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ANNUAL EVALUATION 2021- 2022****ENGLISH****Max.Score : 40****Time : 1.30 hrs****Standard VIII****INSTRUCTIONS**

- 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool off time.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep in mind the score and time while answering the questions.
- The maximum score for questions from 1 to 27 will be 40.

**Questions 1-6.** Read the passage from the story 'The Mysterious Picture' and answer any **four** of the questions that follow. **(1x4=4)**

Tyl, in the course of his wanderings from court to court, rode to the palace of the Archduke of Battenburg on his donkey. His clothes and appearance attracted everyone's attention. His cap was set smartly on his head and the three bright feathers on it danced in the breeze as he rode. At the main entrance to the palace, the Captain of the Guards called out to him, 'Hei there! You fellow on the donkey! We don't allow any loafers here. You and your donkey already look like skeletons.'

1. Where did the events narrated in the story take place ?
2. How did Tyl reach the palace of the Archduke of Battenburg ?
3. What attracted everyone's attention when they saw Tyl ?
4. Who stopped Tyl at the main entrance of the palace ?
5. Which sentence tells us about the weak physical appearance of Tyl and his donkey?
6. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'a person who avoids work and spends his time idly'

**Questions 7-12.** Read the lines from the poem 'The Village Blacksmith' and answer any **four** of the questions that follow. **(1x4=4)**

*Under a spreading chestnut-tree  
The village smithy stands;  
The smith, a mighty man is he,  
With large and sinewy hands;  
And the muscles of his brawny arms  
Are strong as iron bands.*

*His hair is crisp, and black, and long,  
His face is like the tan;  
His brow is wet with honest sweat,  
He earns whate'er he can,  
And looks the whole world in the face,  
For he owes not any man.*

7. Where does the village smithy stand ?
8. Why is the smith called 'a mighty man' ?
9. How does the poet describe the hair of the blacksmith ?
10. Why does the blacksmith 'look the whole world in the face'?
11. Find out an instance of simile from the poem.
12. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the lines given.

**Questions 13-18.** Read the passage carefully and answer any **four** of the questions that follow. **(1x4=4)**

A 24 year old young man seeing out from the train's window shouted...

'Dad, look, the trees are going behind!'

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behaviour with pity. Suddenly he again exclaimed...

'Dad, look, the clouds are running with us!'

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

'Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?'

The old man smiled and said... 'I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyesight today.'

13. What was the young man doing?
14. 'Dad, look the trees are going behind!'. Who told this ?
15. Why did the couple feel pity on the young man ?
16. What did the couple ask the father ?
17. Why does the young man speak childishly ?
18. Give a suitable title to the story.

**Question 19.** Prepare a **profile** of Rabindranath Tagore using the details given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary. **(5x1=5)**

Name : Rabindranath Tagore

Birth : 7 th May, 1861

Place of birth : Kolkata  
Nationality : Indian.  
Notable works : Gitanjali, Manasi.  
Award : Nobel Prize in Literature, 1913  
Death : August 7, 1941.

**Questions 20-21.** Attempt any **one** of the following. **(5x1=5)**

20. The boy in the story '*The Nightingale and the Rose*' became really sad when he realised that his lover had rejected him. He poured his feelings down in the form of a diary entry. Prepare the likely **diary** entry.
21. Valesco is the central character in the story '*A Shipwrecked Sailor*'. He had a narrow escape from a shipwreck. Later, he meets one of his friends. Prepare the likely **conversation** between them.

**Questions 22-24.** Answer any **two** of the following. **(5x2=10)**

22. The English Club of your school has decided to stage a play based on the lesson '*Rosa Parks Sat Still*'. Prepare a **notice** to inform the staff and students about the programme.
23. The boy in the story, '*The Light on the Hills*' conducts an exhibition of his paintings. He writes a letter to invite one of his friends. Draft the likely **letter**.
24. Some of the events from the story '*The Boy Who Drew Cats*' are jumbled up. **Sequence them and write a paragraph.**
- Whenever the boy found himself alone in the temple, he drew cats.
  - The youngest son in the family was sent to become a priest.
  - The priest sent the boy away by saying 'Avoid large places at night, keep to small.'
  - A long long time ago, there lived a poor farmer and his family in Japan.
  - The priest warned him several times, but he couldn't stop drawing cats.

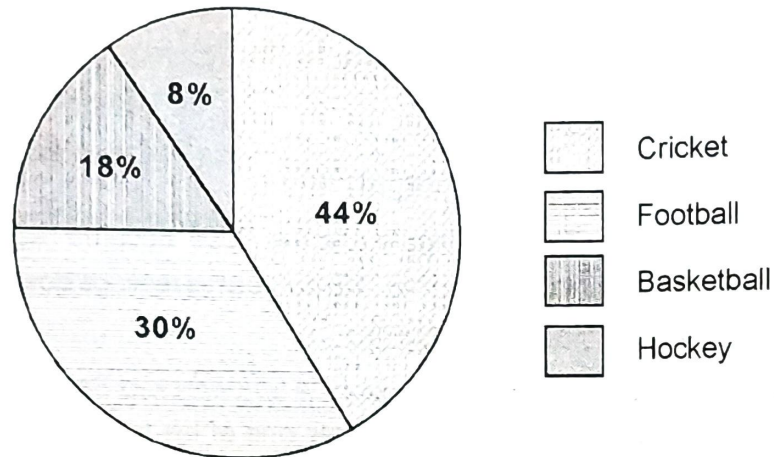
**Questions 25-27.** Answer any **two** of the following.

25. Fill in the blanks with the correct words given in brackets. **(4x2 =8)**

On a cold, rainy and windy Saturday .....(a)..... October, .....(b)..... little boy was bored. He went .....(c).....to the kitchen where his mother was reading the newspaper .....(d)..... he said, 'Mom, I don't know what to do. I'm bored, bored, bored.'

( and, in, down, a )

26. The following pie diagram represents the favourite games of the students of a school. Study the diagram and answer the questions that follow.



- The most favourite game of the students is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What is the percentage of students who like to play basketball ?
  - Which game is least preferred by the students ?
  - What percentage of students enjoy football ?
27. Look at the word pyramid given below.

Boy  
The boy  
The smart boy  
The smart boy in the class

Prepare a similar **word pyramid** using the word '**Rose**'.