



THE LAIDLAW MEMORIAL SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE, KETTI.
ENTRANCE EXAM – 2023 – 2024
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

CLASS: 8(VIII)
READING TIME : 5 mins
WRITING TIME : 1 hour

DATE: 11/12/2022
MAX: 25 marks

1. **Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:** [5]

Valley of Flowers is a national park in Uttarakhand, India. Nestled in the Western Himalayas, the valley is located at an altitude of 3,600 meters above sea level and is famous for charming meadows of alpine flowers. Myriad alpine flowers stretched across 87.5 sq km. make this place a colourful paradise. The beautiful valley is also a world heritage site with its pristine beauty and mystical surroundings attracting nature lovers, photographers and botanists. Valley of Flowers is bifurcated by Pushpawati River. The locals believe that the valley was once inhabited by fairies. It is one of the famous trekking destinations in India. One cannot stay at the Valley of Flowers, therefore, Ghangaria, the base camp for the trek to the Valley of Flowers, remains an ideal place to relax and sleep.

The Valley of Flowers is a 3-km climb from Ghangaria. The Brahmakamal, the Blue Poppy and the Cobra Lily are some flowers that bloom in the valley. The Himalayan Balsam is the most predominant flower of the valley. The valley is covered with snow for most of the year. The valley opens on 1st June every year for visitors. There are huge glaciers in the Valley of Flowers in June. At this time, snow starts melting and the seeds of the last year's plants start germinating. By July, all the flowers are in full bloom. One can find the maximum number of flowers until mid-August. Snowfall starts in October, and the valley is closed officially for public.

1. Where is the Valley of Flowers located?
2. Based on your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences.
 - a. The Valley of Flowers is stretched across
 - b. The valley attracts
3. Name some flowers found in the valley and the best time to visit the place.
4. Why do visitors have to stay in Ghangaria?
5. Find words from the passage that mean
 - a. unspoiled
 - b. fascinating
 - c. growing
 - d. elevation

2. **Write a letter to your friend enquiring about his/her future plans.** [5]

3. **Change the following sentences to the passive voice:** [5]
- She plucks flowers from the plant
 - Vaibhav is making a loud noise.
 - Have they won the match?
 - Please, open the door.
 - She is eating an Orange.
4. **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb form given in brackets:** [5]
- They a) _____ (be) the best cartoons ever... Mickey Mouse, Pink Panther, and even Transformers! They have been a popular cartoon series for more than 50 years. Recently, Superman, Ultraman, Spiderman and Batman have now b) _____ (make) into films and all these have an impact on children. Children c) _____ (tend) to imitate their superheroes. Today, new types of cartoon d) _____ (enter) the industry, such as Ben Ten, Angry Birds and our own local production, Upin and Ipin. There are many types of merchandise, such as stickers, school bags, key-chains, stationery, mugs and shirts e) _____ (portray) these cartoon characters.
5. **Describe your best friend and the feelings you have when you spend time with him/her.** [5]