

PSA SAMPLE PAPER
CLASS VIII

SECTION A (LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS)

Note: This section of the question paper contains 24 questions in English Language. A student is required to attempt all the 24 questions.

(Questions 1-4: Read the following passage carefully and select the option you consider the most appropriate for the question)

1. Water is an important natural resource. It is available in plenty. About three-fourth of the earth's surface is covered by water. Big oceans like the Pacific and the Atlantic have millions of litres of water stored in the form of ice. Other reservoirs on the earth like rivers, lakes and ponds also have an appreciable amount of water. In addition, there is water below the surface of the earth. We obtain this water for our use by digging wells.

2. **Although** the earth has a huge stock of water, the amount of water that can be used by human beings and other animals is very small. Of the total water on earth 97.41% is in oceans. It is salty and hence cannot be used by human beings. Most of the fresh water is frozen in glaciers and in the polar ice caps. Only a tiny fraction (0.14 %) is available for human use. This small amount of accessible water is repeatedly recycled for use by humans and other animals.

Q 1. Only a small fraction of water is available for use by humans because

- a) It is recycled repeatedly
- b) Much of the total water is salty and cannot be used
- c) Most of the fresh water is in frozen form
- d) both (b) and (c) above

Q 2. The greater part of the fresh water is stored in

- a) glaciers and the polar ice caps
- b) below the surface of earth
- c) In water bodies
- d) in oceans

Q 3. Which of the following conjunctions could be used in place of the conjunction '**Although**' in paragraph 2?

- a) though
- b) however
- c) Even though
- d) both a & c

Q 4. The total quantity of available fresh water amount to

- a) 0.14 %
- b) 2.59%
- c) 97.41%
- d) None of the above

(Question 5 to 8): Read the following notice and select the most appropriate word to fill in the gap)

The Sports Day of the school falls (5)..... March 21st. Please submit the names of the participants of (6) Houses within a week. A student (7)..... take part in more than three events excluding the relay. Any delay (8) wrong information will lead to disqualification.

Q 5. Which of these fits gap 5?

- a) in
- b) at
- c) on
- d) of

Q 6. Which of these fits gap 6?

- a) their
- b) your
- c) all
- d) some

Q 7. Which of these fits gap 7?

- a) can
- b) cannot
- c) will
- d) not

Q 8 Which of these fits gap 8?

- a) or
- b) of
- c) in
- d) and

(Questions 9 to 15) In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with appropriate words. Choose the correct alternative out of the given options:

Q 9. Which of the following is not a synonym of **abnormal**?

- a) strange
- b) inconsistent
- c) exceptional
- d) usual

Q 10) That which is **important or distinguished** is----

- a) prominent
- b) petty
- c) junior
- d) inconspicuous

Q 11. **Practice** is a noun form whereas **practise** is-----

- a) adverb
- b) adjective
- c) verb
- d) pronoun

Q 12. Passive voice for '**He will do the work**' will be:

- a) The work is done by him.
- b) The work will be done by him.
- c) The work would be done by him
- d) The work was to be done by him.

Q 13. Change into indirect speech:

The teacher said to Ravi, "Have you done your homework?"

- a) The teacher asked Ravi if he had done his homework.
- b) The teacher said Ravi that he had done his homework.
- c) The teacher asked Ravi if he did his homework.
- d) The teacher told Ravi if he had done his homework.

Q 14. **She sings like Lata Mangeshkar.**

The sentence is an example of....

- a) metaphor
- b) rhyme
- c) personification
- d) simile

Q 15. Which part of the sentence is incorrect?

One of his friend visited us yesterday.

- a) One
- b) visited
- c) friend
- d) of

(Questions 16 to 21) Read the passage and select the correct form of the missing word/ phrase to complete it:

There are friends and friends in this world. Those who (16)..... to be our friends are not true friends. They behave so just to get some money or benefits from us. They leave us when we (17)..... them the most. They are called (18)..... friends. Such friendships are not (19).....or stable. A true friend (20)..... our joys and sorrows and stands by us in prosperity and adversity. He is prepared to sacrifice anything for our sake.

Q 16 . Which of these fits gap 16?

- a) pretend
- b) behave
- c) are
- d) act

Q 17. Which of these fits gap 17?

- a) like
- b) need
- c) don't need
- d) want

Q 18. Which of these fits gap18?

- a) good
- b) bad
- c) fair-weather
- d) needy

Q 19. Which of these fits gap 19?

- a) reliable
- b) proper
- c) very good
- d) depending

Q 20. Which of these fits gap 20?

- a) celebrates
- b) participates
- c) takes up
- d) shares

Questions 21 to 24) From the options given below in each sentence, select the one to fill in the blank appropriately.

Q 21. At snail's pace means.....

- a) Easy
- b) smooth
- c) Very slowly
- d) slippery

Q 22. The film was a smash....

- a) hit
- b) crash
- c) success
- d) opening

Q 23. The book made a deepin the readers

- a) effect
- b) impression
- c) expression
- d) understanding

Q 24. This is ear-marked for a public park.

- a) Sight
- b) Cite
- c) site
- d) none of the above

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ANSWER KEY

1. d) both b & c above
2. a) glaciers and the polar ice caps
3. d) both a & c
4. a) 0.14 %
5. c) on

6. b) your
7. b) cannot
8. a) or
9. d) usual
10. a) prominent
11. c) verb
12. b) The work will be done by him
13. a) The teacher asked Ravi if he had done his work
14. d) simile
15. c) friend
16. a) pretend
17. b) need
18. c) fair-weather
19. a) reliable
20. d) shares
21. c) very slowly
22. a) hit
23. b) impression
24. c) site