

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DURGAPUR
QUESTION BANK & REVISION SHEET FOR FINAL EXAMINATION (2017-18)
CLASS-VIII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Literature

THE PURPLE CHILDREN

- Q1. Where was the sentry specifically placed for duty? Why was the new sentry ill at ease?
- Q2. Describe the girl as seen by the sentry.
- Q3. What was the girl looking for and why was she not able to get hold of it?
- Q4. How did she convince the sentry to allow her to get in?
- Q5. What idea was given by Christo? Why did Ariana reject it?
- Q6. What feelings did the headmaster have regarding the Major when he was advancing to the hall door? How did the Major feel at that moment?
- Q7. Why was the headmaster feeling pity for the Major?
- Q8) 'It was great luck that you were not splashed like me'
- Q9) Would you like to begin with the little ones?
- Q10) They haven't done anything all that bad

The Monkey's paw

- Q1. Whom were the Whites waiting for? What delayed his arrival?
- Q2. Who was the visitor in the house of Mr and Mrs White? What did he start speaking about which the family listened with eager interest?
- Q3. Why did the major still possess the paw?
- Q4. Why didn't Major Morris want to say anything about the monkey's paw to the White family?
- Q5. Although Mr White missed his son, yet he was more sensible than Mrs. White. How can you say so?
- Q6. What was the first wish made by Mr White and how was it fulfilled?
- Q7 What was the spell put by the fakir on the monkey's paw? Why did he put the spell?
- Q8. What were the second and the last wish and why were they made?
- Q9. The firm wished me to convey their sincere sympathy with you in your great loss.
- Q10. ----- wish for something sensible.

Fourteen

- Q1. Mrs. Pringle compares the cook with an actress with a bad temper. Why? and Why was the cook furious
- Q2. ----- there are two strange gentlemen in the lower hall.
- Q3. '.....I wonder whom I could get to come in the last minute. Quick..... Help me think'
- Q4. Why is Mrs Pringle so bothered about the number Fourteen?
- Q5. Why were The Hatswood, Hester Longley, The Tupperts rejected and who was finally selected and why?
- Q6. What mess had been made by Ella and Elaine?
- Q7. What made Mrs Pringle call Mr Oliver selfish and rude? and what made Mrs. Pringle is happy at the end?
- Q8) But I telephoned his maid to tell him not to come.
- Q9) Why does Mrs Pringle want her daughter to be present in the dinner table? What difference of nature do you find between the mother and the daughter?
- Q10) ----- he always tells a joke or two

The Solitary Reaper

- Q1. What might be the theme of the song sung by the solitary reaper?
- Q2. 'Stop here, or gently pass!'
- Q3. What is the solitary reaper doing?
- Q4. What is the solitary reaper's song compared to?
- Q5. 'More welcome notes to weary bands'
- Q6. What is the effect of the song on the poet?
- Q7. 'Breaking the silence of the seas'

The Village school master

- Q1. Why has the school master been called –skilled to rule?
- Q2. "Full well they laughed, with counterfeited with glee,"
- Q3. "For e'ven though vanquish'd, he could argue still"
- Q4. How do we understand that the children knew their school master well?
- Q5. What was the biggest fault of the master?
- Q6. What made the school master gain respect from the villagers?
- Q7. Explain- While the words----- rang'd around

WRITING SKILL

Diary entry

- Q1. You are the Major who has been assigned the duty to catch the miscreants who have put up their flag in the Town Hall. After your unsuccessful attempt, you sit to write about your feeling and how helpless you feel.
- Q2. You are Elaine and feel irritated and confused by the way your mother treats and expects you to behave, make an entry in the diary expressing your feeling and also the night your mother had planned a dinner.
- Q3. You are Mr. White, your feelings on and after death of your son.
- Q4. You are Mrs Pringle. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings after the dinner got over Successfully.

Informal Letter

- Q1. You are Mr White. Write a letter to your friend telling about the death of your son and the condition of your wife about the incident
- Q2. You are the sentry in "The Purple Children". Write a letter to your friend telling him about the incident and your feelings about the natives.
- Q3. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her for becoming the best athlete of the year.
- Q4. You are one of the students of the village school. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about your schoolmaster.

