

Student Set-A
Diagnostic Test

Class: 8

Subject: English

Student's Name:

School's Name: **District:**

You are: Boy ☐ **Girl** ☐ **Others** ☐ **Local Level:**

1. Listen to your teacher and write the sentences that you hear. (3X1=3)

a)

b)

c)

2. Read the following text and do the given tasks. (7)

Ashrita Furman has set more records than anyone else in the world! In the last 40 years, he has established more than 600 records!

As a child, Ashrita loved reading the Guinness Book of World Records. He wanted to be in it too. But he thought people had to be good at sports to be in the book. He wasn't a good athlete. He felt his dream would never come true.

But later in life, Ashrita learned meditation, and with this, he learned that nothing is impossible. He tested this idea in 1978 by entering a 24-hour bike race in New York. Without any training, Ashrita came third! After that, he started thinking about breaking records again.

First, he tried to break the record for the most jumping jacks. He failed at first, but, remembering that 'anything is possible', he trained, meditated and tried again. This time, he did 27,000 jumping jacks in 6 hours 45 minutes and became the new record holder. His achievement appeared in the 1980 Guinness Book of Records.

Today, Ashrita has a long list of records, including: walking the furthest distance with a bike on his chin, cycling the longest distance with a bottle on his head and lighting the most candles on a birthday cake.

He says his favorite record was "the longest distance on a pogo stick". While he was on holiday in Japan, he saw Mount Fuji and thought it was beautiful, so he decided to try to break a record there. He did 11.5 miles.

Answer the following questions.

(3x1=3)

2.1 How many records has Ashrita Furman made?

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- 2.2 Why did Ashrita Furman feel his dream would never come true?
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- 2.3 How did Ashrita Furman make his favorite record 'the longest distance on a pogo stick'?
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Circle (O) the correct answer. (4X1=4)

- 2.4 What does the word 'breaking' mean in the third paragraph?
- a. Damaging something
 - b. Doing something better than anyone has done before
 - c. Doing something against the law
 - d. Stopping doing something for a while
- 2.5 Which activity did Ashrita do for his first world record?
- a. Jumping jacks
 - b. Walking the furthest distance with a bike on his chin
 - c. Jumping the longest distance on a pogo stick
 - d. Lighting the most candles on a birth day cake
- 2.6 What did Ashrita Furman carry in his head while cycling the longest distance?
- a. A book
 - b. A bike
 - c. A bottle
 - d. A candle
- 2.7 Which of the following sentences is NOT true about Ashrita?
- a. He failed his first record-breaking attempt
 - b. He lit the highest number of candles on a cake
 - c. He did 27000 jumping jacks in 6 hours 45 minutes
 - d. In a 24-hour bike race in New York, he became first

3. Read the following email and do the given task. 5

Hi Sarmila,

Just a quick email to say that sounds like a great idea. Saturday is better for me because I'm meeting my parents on Sunday. So, if that's still good for you, why don't you come here? Then you can see the new flat and all the work we've done on the kitchen since we moved in. We can eat at home and then go for a walk in the afternoon. It's going to be so good to catch up finally. I want to hear all about your new job!

Our address is 52 New Road, but it's a bit difficult to find because the house numbers are really strange here. If you turn left at the post office and keep going past the big white complex on New Road, there's a small side street behind it with the houses 50–56 in. Don't ask me why the side street doesn't have a different name! But call me if you get lost and I'll come and get you.

Let me know if there's anything you do/don't like to eat. Really looking forward to seeing you!

See you soon!

Gopal

Write TRUE for true and FALSE for false statements. (5x1=5)

- 3.1. Sarmila and Gopal are going to meet on Sunday.
- 3.2. Sarmila and Gopal are going to have lunch at Gopal's flat.
- 3.3. Sarmila has got a new job.
- 3.4. The house is easy to find.
- 3.5. Gopal suggests Sarmila to call him if she is lost

4. Write a paragraph describing one of your friends in about 60-75 words. Include the following information. 5

- your friend's name, age, nationality, etc.
- your friend's physical appearance (height, weight, clothes, etc.)
- your friend's hobbies/interests.

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- 5. Write a letter to your foreign friend describing your country in about 100-120 words.
Include the following information.**

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name, neighbouring countries, caste, profession, culture, natural beauty and geography

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