

**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA ZONE
PERIODIC TEST-II (2023-24)**

- Please check that this question paper contains 5 printed pages.
- Check that this question paper contains 8 questions.
- Write down the Serial Number of the question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.

**CLASS:VI
SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

Time:1 Hour 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40+4

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of 3 sections: A, B and C
SECTION-A – READING (10 marks)
SECTION-B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR (15 marks)
SECTION-C – LITERATURE (15 marks)
SECTION-D – GOOD READER BONUS (4 marks)
- Attempt all questions.
- Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as shown in the question paper and should be written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION -A (READING) -10 MARKS

Q1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Bamboo is perhaps the most useful plant in the world. It grows in almost all tropical and subtropical countries. The continents in which bamboo doesn't grow are Europe and Antarctica. In India, it grows extensively in the North east and the Western Ghats. There are varieties of bamboo that grow to a height of forty metres and others that reach a height of only one metre. Bamboo is among the fastest growing plants of the world. Some species of bamboo can grow more than one metre per day, which is about 4 cm per hour.
2. Bamboo is a versatile plant. Human beings have found several uses for it. Bamboo shoots are main diet in many Asian countries. The shoots are pickled or stewed and served as delicacies. The fleshy fruits of one species of bamboo in Assam are eaten raw or cooked. When there is a drought, bamboo seeds are used as a substitute for rice.

3. The commercial uses of bamboo are astonishing. India produces over three million tons of bamboo annually, and nearly half of it is turned into paper. Another important use of bamboo is in housing. Bamboo can even replace steel in many of its uses. In Assam, suspension bridges have been built using bamboo. Scientists at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun are working on the extraction of diesel fuel from the jointed stem of bamboo. With its network of rhizomes and roots, bamboo plays an important role in the prevention of soil erosion.

On the basis of your reading and understanding of the passage, answer the following questions: **(1X5=5)**

- a) Identify the two continents where bamboo does not grow.
- b) Write any two uses of bamboo.
- c) Name the state where suspension bridges have been built using bamboo.
- d) Find out the word from the passage which means ‘**many-sided**’. (Para-2)
- e) In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Mark the correct choice.

Assertion (A): Bamboo is the fastest growing plant on Earth.

Reason (R): Some species of bamboo can grow more than five centimeters per day.

- (i) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (ii) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (iii) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (iv) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Q2. Read the poem carefully.

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods, fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

On the basis of your understanding of the above poem, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1X5=5)

a) State what the speaker is doing in the woods.

- (i) Building a house
- (ii) Watching the woods fill up with snow
- (iii) Riding a horse
- (iv) Chopping trees

b) Mention how the horse reacts to stopping in the woods.

- (i) It's happy and playful
- (ii) It's scared and restless
- (iii) It's surprised and curious
- (iv) It's sleepy and tired

c) Write the sound that is heard in the woods besides the horse's bells.

- (i) Birds chirp
- (ii) Wind and snowflakes
- (iii) Dogs barking
- (iv) People talking

d) What does the speaker say about the woods?

- (i) They are bright and welcoming
- (ii) They are terrifying and dangerous
- (iii) They are lovely, dark and deep
- (iv) They are empty and lifeless

e) Through the poem the poet wants us to understand that-

- (i) It's important to stop and enjoy nature's beauty
- (ii) The woods are a scary place
- (iii) The horse loves snow
- (iv) The speaker wants to live in the woods

SECTION -B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) -15 MARKS

Q3. Music has been a source of entertainment for ages. ‘It is the universal language of mankind,’ said Longfellow. It is also found in nature in different forms. Write a short speech on ‘**Music and Its Impact on Life**’ to be delivered in your school morning assembly by using the hints given below and with reference to your Reader Book, Unit-4 ‘Performing Arts’. Imagine yourself as Rabindra Kumar/Rabina Kumari. (120-150 Words) **(8)**

Hints:

- Powerful tool for communication.
- A source of entertainment and pleasure
- Spreads joy and brings peace and fame
- Creates emotions, imagination and memory
- Acts as a hobby and provides livelihood
- Brings people together.

Q4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. (1X3=3)

Example: in / the cactus / very /hot and dry / grows / places.

The cactus grows in very hot and dry places.

- (a) do not / leaves / have / they / but / spiny / needles
(b) flowers / and / bloom / some of them / cacti / at night / are big
(c) absorb / from fog / water / in the air / cacti can

Q5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (1X4 =4)

	Incorrect	Correct
Yesterday, I see a truck collided with a bus.	e.g. see	saw
The truck driver die on the spot.	(a) _____	_____
The police arrives after twenty minutes.	(b) _____	_____
The bus driver was seriously injure.	(c) _____	_____
They take him to the hospital.	(d) _____	_____

SECTION – C (LITERATURE) - 15 MARKS

Q6. Read the given extract carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. (1X 5=5)

**“Our ships shall sail across high seas
We shall set up schools- all sacred temples for us,
and proudly thump our shoulders and utter
the name of this land of ours, Bharat.”**

- (a) **The extract has been taken from the poem_____.**
(i) Leisure (ii) Bharat Desh (iii) Today and Tomorrow (iv) Our Tree
- (b) **‘We’ in the above line refers to_____.**
(i) The people of Bharat (ii) The poet (iii) The students (iv) Neighbouring states
- (c) **The schools are compared to _____.**
(i) ships (ii) mystery place (iii) sacred temples (iv) houses
- (d) **The poet of the poem from which the above extract taken is_____**
(i) W.H.Davies (ii) Mahatma Gandhi (iii) Ruskin Bond (iv) Subramania Bharati
- (e) **The literary device used in the second line is_____.**
(i) simile (ii) metaphor (iii) hyperbole (iv) personification

Q7. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2X3=6)

- (a) It is important to learn scriptures and sciences. Give reasons. **(Bharat Desh)**
- (b) The elder brothers became jealous of the youngest brother. State the reason.
(The Helpful Young Man)
- (c) Mention the reaction of Rupa when she saw Ravana on stage. **(Hanuman and I)**

Q8. Answer the following question in about 70-80 words. (4)

‘He who engages in the act of kindness, experiences high level of happiness.’ Justify the statement with reference to the lesson **‘The Helpful Young Man.’**

SECTION- D- GOOD READER BONUS (4 marks)