Story writing

- Q1. Write a story beginning with 'A half sweater, a pullover, a jacket, a woollen cap- that was enough, she thought.....'
- Q2. Write a story ending with '.....But I will definitely stand up and fight back. Where there is a will there is a way.'
- Q3. Write a story beginning with 'If only I had listened to my mother's advice.....'
- Q4. Write a story ending with '.....At last it rained heavily.'

Email have you changed the questions

Q1) Write an e-mail to the director of 'Disha' Eye Institute expressing your wish to donate your eye after your death.

Q2) Write an e-mail to your friend telling him about how you are preparing for your final exams

Q3) Write an e-mail to your friend telling him about how you are preparing for your annual exhibition.

Q4) To your friend/relative about your recent success.

Q5) Your brother about importance of disciplined life in hostel.

6) About a recent event/ trip/occasion

Q7) Invitation

Q8) Complaining regarding some issue

Report Writing

Q1. Write a report for the school magazine on your school sports day.

Q2. Write a report to be submitted to the Forest Department, Kaziranga, on rise in poaching of Rhinos

Q3. Rise in anti-social elements

Q4. Rise in pollution

Q5. Newspaper report on-

i) accident ii) theft iii) blast iv) act of bravery

Notice

Q1. For an excursion to be held.

Q2. You are the Secretary of a local club and planning for Blood Donation /Eye camp/free health check up in your club..

Q3. Charity show

Q4. Any competition

Q5. Meeting

Q6. Lost & found

Debate Writing please change the topics

Q1. Single-sex public schools better than co-ed schools?

Q2. People owning more than two four wheelers should pay more taxes.

Q3. Uniforms in school.

Q4. Pocket money

Q5. Mobiles and gizmos to students

Q6. Stray dogs should be killed for safety reasons

Q7. Industrialization or environment, what is important?

Q8. Books/teachers should be replaced by e-books and smart classes

Magazine Article

Q1. Child Labour

Q2. Health and fitness

Q3. Importance of being punctual

Q4. Necessity of hobby

Q5. Dealing with peer pressure.

GRAMMAR

Voice

Rewrite the following sentences so that the verbs will be in the active voice.

1. We are taught grammar by Ms Sullivan.
2. He was praised by the teacher.
3. The injured were taken to the hospital by the firemen.
4. The town was destroyed by an earthquake.
5. The teacher was pleased with the boy's work.
6. The building was damaged by the fire.
7. By whom were you taught French?
8. You will be given a ticket by the manager.
9. The streets were thronged with spectators.
10. We will be blamed by everyone.
11. The trees were blown down by the wind.
12. The thieves were caught by the police.
13. The letter was posted by Alice.
14. We were received by the hostess.
15. The snake was killed with a stick.
16. The minister was welcomed by the people.
17. He was found guilty of murder.
18. This house was built by John Mathews in 1991.

Tense

Fill the gaps with the correct tenses.

1. When Carol (call) last night, I (watch) my favorite show on television.
2. I (work) for this company for more than thirty years, and I intend to stay here until I retire!
3. Sharon (love) to travel. She (go) abroad almost every summer. Next year, she plans to go to Peru.
4. Thomas is an author. He (write) mystery novels and travel memoirs. He (write) since he was twenty-eight. Altogether, he (write) seven novels, three collections of short stories and a book of poetry.
5. We were late because we had some car problems. By the time we (get) to the train station, Susan (wait) for us for more than two hours.
6. Sam (try) to change a light bulb when he (slip) and (fall) .
7. Everyday I (wake) up at 6 o'clock, (eat) breakfast at 7 o'clock and (leave) for work at 8 o'clock. However, this morning I (get) up at 6:30, (skip) breakfast and (leave) for work late because I (forget) to set my alarm.

