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SET NO-1

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PERIODIC ASSESSMENT-II (2023-24)**

- Please check that this question paper contains **07** printed pages.
- Check that this question paper contains **14** questions.
- Write down the Serial Number of the question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the examination. The students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer script during this period.

CLASS: VIII

SUBJECT: ENGLISH (Course-A)

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. This question paper contains three sections, Section A, B and C.
 - SECTION A – Reading 20 Marks
 - SECTION B – Writing & Grammar 30 Marks
 - SECTION C – Literature 30 Marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Don't write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
6. Read each section carefully and follow the instructions.
7. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each section.

SECTION A (Reading) [20]

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [1X8=8]

a) The history of literature really began before man learned to write. Dancing was the earliest of the arts. Man danced for joy round his primitive camp fire after the defeat and slaughter of his enemy. He yelled and shouted as he danced and gradually the yells and shouts became coherent and caught the measure of the dance and thus the first war song was sung. As the idea of God developed prayers were framed. The songs and prayers became traditional and were repeated from generation to generation, each generation adding something of its own.

b) As man slowly grew more civilized, he was compelled to invent some method of writing by three urgent necessities. There were certain things that it was dangerous to forget and which, therefore had to be recorded. It was often necessary to communicate with persons who were some distance away and it was necessary to protect one's property by making tools, cattle and so on, in some distinctive manner. So man taught himself to write and having learned to write purely for utilitarian reasons he used this new method of preserving his war songs and his prayers. Of course, among these ancient people, there were only a very few individuals who learned to write, and only a few could read what was written.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, attempt the following questions.

a) Before man invented writing, _____.

1. literature was passed on by word of mouth
2. prayers were considered literature
3. literature was just singing and dancing
4. there was no literature

b) As for the war songs and prayers, each generation _____.

1. added something to the stock of its own.
2. blindly repeated the songs and prayers.
3. composed its own songs and prayers.
4. repeated what has handed down to it.

c) The first war song was _____.

1. inspired by God.
2. developed spontaneously.
3. was a song traditionally handed down.
4. was composed by leading dancers

d) The war song evolved out of _____.

1. creative inspiration
2. there was no literature
3. artistic urge
4. yelling and shouting

e) Man invented writing because he wanted _____.

1. to be artistic

2. to write war song
 3. to write literature
 4. to record and communicate
- f) The word ‘measure’ in the context of the passage means:
1. weigh
 2. rhythm
 3. size
 4. quantity
- g) Man started writing as he was interested to write. (True/False)
- h) Find out a word from ‘paragraph-2’ which is a synonym of ‘different’.

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [1X12=12]

The world today is facing various complex diseases. Out of them, obesity is one. Obesity is a condition wherein a person starts to gain unnecessary body fat. This is an excessive and abnormal increase in body fat which can lead to various other related health issues like heart problems, blood pressure, hypertension, cholesterol, and many more. Some people think of obesity as only a cosmetic and physical concern but that’s not true.

The lifestyle of people has been changed a lot. Children used to play in parks and playgrounds with friends whereas now the preference has been shifted to mobile and computer games. Not only children but also elders have changed their lifestyle a lot. Previously, people preferred to do everything by themselves. Right from doing household chores to getting things from the market, everything was done manually. But time has changed a lot. Now, everything gets delivered at the doorstep. This type of lifestyle has led to various diseases including obesity.

Ever-increasing cases of obesity are surely a cause of concern, but there are various cures available to treat it. Eating a healthy, fibrous, and nutritious diet can help reduce that excess weight. Also not munching in between and following a diet routine can help to cure obesity. Secondly, by doing some physical activities like walking, jogging, running, or exercising one can also burn unwanted fat and calories, thereby reducing obesity.

The share of adults who are obese across countries over a period of time.

Globally, 13% of adults aged 18 years and older were obese in 2016. More than one-in-three (36.2%) of adults in the United States were obese in 2016 which was the highest all over the world, compared to 12.2% in 1976. In India, this share was around 10 times lower in 2016 at 3.9% (0.4% in 1976). Absolute change refers to the simple difference in the indicator over two periods in time.

(a) Complete the given analogy.

Obese : fat :: slender : ?

(b) Find the word in the passage which means ‘to bite and eat something noisily’.(Para 3)

(c) Mention any one cause of obesity.

