut.

2.   Write a 7 digit number name with maximum number of letters.

3.   Sonu and Monu are siblings. They collected some stamps. Sonu collects 108 stamps and Monu collects 191 stamps. Their other younger sister asked them for some stamps. They give her 100 stamps from their collection. How many stamps were left with both Sonu and Monu? Make an expression and solve it.

4.   The lengths of the body parts of an ant are as follows:
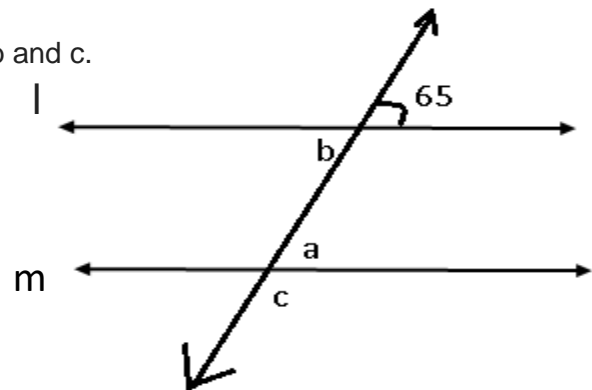
Head = $(1\frac{1}{10})$ units,

Thorax = $(2\frac{6}{10})$ units

Abdomen = $(3\frac{7}{10})$ units.

  Find the total length of the ant.
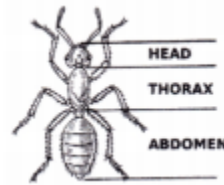
5.   The sum of four times a number and 5 gives a number five times of it. Form an equation and solve it.

6.   The length of a rectangle is thrice its breadth. If its perimeter is 60 cm, find the length and the breadth of the rectangle.

7.   In the given figure l || m. Find the values of a, b and c.

8. Solve this cryptarithms:

    Replace the each letter by digits 0- 9 and

    Find the answers.

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      C  A
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   A  B  C
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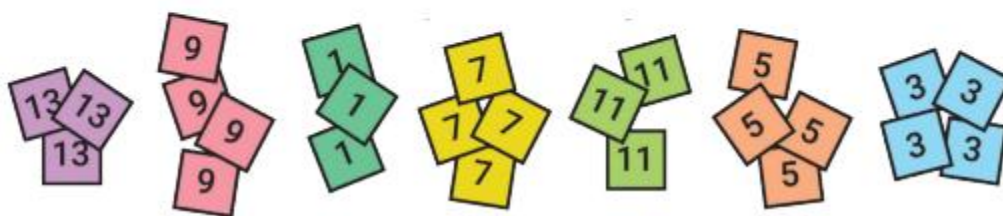
9. Mehak bought 16 toys priced equally for ₹ 1248. The amount of ₹ 252 is still left with him. Find the cost of each toy and the amount she had.

10. Ajay bought 3 notebooks for ₹ 106.50 and 4 bottles of juice for ₹ 873.00. Find the money left in his wallet, if he has two ₹500 notes in his wallet

SECTION – B   **[3 x 10 = 30 Marks]**

11. Can you figure out which 5 cards add to 30? Is it possible?

$$\boxed{} + \boxed{} + \boxed{} + \boxed{} + \boxed{} = 30$$
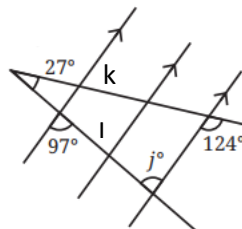

12. Replace the each letter by digits 0- 9 and Find the answers.

$$\begin{array}{r} YY \\ +\ \ Z \\ \hline ZOO \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} B5 \\ +\ 3D \\ \hline ED5 \end{array}$$

13. As shown in the figure two angles are 27^0 and 97^0. Find the measure of angles j, k & l if three lines are parallel.

14.
Fill in the blanks below (cm ↔ m)

| 36 cm = _____ | 50 cm = _____ | _____ = 0.89 m |
| 4 cm = _____ | 325 cm = _____ | _____ = 2.07 m |

15. Arrange the decimal numbers in ascending order: 4.36, 3.099, 4.2, 3.56, 3.65, 3.9

16. What if a person ate 3 varieties of rice every day? Will they be able to taste all the lakh varieties in a 100-year lifetime? Find out.

