LOYOLA SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR

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Class: VIII	**Subject: English Language**	**F.M.= 20**	**Time: 40min.**

Question 1

(i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space :- **[$\frac{1}{2}$x10=5]**

Once upon a time, in the days when genies and giants _____(0) (roam) the land, there _____ (1) (live) a farmer _____ (2)(name) Baba Ayub. He lived with his family in a little village by the name of Maidan Sabz. Because he had a large family to feed ,Baba Ayub (3)(see) _____his days (4)(consume)_____by hard work. Everyday ,he (5)(labour)_____from dawn to sundown ,(6)(plough)_____his field and (7)(turn)_____the soil and (8) (tend)_____to his meager pistachio trees. Yet in his heart he always (9)(dream)_____ of finding a way to make his fields greener. One evening, as the sun (10)(dip)_____ behind the hills ,he heard a strange humming sound near the well.

(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. **[$\frac{1}{2}$x10=5]**

1. He is a prince ____ disguise.
2. He did the work _____ his whole heart.
3. He travelled _____ the name of Colonel Verma.
4. Nobody , _____ Mohan , could have done it.
5. Thick mist hung _____the forest.
6. I am quite hopeful _____ success.
7. You look tired _____.
8. We all profited _____ his advice.
9. The ship is bound _____ Australia.
10. His brother is slow _____ mathematics.

Question 2

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Every moment of life is precious. Time is the essence of life. It is the wealth given to us by Nature. Everyday all of us get 24 hours; nothing less, nothing more. Now, it is up to us how we use it. People who know how to make the best use of every moment easily open the doors of success in their lives and those who misuse time get failures one after the other. There is a saying that, ‘‘Spent time and spent words cannot come back.’’ Everybody is tied by the limits of time; even God respects the boundaries of time. Work wins appreciation only when it gets completed in a requisite time frame. Beyond the time allotted, work loses all its utility however good may have been its quality. Just as falling of rains after the crops have dried up have no use; likewise, when the time is past the deadline, the work loses its importance and value. When iron is hot it can be cast into whichever shape we want. Once it gets cold nothing can be made out of it, however, much we may beat the same. In the same way, a person who has learnt to wisely use his time and has understood how to cast himself according to the need of the time has actually learnt the true mantra of life. Shakespeare wrote in one of his plays, ‘‘I wasted time, and now doth time waste me.’’ It is true that a person who wastes even a little bit of time loses wonderful opportunities that he could have otherwise availed of by utilizing that time. All the great leaders have one thing in common. They wisely utilize every moment of their time. When other people are busy in wasting time in laziness, great men are busy in making plans for the future. There is no person in history who wasted his time and still managed to achieve greatness. Therefore, there is great need to manage time wisely. ‘‘Careful Time Management’’ refers to careful planning of time and sincere execution of this plan. This is the only mantra to attain success in any endeavour. A simple change in outlook and some modification in one’s daily routine can result in a big jump forward towards greater achievements.

Question 3

(i) For each word given below choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: **[1x3=3]**

1. **requisite**
   - **(a)** last date
   - **(b)** required
   - **(c)** costly

2. **endeavour**
   - **(a)** effort
   - **(b)** usefulness
   - **(c)** attain

(ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'worthless'?

1. precious
2. achievements
3. execution

(iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.

1. What is the essence of life? **[1]**
2. What kind of work loses its utility ? **[1]**
3. What is needed for careful time management ? **[2]**
4. What kind of people open the doors of success of their life ? **[2]**
5. When does the work lose its importance and value ? **[1]**

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