

**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA ZONE  
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2023-24**

- Please check that this question paper contains **05** printed pages.
- Check that this question paper contains **13** questions.
- Write down the Serial Number of the question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.

**CLASS:V  
SUBJECT:ENGLISH**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 50**

***General Instructions:***

1. This question paper contains 5 numbers of pages and 13 numbers of questions.
2. It is divided into four sections.  
Section-A-Reading (10 marks), Section-B-Writing (10 marks)  
Section-C-Grammar (15 marks), Section-D-Literature (15 marks)
3. Question numbers 1,2 and 5 to 10 are compulsory.
4. Internal choice is given in question number 3,4 and 11 to 13.
5. Write all answers orderly in legible handwriting.
6. Read the instruction of each question thoroughly and attempt all the questions.
7. Number all the answers correctly as in the question paper.
8. Verify your answer before submitting to the invigilator.

**SECTION-A (READING) 10MARKS**

**1. Read the following passage carefully.**

In 1941, forty-seven men from Meskwaki tribe joined the army because they wanted to fight for their country. From these group eight men were chosen for a secret mission. They became code talkers who used their native language to send secret messages. **(Para-1)**

The U.S troops were not able to move safely before the code talkers. The United States turned to the Meskwaki soldiers because they could pass on important information without the enemy knowing what was being said. **(Para-2)**

The group of eight code talkers was sent to North America. During an attack some of them entered enemy area. The mission took place at night. They used walkie-

talkies to tell the location of the enemy to the troop waiting in the camp. The code talkers helped United States to win the war. The code was never broken during World War II. **(Para-3)**

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions. (5X1=5)**

- (a) Forty-seven men from Meskwaki tribe joined the army. Give reason.
- (b) Who were the code talkers?
- (c) Name the place where the code talkers were sent to help in the attack.
- (d) Write the synonym of the word 'spot' from the passage. **(Para-3)**
- (e) Write the synonym of the word 'hidden' from the passage. **(Para-1)**

**2. Read the following poem carefully.**

### **A Dream**

I say open your hearts  
Like a new flower.  
Let the hatred in us  
Flow away like a dream.  
Let justice be set in our hearts  
And flow like a stream.

I have a dream that one day,  
People all round the world  
Shall eat from the plate of peace  
And say together  
"We shall stay like gold."

One day, a tree will grow high  
And strong in the garden of justice.  
It'll live forever and never die.

**2.1 Answer the following questions by choosing the correct options. (5x1=5)**

- a) In this poem, the poet says to all to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) follow the path of hatred      (ii) be the man of justice  
(iii) pluck the flowers      (iv) go to the stream
- b) According to the poet, in our heart justice should take the place of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) love      (ii) hatred      (iii) peace      (iv) world
- c) The poet expects that all people will eat from the plate of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) war      (ii) food      (iii) peace      (iv) justice

- d) In the last stanza, 'the tree' symbolises a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) man (ii) woman  
(iii) way of living (iv) peaceful and justiciable living
- e) A pair of rhyming words in the first stanza of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) us -dream (ii) hearts-stream  
(iii) hearts - flowers (iv) dream -stream

### **SECTION -B (WRITING)10 MARKS**

- 3. Write a factual essay on "Elephant" in about 60 – 80 words using the given hints. (4 Marks)**

Elephant—huge animal – largest land animal—walks majestically—grows a height of about 10 feet—long trunk—two ears hanging like big fans—two small eyes, a short tail and four legs like pillars, two ivory tusks-- grey in colour—found in forests of India, Africa, Ceylon and Burma—herbivorous animal—eats green grass, grains, fruits, stem, roots and eatable vegetarian things—used for various purposes like transporting racing fighting etc—lives in groups—useful animal

**OR**

You are Simran/Sumit Singh, a student of Happy Home Public School, Sambalpur. As the school leader of your school, write a notice in 50 words for the students of Std III – V informing them about a 'Debate Competition' which is to be held in your school on the occasion of Literacy Week.

