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**PORTION FOR YEAR 8 ENTRANCE TEST - April 2023**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Reading**

***Comprehension : Questions on extracts from fiction or non-fiction texts will be given to assess comprehension and understanding of ideas, events, situations, characters, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, writer's use of language, structure and literary techniques to create various effects.***

***Questions will focus on:***

- Identifying and explaining main ideas
- Summarising ideas using own words
- Deducing and inferring information, ideas, characters' feelings, thoughts, reasons for actions with evidence from the texts.
- Justifying inferences with evidence from the texts.
- Expressing opinions and preferences about characters ,situations, events with evidence from the texts.
- Justifying opinions and viewpoints with reasons and evidence.
- Explaining the meaning of words from context.
- Analysing writer's use of figurative language - simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration with evidence
- Awareness of writer's purpose in using grammar for specific effects.
- Awareness of writer's use of varied sentence lengths and sentence types for effect .
- Awareness of use of a range of punctuation for intended effect .

- Awareness of layout and presentational features used in different forms of writing
- Awareness of writer's use of language and literary techniques to create effects

### **Writing**

Writing questions will focus on a topic.

Writing questions will focus on any of the following :-

- *Writing about personal experiences; autobiographical recounts.*
- *Writing journal entry or diary entries, describing their experiences, their thoughts, feelings about a given situation.*
- *Letter writing - formal and informal letters*
- *Writing descriptions of a room, a place, a person, an event*
- *Writing arguments for or against a given topic expressing views*
- *Writing to advice; Writing to persuade*
- *Travel writing*

### **Writing questions will assess students ability to:-**

- communicate variety of ideas, descriptive details, informative details;
- organise ideas into meaningful sentences; paragraphs; use appropriate connectives
- use accurate grammar, punctuation, spelling
- use neat, legible joined handwriting.