(d) Parks and playgrounds have been replaced by _____.

(e) How can obesity be avoided?

(f) Identify the device.



(g) (A) : Assertion: The lifestyle of people has changed a lot.

(R) : Reason: This type of lifestyle has led to various diseases including obesity.

1. Both (A) and (R) are true, (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
2. Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
3. (A) is true but (R) is false.
4. (A) is false but (R) is true.

(h) What kind of food is **NOT** healthy for an obese person?

1. Balanced food
2. Food with proper nutrition
3. Junk food
4. Fruits

(i) Which of the following days will you associate the best with the above passage?

- i.Consumer day ii.Health day iii.Youth day iv.Environment day
v.Water day vi.Yoga day

1. ii and iv
2. i and vi
3. ii and vi
4. iii and v

(j) Based on your understanding of the above passage, pick up a quote that best describes it.

1. Your body is a reflection of your lifestyle.
2. Nothing will work unless you do.
3. Happy mind, happy life.
4. Every day is a fresh start.

(k) Which of the following countries has the highest obesity rate in 2016?

1. Canada
2. United States
3. India
4. Nigeria

(l) What is an absolute change?

1. The simple difference in the indicator over two periods in time.
2. Physical change over a long period of time
3. Substantial change of substratum,
4. None of the above

SECTION B (Writing and Grammar) [30]

3. During summer vacation, you are going to the 'Queen of Hills-Shimla' with your family. You are very excited. You wish to click pictures and capture the beauty of nature as a lifelong memory. However, you do not possess a good quality of camera. Draft an e-mail to be sent to your friend requesting him/her to lend you his/her camera for your trip. **(Word Limit-50) [4]**

OR

Rohit calls up Rajat to make a plan for the weekend. Complete the dialogue between Rohit and Rajat by filling in the gaps.

Rohit : (i) this weekend?

Rajat : I don't have any special plan.

Rohit : How do you like the idea (ii) the zoo?

Rajat : That sounds good, But I (iii)my parent's permission.

	<p>Rohit : I'll come to your house this evening and request your parents to allow you to join me to see the zoo. Rajat : Ok. Rohit : (iv) in the evening? Rajat : Yes. They will be at home. Rohit : Then I'll surely come.</p>																								
4.	<p>You are Silu. Your brother Sila, studying in a boarding school, has become violent and often gets into fight with other students. Write a letter to him in about 100-120 words advising him to control his anger as 'an eye for an eye will make the whole world blind.' You can take hints from the Unit 'Compassionate Souls' of 'My English Reader'. [8]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>You are Arun/Aruna of class VIII. You believe that success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure and persistence. Willpower always has a success shower. Those who wish to be successful and are discouraged by failures can never know the mantra of success. The truth is our failures are our stepping stones by which we reach success. Taking ideas from the 'Unit- Enterprise' along with your own ideas write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic "Failure is the key to success" in about 100-120 words.</p>																								
5.	<p>In the following passages, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. [1X4=4]</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 45%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;"><i>Before</i></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;"><i>missing</i></th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;"><i>after</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mammals vertebrates or animals with</td> <td>a. _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>backbones. They large brains and a</td> <td>b. _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>keen awareness of surroundings.</td> <td>c. _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>They warm-blooded and have their skin</td> <td>d. _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>covered with hair.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Before</i>	<i>missing</i>	<i>after</i>	Mammals vertebrates or animals with	a. _____	_____	_____	backbones. They large brains and a	b. _____	_____	_____	keen awareness of surroundings.	c. _____	_____	_____	They warm-blooded and have their skin	d. _____	_____	_____	covered with hair.			
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6.	<p>Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. [1X4=4]</p> <p>a) was organized / creative / writing competition / our school / by / a b) the / chief guest / the renowned / Chetan Bhagat / writer / was / of the programme. c) the students / about / he / told / his / life and career. d) very motivating / the students / and encouraged / his speech / was / to write / creatively</p>																								
7.	<p>Read the conversation among the family members at dinner. Then report it by completing the sentences that follow using appropriate expressions. [1X4=4]</p> <p>Matron : What's the matter with you boy? Boy : I have a severe pain on the right side of my stomach Matron : Have you been overeating? Boy : I haven't eaten a morsel since morning.</p> <p>Seeing the boy standing at the entrance of the door, the matron asked (a)_____. The boy replied that (b)_____ on the right hand side of his stomach. The matron inquired (c)_____. The boy replied (d)_____ a morsel since morning.</p>																								

