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**Periodic Test-2 (2022-2023)**



**Name:**

**Grade: VII**

**Subject: English**

**Date: 24.8.22**

**Time: 1½hours**

**Total Marks: 40**

**Section – A**

**Reading**

**I. Read the passage and answer the following questions (4x2=8)**

During my growing years, my siblings and I were taught — both at home and school – to worship the photos and idols of the deities of our respective religions. When we grew a little older, we were introduced to scriptures like the Bhagwat Gita, Bible, Quran, we were told that there are lot of life lessons to be learnt from these holy books. We were then introduced to mythological stories, through which we learnt about ethics and morality. I also learnt to be respectful towards my parents who made my life comfortable with their love and sacrifice, and my teachers who guided me to become a good student and responsible citizen.

Much later in life, I realised that though we learn much from our respective scriptures, there is a lot to learn from our surroundings. This realisation dawned upon me when I learnt to enquire and explore. Everything around us — sun, moon, stars, rain, rivers, stones, rocks, birds, plants and animals – teach us many valuable life lessons.

No wonder that besides the scriptures, in many cultures, nature is also worshipped. The message that is transmitted is that of maintaining environment and ecological balance. People are taught to live in harmony with nature and, recognise that divinity is there every-where.

Nature is a great teacher. A river never stops flowing. If it finds an obstruction in the form of a heavy rock, the river water fights to remove it from its path or finds an alternative path to move ahead. This teaches us

not only to be nurturing but also to be progressive in life; keeping the fighting spirit alive.

We learn a lot in nature's lap but are unwilling to comprehend it. Rather than being considerate to our surrounding and environment, we are being senselessly insensitive. Overcome with greed, we are destroying nature, the extent of which is so profound that we are frequently facing natural disasters like droughts, floods and landslides. We refuse to accept that nature is angry with us. We forget that if the dam of patience bursts, the result is destruction.

However, it is never too late to learn, if we imbibe the life-giving and nurturing aspects of Mother Nature, the quality of our life will improve dramatically.

**Q. Answer the following questions:**

1. What do the mythological stories teach us?
2. What is the message given by the writer about nature?
3. What lesson of life do we learn from rivers?
4. What are the causes of frequent natural disasters?

**Choose the correct alternatives**

**(4x ½ = 2)**

5. Find a word in Para 1 which means the same as 'Gods'.  
a. Worship      b. Ethics      c. Deities      d. Scriptures
6. Which word in Para 2 means the same as 'examine'?  
a. Enquire      b. Learn      c. Explore      d. Lessons
7. Find a word in Para 3 which is the antonym of 'received'.  
a. Transmitted      b. Maintaining      c. Balance      d. Divinity
8. Find a word in Para 6 which means the same as 'assimilate'.  
a. Dramatically      b. Quality      c. Nurturing      d. Imbibe

**Section – B**  
**Creative Writing**

**II. Write a Diary entry on the following situation in about 150 words.(5)**

9. Your long-time friend developed some misunderstandings and is also not allowing you to clear up the matter. His/her neglect is making you worried and depressed. Write a diary entry, expressing your feelings about the situation.

**Section – C**  
**Grammar**

**III.A. Insert articles where required in the paragraph (5)**

10. Our school bus drops us off at junction between my house and my friend's. We walk in different directions from junction to our houses. My friend has dog named Shiro. Shiro barks when our bus arrives and wags his tail till, we get down from bus. I do not have dog for pet, but I have parrot who flies around house announcing, 'Simi is here.' It is interesting to have pet, because pets are our best friends.

**B. Match the rules with the examples by filling in the correct number.(5)**

**Column A**

11. An indefinite article is used when a subject is introduced the first time.
12. The definite article is used to refer to one particular thing.
13. No article is used before a proper noun.
14. Articles are not used before uncountable nouns.

**Column B**

- a. India is a beautiful country.
- b. This is the lion I was talking about
- c. I want water.
- d. An ant crawled slowly towards his plate.

**Section – D**

**IV. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (5x2=10)**

15. List out one visual and sound image from the poem and explain.
16. Why do the explorers take this dangerous journey to South America?
17. What happens when the monsoon arrives in the poem 'The flower school'?
18. Who is Walter Raleigh and what difficulties did he face during expedition?

19. Describe the city of gold.

**V. Read the given lines below and answer the questions (5)**

20. *“They do their lessons with doors shut, and if they want to  
Come out to play before it is time, their master makes them stand  
in a corner.”*

- (a) Who is referred to as ‘They’ in the lines above?
- (b) Who do you think is the master of the flower children?
- (c) How is the school of the flower children according to the child in the poem?
- (d) Find the synonym of the word ‘close’.
- (e) Why does the child in the poem say so? What does he convey in the above lines?