

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BHUBANESWAR

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT-I (2022-23)

- Please check that this question paper contains **05** printed pages.
- Check that this question paper contains **07** 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

Time Allowed: 1½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 40

General Instructions :

- 1. The paper is divided into 3 parts.**
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them.**
- 3. Don't exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.**

SECTION-A: READING (8 MARKS)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. The fresh air, which one used to breathe six or seven decades ago, is altogether missing today. It is now badly polluted due to various reasons, mostly man-made ones. Air is the first and foremost need for human survival, without which his existence cannot be deemed possible. The moment an infant comes to this world, it is the air that it breathes first to start its life journey. So fresh air, not the polluted air, is essential for the healthy survival of mankind. In its absence, slow annihilation of human race is inevitable.
2. Fumes of automobiles and toxic smokes belching out of the factories' chimneys are the two major causes behind air pollution. It worsens every day with a constant increase in the number of automobiles on the roads and factories in the residential areas. The fumes and smokes so emitted keep polluting the atmosphere. Deforestation around urban areas is another serious

reason behind the rise in air pollution. It is the green vegetation that is necessary for air purification and maintaining ecological balance. The foul smells emanating from huge piles of rubbish, lying at places, also pollute the air which we breathe in. The pollutants responsible for air pollution give rise to 'Greenhouse Effect' and deplete ozone layer in the atmosphere. Besides, it increases the temperature of earth surface so much that the polar caps are melting and most of the UV rays are easily penetrating the surface of the earth.

3. The air pollution has many bad effects on the health of people. It is the cause of many skin and respiratory disorders in human beings. It also causes asthma, bronchitis, and many other diseases.
4. It has hence become utmost important to check the pollution of air which is worsening with each passing day. People should be made conscious of its dangers. Not one nation alone, but all the affected nations should devise effective ways to curb this menace cohesively. If not paid an urgent heed, the day is not far off when there will be a question mark on human survival.

Answer the following questions on the basis of your understanding of the passage:

(1x8)

- (a) Human survival depends on _____.
- (b) Mention at least one reason behind air pollution.
- (c) Green vegetation is needed for _____ and _____.
- (d) Enlist the bad effects of air pollution on the health of people.
- (e) Pollutants produce _____ and deplete ozone layer.
- (f) The fresh air that we breathed six or seven decades ago is now _____.
- (g) How can the pollution of air be checked?
- (h) Find a word from the passage opposite in meaning of 'rural'.(Para-2)

SECTION-B(WRITING & GRAMMAR (16 MARKS))

Q.2. Answer any one:

(8)

You are Sumit/ Simran, residing at 12-B, Jaipur Road, Agra. You feel lack of discipline among the students has become one of the biggest problems that we face today. Children don't listen to their parents or teachers and often indulge in activities that are harmful to them. Taking ideas from the Unit- "Changing times" and using the hints given below write a letter to your friend highlighting the harmful effects of lack of discipline and suggesting measures to improve the situation in 100-120 words.

- Discipline is an important behaviour in life.
- Discipline means training someone to obey rules and regulations.

- Useful for the development of the body as well as mind
- Effects of indiscipline among the youth include lack of respect for teachers.
- Indiscipline reduces the morality and ethics of young people.
- Life without discipline is a ship without radar.

OR

You are Amit/ Amrita. You feel that there is an urgent need to promote awareness about anxiety, stress and depression in teenagers. Taking ideas from Unit-1 “Changing Times” and using the hints given below write a speech on the topic – **Role of parents in helping students handle stress** in 100-120 words.

- Teenagers often carry huge amount of anxiety, negative personal traits.
- Too much stress can make it difficult for them to enjoy life.
- Parents play an important role.
- Parents should focus on good aspects and positive attributes of the students.
- They can help teenagers manage stress by listening and talking, spending time together and encouraging healthy lifestyle.

Q.3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each numbered line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you.

	Incorrect	Correction
The famous Taj Mahal was build by Shah Jahan in the memory of his wife. Its construction had begin in 1632 and was completing in 1653. The beauty of the marble dome are well known. Lakhs of people who visited the monument every year are bound to admire it.	E.g.: build (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____	built _____ _____ _____ _____

Q.4. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph: **(1x4)**

Teacher: Where are you?
 Srinivas: I am outside the class, sir.
 Teacher: When did you leave the classroom?
 Srinivas: I left the classroom just before the downfall of the Mughal Empire.

The teacher asked Srinivas (a) _____. Srinivas replied that (b) _____ outside the class. The teacher further asked him when (c) _____ the classroom. Srinivas replied that (d) _____ the classroom just before the downfall of the Mughal Empire.

SECTION-C: LITERATURE (16MARKS)

Q.5. Read the following extract given below and choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below: (1x4)

“Ever since childhood, She’d this gift
For being happier in a tree than in a lift
And though, as years went by, she would be told
That climbing trees should stop when one grew old.

(a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.

- (i) Bangle Sellers, Sarojini Naidu
- (ii) Granny’s Tree Climbing, Ruskin Bond
- (iii) My Mother, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- (iv) Couplets, Alexander Pope.

(b) Which ‘gift’ is being talked about?

- (i) Climbing trees
- (ii) Making tree top house
- (iii) Adventure
- (iv) Making merry

(c) When granny grew old, she would be told to _____.

- (i) Take rest
- (ii) Climb trees slowly.
- (iii) Reside in a tree top house
- (iv) Stop climbing trees

(d) The rhyme scheme of the above lines is _____.

- (i) aabb
- (ii) abba
- (iii) abab
- (iv) abcb

OR

“Maybe’, he said, nonchalantly. He walked away whistling, the dusty old book tucked beneath his arm. Margie went into the schoolroom.”

a. Who does he refer to?

- (i) Tommy
- (ii) Tommy’s father
- (iii) Mechanical teacher
- (iv) County Inspector

b. Margie’s school was situated _____.

- (i) In the lab
- (ii) In the special building
- (iii) Next to her bedroom
- (iv) In the attic

c. What topic Margie was going to learn that day?

- (i) Statistics
- (ii) Measurements
- (iii) Number systems
- (iv) Addition of proper fractions

d. Find a word from the passage which means the same as ‘in a calm and relaxed manner’.

- (i) Walked
- (ii) Whistling
- (iii) Tucked
- (iv) Nonchalantly

Q.6. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2X3)

- (a) How does Tommy find the tele-books of his time to be better than the old books ?
- (b) Whom did the King decide to visit? Why?
- (c) Why had Margie started hating her school more than ever?
- (d) What was the season of hell for granny and how did she get rid of it?

Q.7. Answer any one of the following: (6)

Imagine that you are the bearded man. Write a diary entry describing how the King saved your life and how peace was made between you and the King in 100-120 words.

OR

Imagine yourself as Tommy. You have got a very old book from your attic. It has a lot of information regarding the kind of school that existed centuries ago. Write a letter to your friend describing the book and the school as mentioned in the book. (100-120 words)
