

**English First paper**  
**Class Eight**

Full Marks-100

Time: 3 hours

[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicates full marks]

**Section – A: Reading (60 Marks)**

**Read the text and answer questions 1, 2 and 3**

A six-year-old boy from Bangladesh is hoping to become the world's youngest computer expert.

Wasik Farhan-Roopkotha turned six in January 2012. He is hoping his skills will be recognised by Microsoft and Guinness World Records.

Wasik started to show a talent for computers since early childhood. Before the age of four, he mastered playing video games and typing in Microsoft Word.

His mother Cynthia Farhan-Risha said, "I knew he was very different since his birth. I couldn't believe my eyes when he began computing as a seven-month-old child.

At his local primary school, Wasik was above the average level. So his parents decided that he should be taught at home. According to his mother, Wasik's English is still limited. However, he has a few words to say in Bengali.

"I really enjoy playing on the computer and learning new skills," Wasik told the BBC.

"My ambition is to be a computer expert at a big computer firm in the future."

Wasik is a computer-nerd. But he still enjoys mixing with other children, playing football and listening to music. However, computers are his main passion.

Farhan-Risha hopes that Wasik will be mentioned in Guinness World Records. They have not yet listed anyone as the youngest computer programmer in the world.

Guinness World Records said, "We do not monitor such a record in our database at the moment. But Wasik's family is welcome to make a claim on our website.

1. **Guess the meaning of the following words and choose the correct meaning closest to the text.** **1×5 = 5**

- (a) In January, 2012 Wasik was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
 i. five            ii. six            iii. Seven            iv. eight
- (b) He \_\_\_\_\_ to become the world's youngest computer expert.  
 i. hopes            ii. wanted            iii. hope            iv. wants.
- (c) He hopes that his skill will be \_\_\_\_\_ by Microsoft and Guinness world records  
 i awarded            ii. rewarded            iii.            iv. achieved
- (d) Wasik's talent \_\_\_\_\_ in his early childhood  
 i. go            ii. broad            iii. come            iv. came
- (e) He learnt the art of typing even \_\_\_\_\_  
 i. at four            ii. At five            iii. before four            iv. After four

2. **Answer the following questions.** **2×5 = 10**

- (a) How old is Wasik?  
 (b) What is his ambition?  
 (c) When did he start to show his talent for computer?  
 (d) Why did his parents want to teach him at home?  
 (e) What does he enjoy?

3. **Summarize the above passage in about 70 words.** **10**

Jonathan Swift was born of English parents in Dublin in 1667. He was educated at Kilkenny School and Trinity College, Dublin. Between 1689 and 1699 he was more or less continuously a member of the house hold of his kinsman Sir William Temple, a civilized man. During these years Swift read widely. About 1696-97 he wrote his powerful satire on corruption in religion and learning which were published in 1704 and reached their final form only in the fifth edition of 1710. Temple's death in 1699 left Swift without resources. IN 1700 he was appointed to living of Laracor and in 1701 he received the degree of doctor of Divinity from Dublin University. In March 1726 he paid his first visit to England since 1714, bringing with him the manuscript which he began in 1721. Swift, who is one of the greatest writers of prose, died in 1745.

4. **Complete the following table with the information given in the passage.** **1×5 = 5**

Who/What	Event/Activity	Where	When
Jonathan Swift	born	Dublin	(i)....
Jonathan Swift	(ii)....	Kilkenny School & Trinity College	
(iii)...	published		in 1704
Doctor of divinity	achievement	(iv)...	in 1701
Jonathan Swift	died		(v)....

5. Read the passage again and write true or false beside the following statements. Give answer for the false statements.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) Temple's death was a great shock to Jonathan Swift.
- (b) Sir William Temple died in 1699.
- (c) Jonathan Swift paid his first visit to England in 1720 since 1701.
- (d) Jonathan Swift expired in 1721.
- (e) Jonathan Swift is one of the greatest dramatist in English literature.

6. Fill in the gaps with appropriate word:  $1 \times 5 = 5$

Many people do not get enough (a) \_\_\_\_\_ from what they eat. Many children become (b) \_\_\_\_\_ because they do not get (c) \_\_\_\_\_ nutrition. Diarrhea is a common (d) \_\_\_\_\_. This is because of drinking (e) \_\_\_\_\_ water. So, they often suffer from diarrhea.

7. Rearrange the following sentences in correct order.  $10$

- (a) But the guests praised Hatem Tai also.
- (b) Long ago there lived a very kind and generous man in Yemen.
- (c) The guest praised the king.
- (d) People praised him more than their king.
- (e) He was not rich but he was very hospitable.
- (f) So the king felt happy and proud.
- (g) One day the king gave a dinner.
- (h) This made the king angry.
- (i) So the king wanted to have him removed from the world.
- (j) The name of that man was Hatem Tai.

8. Fill in the gaps using clues from the boxes. There are more words than necessary.  $0.5 \times 10 = 5$

known	bold	hunger	unquenchable	inspired	inconceivable
see	courage	curiosity	never	dangerous	technology

Man is in the habit of (a) \_\_\_\_\_ thirst for knowledge. In fact, he is (b) \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied with what he has (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and seen. He wants to know and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ more and more. This (e) \_\_\_\_\_ to know more, coupled with his (f) \_\_\_\_\_ spirit of adventure He has (g) \_\_\_\_\_ him to undertake and carry out difficult and (h) \_\_\_\_\_ tasks. In the fields of science and ((i) \_\_\_\_\_ man

9. The phrases in column 'A' are the beginnings of some sentences. The phrases in Column 'B' are the endings. Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B to make complete sentences.

1×5 = 5

Column A	Column B
i. Once there was	a. did any work.
ii. He never	b. took him to a physician.
iii. So he became	c. him to take physical exercise regularly.
iv. His parents	d. very fat and bulky.
v. The physician advised	e. a lazy boy.

**Section: B Writing (40 Marks)**

10. Suppose, you are Sadik and your friend is Talib. Make a dialogue in 100 words between you and your friend " The Habit of Reading Newspaper. 10

11. Write a paragraph on 'A recent train journey' in about 150 words answering the following questions. 10

- What is a train journey?
- What to do first to have a train journey?
- What is the general scenario of a train station?
- How does it move?
- How did you enjoy the journey?
- What is you feeling about the journey?

12. Read the beginning of a story. Now, complete it in 150 words. 10

Once there was a man in a village Karticpramanik by name. He was a nature lover. The village where he lived was no tree. People of that village had to suffer much because of unbearable heat of the summer. KarticPramanik took it seriously and decided to .....

13. Suppose, you are Rahim, a student of class eight. You stay in a hostel. Your mother wants to know about your hostel life. Now write a letter to your mother about your hostel life. 10