- 4. You are Kritika/Kiran of Vidya Bharati Public School, Bhubaneswar. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to give permission for issuing a new Identity Card as you have lost your old one. (80-100 words) (6 Marks)**

**OR**

Books are our best companions in all circumstances and treasure house of knowledge. Write a speech in 80-100 words on '**Importance of Reading Books**' to be delivered in your morning assembly by using the following hints.

As our best friends, mental relaxation, widen our knowledge, stress-free, expand our vocabulary, improve our memory power, thinking skill, provide concentration, develop writing skill.

### **SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)15MARKS**

- 5. Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the words given in bracket:**

**(3X1=3)**

Mother Teresa was known for her (a)\_\_\_\_\_ (kind). She was in the state of (b)\_\_\_\_\_ (sad) when she saw any sick people. Her face shone with (c)\_\_\_\_\_ (satisfy) when she saw them recovering from sickness.

6. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line where a (/) has been given. Write the missing word against the correct number. One has been done for you as an example. (3X 1 = 3)

Bhubaneswar is / beautiful city.

e.g- a

There are / places to visit but we

a) \_\_\_\_\_

have visited / places only as we

b) \_\_\_\_\_

don't have /time to visit all of them.

c) \_\_\_\_\_

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an underlined error in each line. Write the correct word in the space provided against the correct number without writing the whole passage. (3x1=3)

My grandmother is the elder of all in the family. But she is as quicker as the young ones. She cooks tasty than my mother. She is the lovelier woman in this world for me.

Correct Word

e.g- eldest

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Fill in the blanks by using the correct adverbs from the help box. (3x1=3)

extremely, daily, yesterday, heavily

We went to the market (a) \_\_\_\_\_. It started raining (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The weather became (c) \_\_\_\_\_ pleasant.

9. Complete the passage by choosing the correct option from bracket. (3x1=3)

I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ [had/is/ have/ has] just received my aunt's message. Recently, I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ [has waited/ have waited/ wait/ waits] for it. It's a matter of great celebration that she (c) \_\_\_\_\_ [have shifted/ has shifted/ shift/shifts] to her new house.

### SECTION -D (LITERATURE)15MARKS

10. Read the extract and choose the correct options: (3X1=3)

Few ever fail by trying,  
Few ever win who wait.  
All of your sitting, sighing;  
Never will conquer fate.

(a) According to the poet, they never fail who \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) sit idle      (ii) try once      (iii) keep trying      (iv) never try

(b) Those people never win who \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) try very hard      (ii) wait for good luck  
(iii) believe in themselves      (iv) laugh at others

(c)The rhyme scheme of the above stanza is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) aabb            (ii) abac            (iii) abcd            (iv) abab

**11. Answer any four of the following questions briefly in 20 words. (4X1=4)**

- a) Describe the feelings of Tom Sawyer on Monday mornings. (**Monday Morning Blues**)
- b) Ekalavya’s family lived a little away from Hastinapura. Give reasons. (**Limits of mind**)
- c) Why did Swaminathan slap Pea and Shankar? (**The Tale of a Tail**)
- d) How many books did Benny have of his own? (**The Boy who Borrowed**)
- e) Write the message the poet wants to give through the poem “Adventures with Books”. (**Adventures With Books**)

**12. Answer any one of the following questions in 30 to 40 words: (3X1=3)**

“But why would God want nice things for them and bad things for us? Hasn’t God made all of us equal?” Name the speaker and whom he was asking this. What values does he possess that we can inculcate in our lives? (**Limits Of the Mind**)

**OR**

“Open your mouth and let me see. Yes, it’s loose, alright, but you’re not going to die because of that.” Explain the reason why the speaker spoke so rudely and the method of extracting his loose tooth. Find out the values that the speaker possesses.

(**Monday Morning Blues**)

**13. Answer any one of the following questions in 80- 100 words: (1x5=5)**

Imagine you are Tom. Write a letter to your friend in about 80-100 words describing how your plan to stay away from school failed. (**Monday Morning Blues**)

**OR**

Imagine yourself Benny. Write a diary entry describing your unbelievable experience of hearing the books talk and leave your house and reach their owners’ houses.

(**The Boy Who Borrowed**)

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