

Sample Question Paper for Standardized Assessment for Elementary Schools (SAfES)

Class-VIII

English

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Time: 3 hrs

NOTE: This is a sample for Class 8 English textbook on different question forms. Teachers are advised that there could be many more questions in different question forms in the conduct of SAfES for the final examination of the academic session of 2025-26.

Students will answer different sets of questions assessing their knowledge of language elements, comprehension, expression and appreciation through different forms of question- long answer, short answer, very short answer and MCQ.

Long Answer

(10 marks each)

1. Write a paragraph in about 100-150 words on the topic “Advantages and Disadvantages of Social media”
2. You have recently celebrated your 15th birthday. Write a diary entry on how you celebrated your birthday.
3. You have gone on a holiday to visit your grandparents in their village called QRS and your name is XYZ, write a letter to your friend called ABC describing your experience.

Short Answer

(2 marks each)

Read the passage carefully and try to understand it. Then answer the questions that follow.

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his family. He would miss the pay cheque, but he needed to retire. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said ‘yes’, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior material. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer handed over the key of the house to the carpenter— “This is your house, my gift to you.”

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently! Now he had to live in a poorly built house. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the “house” you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

Questions:

1. What did the carpenter tell his employer?
2. What favour did his employer ask from the carpenter?
3. What surprise did the employer have for the carpenter?
4. Why was the surprise a ‘shame’ for the carpenter?
5. Which word in the first paragraph means the same as ‘art of skill of a workman’?

Very Short Answer

(1 mark each)

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

My little sister is very naughty. When she _____ (come) back from school yesterday, she had _____ (tear) her dress. We _____ (ask) her how it had _____ (happen). She _____ (say) she _____ (have, quarrel) with a boy. She _____ (have, beat) him in a race and he _____ (have, try) to push her. She _____ (have, tell) the teacher and so he _____ (have, chase) her, and she _____ (have, fall) down and _____ (have, tear) her dress.

Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)

(1 mark each)

1. Which of the following is a noun?
 - a. The
 - b. Dog
 - c. Long
 - d. Walk
2. Which of the following is not a verb?
 - a. Make
 - b. Run
 - c. Grab
 - d. Carrot

3. Which of the following is a preposition?
- a. can
 - b. gold
 - c. water
 - d. behind
4. Which of the following is an adjective?
- a. call
 - b. shirt
 - c. box
 - d. blue
5. Which of the following is an adverb?
- a. quickly
 - b. stand
 - c. short
 - d. smart