8.	<p>Choose the correct word from the options given below to complete the following passage. [1X3=3]</p> <p>The city police (a) (have/ has/ had) decided to (b)(take/ taking/ taken) action against drivers (c) (whose/ who/ those) attempt to overtake from the left.</p>
9.	<p>Do as directed : [1X3=3]</p> <p>(a) This is a hospital. You _____ smoke here. (Fill in a suitable modal)</p> <p>(b) Either my mother or my father _____ coming to the meeting. (Fill the verb according to the subject)</p> <p>(c) sandra woke up got out of his bed and brushed his teeth. (Rewrite using appropriate punctuation)</p>
<p>SECTION C : LITERATURE [30 Marks]</p>	
10.	<p>Attempt any one extract out of the two given below. [1x4=4]</p> <p>My grandmother was a genius. You'd like to know why? Because she could climb trees. Spreading or high, She'd be up their branches in a trice. And mind you, When last she climbed a tree she was sixty-two.</p> <p>a) The poet calls his grandmother 'a genius' because..... b) 'Spreading or high' describes..... c) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza. d) Write the synonym of the word 'very quickly' from the stanza.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>"You come to me like heaven's caring arms I remember the war days when life was challenge and toil- Miles to walk, hours before sunrise, Walking to take lessons from the saintly teacher near the temple."</p> <p>a) 'You' refers to and 'me' refers to..... b) Life was a challenge and toil for the poet because..... c) 'Heaven's caring arms' means..... d) Name the figure of speech used in the 1st line.</p>
11.	<p>Read the extract and answer the following: [1X4=4]</p> <p>'I am not shouting, sir . How can I help my voice , given by God ?'The school clock struck a quarter-hour. A quarter more. Swami felt he must do something drastic in fifteen minutes . Samuel had no doubt scowled at him and snubbed him , but it was hardly adequate .Swami felt that with a little more effort Samuel could be made to deserve dismissal and imprisonment.</p> <p>a) Swami's intention revealed in the above paragraph is..... b) He wanted to do something drastic because c) Write a synonym of the word 'scowl' from the extract? d) Write an opposite of 'adequate'.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>'Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man.' 'A man? How could a man be a teacher?' 'Well he just told the boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions.'</p>

	<p>A man isn't smart enough.' 'Sure he is. My father knows as much as my teacher.' 'He can't know as much as a teacher.' 'He knows almost as much. I bet.'</p> <p>a) Name the speakers in the above lines. b) Explain 'A man isn't smart enough.' c) What is the point of argument between the speakers? d) Do you agree with the statement 'My father knows as much as my teacher'? Cite a reason.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Answer any <u>six</u> short answer type questions out of the seven given below. (30-40 words) [2X6=12]</p> <p>(a) The king's life was saved because he decided to help the hermit in digging beds for him. Explain. (The Three Questions)</p> <p>(b) Grandparents are always dear to grandchildren. Mention any two value children learn from their elders. (Granny's Tree Climbing)</p> <p>(c) Which school did Margie like more? Write two reasons to support your answers. (The Fun They Had)</p> <p>(d) 'Margie thought he would not know how to put it together again.' Briefly explain her thought. (The Fun They Had)</p> <p>(e) Could Swami deliver the complaint letter to the headmaster? Why/Why not?(Father's Help)</p> <p>(f) The poet's elder brothers and sisters were envious of him. Why? (My Mother)</p> <p>(g) The woman was a self-centered lady. Give instances to prove the statement.(The Luncheon)</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>'To hide a lie, a thousand lies are needed'. Justify the statement with reference to the theme of the story 'Father's Help'. (70-80 words) [4]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>King's act of kindness changed his foe to his faithful friend. Illustrate the statement with reference from the story 'Three Questions'.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Imagine you are the writer of the lesson 'The Luncheon', who met the lady for lunch. She ordered for expensive dishes on the menu like salmon and caviare while you ordered for the cheapest dish mutton chops. The bill was finally paid but not a penny left in your pocket for the entire month. Write a letter to your friend expressing your feelings about meeting the lady. (100 words) [6]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Imagine that you are Samuel. Write a diary entry expressing your surprise at Swami's strange behavior in the class and your feelings at canning him.</p>