

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU
SESSION: 2025-26
ASSIGNMENT-I

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

CLASS: VIII

Instructions:

Read the questions carefully.

Attempt all questions.

Section A(Reading)

Section B(Grammar & Creative Writing)

Section C(Literature)

SECTION- A (READING)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

Nepal lies between India and Tibet, among the Himalayan Mountains. The tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal, and there are several mountains nearly as high. When mountaineers try to climb Mount Everest, they take the help of the Sherpas, the strong and hardy people who live in these mountains, to carry heavy loads and act as guides. A long time ago, the Sherpas crossed over the mountains from Tibet and made their homes along the southern slopes of the Himalayas in Nepal.

Some Sherpa families have three houses, one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and one further up. The houses are in small village groups of about forty or fifty. Round each group of houses, there are cultivated fields, usually built in the shape of terraces right up the hillsides. In the highest fields, the Sherpas grow potatoes; In the lower fields, they grow barley; and turnips, garlic and other vegetables in the lower ones. They also graze their yaks on the higher mountain slopes in the summer and on the lower slopes in the winter.

Sherpas follow a unique way of life, deeply connected to their traditions and the mountains they call home. They are known for their resilience, hospitality, and deep spiritual beliefs, which are influenced by Tibetan Buddhism. Colorful prayer flags and stone stupas can be seen near their homes and along mountain trails, symbolizing their prayers for peace and good fortune. Festivals like Losar, the Tibetan New Year, are celebrated with great enthusiasm, bringing families and communities together for feasts, dances, and religious ceremonies. Despite the challenges of living in such a harsh environment, the Sherpas take pride in their heritage and continue to pass down their customs from one generation to the next.

Yaks are very hardy, large cattle with thick, hairy blackish-brown coats and long horns. The Sherpas use them for almost everything they need. They ride them, plough with them, and use them to carry their goods. The hairy wool of these animals is made into cloth, and their skins into leather boots and tents. The yaks also provide milk, fat and meat. Their dung is dried and used as fuel instead of wood or coal.

A.Sherpas are not known for _____

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| (i) their strength and hardness | (iii) for cunningness |
| (ii) their carrying heavy loads | (iv) acting as guides. |

B.The synonym of the word ‘feed’ given in the passage is _____

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| (i) leather | (iii) houses |
| (ii) graze | (iv) none of these |

C. State True or False:

Sherpa families have three houses: one house in the lower hills, one a little higher, and another a little higher up. _____

D. Name the various ways in which the yaks are useful for the Shepras.

SECTION-B (GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING)

Q2. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences.

- i) during/ the /concert/ the/ talented/ musician/ played/a/ mesmerizing/ melody/on/ the/ piano
- ii) feed/twice/i/a/her/day
- iii) and/quite/yet/she/naughty/is/adorable
- iv) my/is/partner/she/crime/in
- v) be/have/prepared/the/project/ i/ to/submitted

Q3: Write an e-mail to your friend asking him to visit your home in Chennai during summer vacations.

LITERATURE

Q4: Answer the following questions in 40 to 50 words.

- a) Do you find any similarities between two armies in the prose 'The Best Christmas Present in the World'? Support your answer with an evidence from the story.
- b) The ant tells the cricket to “dance the winter away.” Do you think the word ‘dance’ is appropriate here? If so, why?
- c) Identify and explain any two poetic devices used in the poem ‘The Ant and the Cricket’. How do these devices help convey the moral lesson of the poem?