8. Right now, Jim (read) the newspaper and Kathy (make) dinner. Last night at this time, they (do) the same thing. She (cook) and he (read) the newspaper. Tomorrow at this time, they (do, also) the same thing. She (prepare) dinner and he (read) . They are very predictable people!
9. By this time next summer, you (complete) your studies and (find) a job. I, on the other hand, (accomplish, not) anything. I (study, still) and you (work) in some new high paying job.
10. The students (be, usually) taught by Mrs. Monty. However, this week they (teach) taught by Mr. Tanzer.

Reported speech

1. Don't do it!"
 - 2) "I'm leaving tomorrow"
 - 3) "Please get me a cup of tea"
 - 4) "She got married last year" .
 - 5) "Be quick!" .
 - 6) "Could you explain number four, please?" .
 - 7) "Where do you live?" .
 - 8) "We went to the cinema and then to a Chinese restaurant" .
 - 9) "I'll come and help you at twelve" .
 - 10) "What are you doing tomorrow?"
2. Change the following sentences from direct to indirect.
- a. She said, "Is there a shopping center near here?"
 - b. Della said, "I went to the cinema yesterday."
 - c. Rakesh said, "I don't know where my shoes are."
 - d. He said to me, "I have never seen such a lazy boy as you are."
 - e. She said to us, "Let us play some music."
 - f. "What terrible storm it is!", Jaya said.

Phrasal verbs and idioms

Idioms

Common Idioms	Definitions
It cost me an arm and a leg to take my trip to Australia.	<i>Very expensive</i>
I was over the moon when he asked me to marry him.	<i>Extremely pleased or happy</i>
You are taking your IELTS test next week?? Aren't you jumping the gun . You've only just started studying.	<i>Doing or starting something too early</i>
He comes round to see me once in a blue moon .	<i>Happening very rarely</i>
He's got a chip on his shoulder .	<i>Feeling inferior or having a grievance about something</i>
I reckon getting a band 7 in IELTS will be a piece of cake ! I'm very good at English.	<i>Very easy</i>
The money sent by comic relief to help poverty in Africa is just a drop in the ocean . They need far more than this.	<i>A very small part of something much bigger</i>
Getting a low score the first time I took IELTS was a blessing in disguise . It forced me to study extremely hard so I got a much better score the next time.	<i>Something positive that isn't recognized until later</i>
We have to actually do something about global warming. Actions speak louder than words .	<i>It's better to actually do something rather than just talking about it</i>
I bumped into Jenny in town the other day. It's a small world .	<i>Meeting someone you would not have expected to</i>
Are you putting all of your savings into that company? Don't put all your eggs in one basket .	<i>Putting all of ones resources into one possibility</i>
Try not to worry about it. Every cloud has a silver lining .	<i>Believing that every bad situation has a positive side / eventually leads to something good</i>
I think you've hit the nail on the head . That's the reason he didn't get the job.	<i>Say exactly the right thing</i>
I just said it in the heat of the moment . I was	<i>Saying or doing something suddenly</i>

angry. I know I shouldn't have.	<i>without thinking about it</i>
Keep an eye on him. I think he may cheat in the exam.	<i>Watch someone or something carefully</i>
Have you heard? John down the road has kicked the bucket.	<i>Died</i>
I don't want to argue with him again. It's better to let sleeping dogs lie.	<i>Avoid a conflict</i>
I told him what gift you have bought him for his birthday. Sorry, I didn't mean to let the cat out of the bag.	<i>Tell someone something that you were not supposed to</i>
Don't tell her what you really think of her if she's helping you with your English! Don't bite the hand that feeds you.	<i>Hurt or upset someone who is helping you</i>
I'm not sure which party he is going to vote for. He's sitting on the fence.	<i>Not making a firm decision between different choices</i>
Everything she does is very over the top. She can't just have a few drinks – she has to get really drunk.	<i>Excessive</i>
Let's keep studying for IELTS. Practice makes perfect.	<i>Continuously doing something to improve</i>
Don't get upset about what he said. He's just pulling your leg.	<i>Joking around</i>
Sorry but I think I'll take a rain check on that.	<i>To decline an offer that you will take up later</i>
As a rule of thumb , I don't study at weekends. I spend the time with my family.	<i>Principal that is strictly adhered / kept to</i>
I can smell a rat. He said he has a PhD but he can't even remember which university he studied at.	<i>To sense that something is not right</i>

