

HARTMANN COLLEGE, BAREILLY

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT (2016-2017)

CLASS VIII

Read this passage carefully and select the suitable option in each list according to the number in the paragraph-

Q1. (1) The history of literature really began long before man learned to write. Dancing was the (2) earliest form of the arts. Man (3) danced for joy round his (4) primitive camp fire after the defeat and slaughter of his enemy. He yelled and shouted as he danced and gradually the yells became more (5) coherent and caught the measure of the dance and thus the first war song was sung. As the idea of God developed, prayers (6) were framed. As man slowly grew more civilized, he was compelled to invent some method of writing by three urgent (7) necessities. There were certain (8) things that were dangerous to forget and which therefore had to be recorded.

1. Before man invented writing-

- a. literature was passed on by word of mouth
- b. literature was just singing and dancing.
- c. neither of the above

2. 'Earliest' can be replaced with-

- a. the most ancient
- b. art performed early morning
- c. as early as possible

3. Danced for joy-

- a. to spend time with the tribe
- b. to celebrate victory
- c. because it was a ritual

4. the word primitive means-

- a. traditional
- b. ancient
- c. conservative

5. 'coherent' is-

- a. which is sung together
- b. which can be heard clearly
- c. which is bright

6. 'were framed' can be understood as-

- a. were written
- b. were sung
- c. were put on the walls

7. The correct spelling of the word is-

- a. necessities b. necessities c. neccessities

8. things that were dangerous to forget means-

- a. they should remember where everything was
b. it was important not to forget events/ happenings
c. if they forgot some important things, their lives would be in danger
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Q2. The door of Scrooge's counting house was open (1) that he might (2) keep an eye on his clerk, who, in a (3) dismal cell beyond, a sort of a tank, (4) was copying letters. Scrooge had a very small fire, but the clerk's fire was so very much smaller that it looked like one coal.

1. that he might means-

- a. he would definitely b. he could if he wanted to c. he was able to

2. keep an eye on –

- a. guard him b. give him instructions continuously c. watch him

3. the word 'dismal' can be substituted with-

- a. small and narrow b. foul smelling c. dark and unpleasant

4. passive voice of 'was copying letters'

- a. letters were copied... b. letters were being copied... c. letters would be copied...