

Class Test

English Lit & Lang

Std: VIII [2025-26]

F.M : 15

A. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions . [4 x 1=4]

“I drove into Bridport, just a few miles away. I asked a boy walking his dog where Copper Beeches was. House number 12 turned out to be nothing but a burned-out shell, the roof gaping, the windows boarded-up. I knocked at the house next door and asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of a Mrs Macpherson. Oh yes, said the old man in his slippers, he knew her well. A lovely old lady, he told me, a bit muddle-headed, but at her age she was entitled to be, wasn't she? A hundred and one years old. She had been in the house when it caught fire. “

- i) State the place the narrator visited to look for Copper Beeches.**
- ii) Mention how the old man next door spoke about Mrs Macpherson.**
- iii) Give the reason for house number 12 being uninhabitable.**
- iv) Find a phrase suitable for the meaning 'perplexed' from the passage above.**

B. Answer the following question in 60-80 words: [3]

Describe in your own words the reason for which both the Soldiers [British & German] opted for peace amidst war.

C. Fill in the blanks : [16 x 1/2 =8]

My family have [1] _____ (buy) some land in southern France recently.

They [2] _____ (build) a summer house there at this moment.

Andy and Mary [3] _____ (go) to a concert tomorrow night.

They [4] _____ (look forward to) it the whole week.

Jonathon [5] _____ (watch) the news on TV every day and it

[6] _____ (help) him with his English.

My car [7] _____ (break) down when I

[8] _____ (drive) home from Work.

I [9] _____ (fix) it if I [10] _____ (know) what was wrong. But I didn't so, [11] _____ (have) to take it to the garage.

When he [12] _____ (found) Microsoft, Bill Gates was only 20 years old. He [13] _____ (already write) his first computer programme six years earlier.

An accident [14] _____ (happen) near my house last night. A car [15] _____ (hit) a young man. He [16] _____ (ride) his bike when someone in front of him suddenly opened a car door.