

THE ASSAM VALLEY SCHOOL

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION:

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

FOR ADMISSION TO CLASS: 8

Time: 1 HOUR

M.M: 50

(TO BE FILLED IN BY THE CANDIDATE)

Name

Date of birth

Studying in class

Class in which admission is desired

Registration Number

Name of Centre

Date

(TO BE FILLED IN BY THE EXAMINER)

MARKS OBTAINED IN PERCENTAGE

INITIALS OF THE EXAMINER

SIGNATURE OF THE EXAMINER

INITIALS OF THE CHAIR

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

**THE ASSAM VALLEY SCHOOL
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
CLASS VIII
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time: 1 hour

Full Marks: 50

General Instructions

*Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in the brackets [].
Do not copy the questions. Write the answers only. Attempt all questions*

Question 1.

Write a composition of 200-250 words on any **one** of the topics:

[20]

1. Describe how the festival of Holi is celebrated in your neighbourhood.
2. A Rainy Day.
3. My Best Friend.
4. Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it but there must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.



Question 2.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

[20]

In Japan, tea is called *O-cha*. Between 1185 and 1333, a Japanese priest called Eisai, introduced tea seeds into the country. These have **flourished** into tea bushes grown in Japan today.

The Japanese tea **ceremony** is a **unique** tradition. It is called *Sado* or *Chanoyu* and is a part of the country's culture. The tea ceremony is taught at many tea schools in Japan. Learning about the tea ceremony is still considered an important part of the education of young girls in Japan.

The ceremony called *chaji* is usually held in a *cha-shitsu* or tea room. In earlier days tea rooms were small buildings set in peaceful corners of traditional gardens. These tea rooms exist today in castles or temple gardens. An example is the Shokintei teahouse at Kastura Detached Palace in Kyoto. The first tearoom was called the Temple of Silver Pavilion.

Several special **utensils** are used during the tea ceremony. The *chawan* is a **ceramic** container used for the powdered tea; the *kama* is the kettle used for boiling water over a charcoal fire; the chopsticks called *hashi* are used for eating the meal served with tea. The tea bowls are known as *chawan*. A bamboo brush called *chasen* is used to stir and mix the tea. During the course of the ceremony, a light meal called *kaiseki* or *higashi* is also served.

Answer the following questions:

- (1) What is tea called in Japan? Who introduced it into the country and how? [2]
- (2) What is the tea ceremony called in Japan? Where is it held? [2]
- (3) What is used to stir the tea? What else is served along with the tea? [1]
- (4) Give the meanings of the following words: [5]
 - a. flourished
 - b. unique
 - c. ceremony
 - d. utensils
 - e. ceramic
- (5) Write a summary of the above passage in about 60 words. [10]

Question 3.

Fill in the blanks using appropriate **prepositions**. Write the answers only:

[5]

1. The queen rules ___ her kingdom.
2. The band marched ___ the town.

3. They talked ___ the phone for over an hour.
4. Don't count your chickens ___ they hatch.
5. Look ___ you leap.
6. One ___ them is the thief!
7. They walked ___ the river.
8. They came ___ us with great speed.
9. Something was going on ___ the two of them.
10. Look ___ my wallet for the money.

Question 4.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets:

[5]

- (1) It ___ heavily all night. [rain]
- (2) He ___ cricket when he was young. [play]
- (3) I am living in Patna, where are you ___ presently? [live]
- (4) Here are your shoes; I have just ___ them. [clean]
- (5) You are late. The class ___. [begin]
- (6) I ___ here since 1995. [live]
- (7) I realised that I ___ the wrong decision. [take]
- (8) It ___ tonight. [snow]
- (9) I ___ a shirt for you. [buy]
- (10) They ___ the shop on the main road. [shift]