Phrasal verbs

back up	support	My wife backed me up over my decision to quit my job.
blow up	explode	The racing car blew up after it crashed into the fence.

break down		get upset	The woman broke down when the police told her that her son had died.
call up	phone	Give me your phone number and I will call you up when we are in town.	
calm down	relax after being angry	You are still mad. You need to calm down before you drive the car.	
come across	find unexpectedly	I came across these old photos when I was tidying the closet.	
come forward	volunteer for a task or to give evidence	The woman came forward with her husband's finger prints.	
get along	like each other	I was surprised how well my wife and my sister got along .	
give up	stop trying	My maths homework was too difficult so I gave up .	
hang in	stay positive (informal)	Hang in there. I'm sure you'll find a job very soon.	
hold on	wait a short time	Please hold on while I transfer you to the Sales Department.	
look forward to	be excited about the future	I'm looking forward to the Christmas break.	
turn down	refuse	I turned the job down because I don't want to move.	
use up	finish the supply	The kids used all of the toothpaste up so we need to buy some more.	

warm up	prepare body for exercise	I always warm up by doing sit-ups before I go for a run.
wear off	fade away	Most of my make-up wore off before I got to the party.
work out	exercise	I work out at the gym three times a week.
set up	arrange, organize	Our boss set a meeting up with the president of the company.
put up with	tolerate	I don't think I can put up with three small children in the car.
put on	put clothing/ accessories on your body	Don't forget to put on your new earrings for the party.
pick out	choose	I picked out three sweaters for you to try on.

Adverbs

Rewrite the sentences and put the adverbs in correctly.

1. We were in London. (last week) →
2. He walks his dog. (rarely) →
3. She waited. (patiently) →
4. My father goes fishing. (always) →
5. Your bedroom is. (upstairs) →
6. We don't go skiing. (in summer) →
7. Cats can hear. (well) →
8. I saw him. (there) →
9. The girl speaks English. (fluently) →
10. I have seen that film. (never) / (before) →

Q2. Replace each adjective with an adverb. EX:boastful->boastfully

1. The ballerina moved around very (graceful).
2. David (easy) won the first race.
3. I don't know (exact) how much money he makes.
4. I (honest) don't know what John told his sister.
5. The singer of the band sang very (bad) during the concert.
6. My friend Tom always speaks very (loud).
7. You speak English very (good).
8. These days I am so busy at work that I (rare) have time to go out.
9. Sometimes I like to spend the day just lying in bed (lazy).
10. The police officer made sure that she got home (safe).

Conjunction

Join the sentences using conjunction

1. She is honest. She is not hard working.
2. Martin is not tall. His father is not tall.
3. He was ill. He attended the meeting.
4. He is tired. He completed the work.
5. I went to the shop. I bought some vegetables.
6. You must start at once. You will be late.
7. He must be tired. He has been working since morning.
8. You must come early. You will have time to make all the arrangements.

Integrated grammar

1. Each line has an error. Find out the incorrect and the correct word.

The CBI is investigate whether travel
agents is using illegal software to
trick the railway tatkal book system

Incorrect

Correct

- a _____
b _____
c _____

into issuing tickets in a fast rate
by evading a railways' own security
checks, people familiar to the matter
said today.

d _____
e _____
f _____

2. One word has been omitted in each line. Find out the word and write in proper column.

	Word before	Word	Word after
Thick fog on last day of 2017 affected	a		
Flight operations Indira Gandhi International	b		
Airport today. As visibility fell below minimum	c		
needed flight operations, landings and taking	d		
offs stopped for a hours, airport officials said.	e		
Some flights also cancelled.	f		

SYLLABUS FOR FINAL EXAMINATION

Literature – The Solitary Reaper, The Purple Children, The Monkey's Paw, The Village Schoolmaster, Fourteen

Writing – Diary Entry, Informal Letter, Magazine Article, Notice, Report Writing, Debate, E mail, Story writing

Grammar- Voice, Tense, Reported speech, Phrasal Verbs and Idioms, Adverb, Conjunction, Integrated grammar