17. Evaluate them to find the pattern. Extend the multiplications based on the observed pattern.

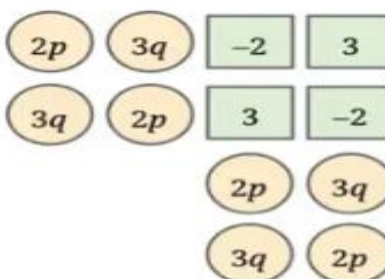| 66 × 61 = |
| 666 × 661 = |
| 6666 × 6661 = |

| 101 × 101 = |
| 102 × 102 = |
| 103 × 103 = |

18. In the following table, some expressions are given. Complete the table.

Expression	Expression as the sum of its terms	Terms
$13 - 2 + 6$	(13) + (− 2) + (6)	$13, -2, 6$
$5 + 6 \times 3$	(5) + (6 × 3)	
$4 + 15 - 9$	( ) + ( ) + ( )	
$23 - 2 \times 4 + 16$	( ) + ( ) + ( )	
$28 + 19 - 8$	( ) + ( ) + ( )	

19. Add the numbers in each picture below. Write their corresponding expressions and simplify them.
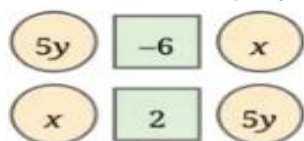
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20. What is the total amount Krithika has, if she has the following number of notes ₹ 100, ₹ 20 and ₹ 5? Complete the following table:

No. of ₹100 notes	No. of ₹20 notes	No. of ₹5 notes	Expression and total amount
3	5	6	
			$6 \times 100 + 4 \times 20 + 3 \times 5$ $= 695$
8	4	z	
x	y	z	

PHYSICS

1. An example of an insulator is:

   a) Copper wire   b) rubber   c) steel spoon   d) A filament   1

2. Which process is responsible for heat transfer in solids?

   a) Convection   b) conduction   c) radiation   d) evaporation   1

3. Nearly all the clocks make use of

   a) Periodic motion   b) rectilinear motion

   c) random motion   d) rotatory motion   1

4. The SI unit of time is hour. (true /false)   1
5. The heat from a fire mainly rraches us by conduction. (true/ false)   1
6. A lamp with a broken filament is a fused lamp.   (true/false)   1
7. What are conductors and insulators of electricity? Give 2 examples each. 2
8. Give reason.   2

   a) Cooking utensils are preferred with copper bottoms.

   b) Water seeps faster through gravel than clay.

9. What do you mean by time period of a simple pendulum? If a pendulum

   completes 20 oscillations in 10 seconds, calculate its time period.   2

10. a. Define uniform linear motion.

    b. Define speed. Write its SI unit.

    c. A runner completes 400m in 50s. Another runner completes the same

    distance in 45s. Calculate the speed of both runners and compare their

    speeds.   5

CHEMISTRY

1. A metal that is used in thermometer is _____.   1

2. Burning of wax is a _____ change.   1

3. The acid present in sour milk is _____.   1

4. Which of the following is an olfactory indicator   1

   a. Litmus paper
   b. Methyl orange
   c. Clove
   d. Ph paper

5. The tendency to metals to be drawn into thin wire is called as   1
   a. Sonorous
   b. Malleability

c. Lustrous
d. Ductility

6. Rusting of iron is an example of :   1
   a. Chemical change   b. Physical change   c . Both   d. None

7. What is the colour change you would notice if u dip red litmus paper in
   a. Curd
   b. Soap solution

Explain your answer

8. Which property of aluminium (a metal) makes it suitable to make plane and automobile body parts?   2

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9. Give below are few changes that we come across in our surroundings . Classify them into chemical change(CC) , physical change (PC)   or Both (B)and indicate the assigned alphabets

   a. Condensation of water vapour to water
   b. Ripening of fruits
   c. Dissolving salt in water   2

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10. Our stomach produces hydrochloric acid. Sometimes, excess hydrochloric acid is produced in the stomach which causes indigestion. Due to indigestion, sometimes a person feels pain in the stomach and irritation. To relieve indigestion, we take an antacid such as milk of magnesia. Milk of magnesia contains magnesium hydroxide. Magnesium hydroxide neutralises the excess acid present in the stomach and cures indigestion. Another antacid is baking soda which contains a base of sodium hydrogen carbonate.   5
    1. What is neutralization reaction?
    2. Will lemon juice help in indigestion? – Give reason.
    3. Identify two bases from the passage given above.

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BIOLOGY

1. _____is the green pigment found in the plants.   1

2. _____ in the stem is responsible for the conduction of water.   1

3. The exchange of gases takes place in _____.   1

4. The protein gets digested in the _____.   1

5. The plants breathe through the small pores in the leaves called as

   _____.   1

6. Describe the process of photosynthesis.   2

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7. Define the process of digestion.   2

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8. Define the process of respiration.   2

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9. Draw the digestive system and label the parts. Describe the flow of food
   through the system and how it is expelled out of the body.   5

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