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**PERIODIC ASSESSMENT – III, 2023-24**

1. Please check that this question paper contains **4** printed pages.
2. Check that this question paper contains **7** questions.
3. Write down the Serial Number of the question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.

**CLASS: VIII**

**SUB: ENGLISH**

**Time: 1 hour 30 Minutes**

**Maximum Marks: 40**

***General Instructions:***

- This paper consists of three sections:  
Section A- Reading (8 marks)  
Section B- Writing and Grammar (16 marks)  
Section C- Literature (16 marks)
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as shown in the question paper and should be written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
- Attempt all questions and adhere to the word limit given with each question.

**SECTION- A: READING (8 MARKS)**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully. (8)**

1. A place where meditation is practised over many years automatically acquires certain powers-making the place sacred. Depending on the intensity of meditators, the sanctity and power of a particular place can remain charged, exuding powerful vibrations, for thousands of years. The Parsvanatha Hills is one such place, Twenty-two of the 24 Jain Tirthankaras attained Nirvana on this hill, and these enlightened persons were separated by thousands of years.
2. When a Tirthankara leaves his body, the equivalent of an atomic explosion takes place. The energy that united body and soul, is released. This power is dispersed on the hill. The whole atmosphere and surroundings get surcharged. What the Parsvanatha Hills are to the Jains, the Ganga is to the Hindus. The Ganga has been called 'Mata' or mother due to its life-giving properties. It is an integral part of Hindu mythology and spiritual belief system just as the Parsvanatha Hills have a unique and glorious place in the story of Jainism.
3. What is so special about the Ganga? There are rivers that are much longer, wider, larger, than the Ganga on this planet - the Brahmaputra, the Amazon, the Nile and the Hwang Ho. But there is something unique about the Ganga that is not found in any of these great

rivers. Despite all the pollutants being pumped into the Ganga due to human activities and carelessness, it has somehow managed to maintain its relative purity. Chemically, it contains extraordinary properties -its water does not putrefy or deteriorate even if kept bottled for long, unlike the water from other rivers. For years, people living on the banks of the Ganga, have spoken about the miraculous medicinal properties of its water. It is interesting to know that the water of the Ganga has properties different from those of other rivers but which seem to undergo a mystical change once they flow into the Ganga.

**1.1. Based on your reading the passage above, answer the following question: (1x6=6)**

- (a) The Parsvanatha hill is sacred. Give reason.
- (b) State how the atmosphere is surcharged when a Tirthankara leaves his body.
- (c) Rivers like the Brahmaputra, the Amazon, the Nile and the Hwang Ho are much longer and wider, than the Ganga. **Write True or False.**
- (d) Ganga :Hindus as Parsvanatha hill : \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The Ganga is compared to a mother in the above passage. Give reason.
- (f) Mention the extraordinary properties of the water of the Ganga.

**1.2. Find the word from the passage which means the same as..... (1x2=2)**

- (g) Decay . (Para 3)
- (h) Distribute or spread over a wide area. (Para 2 )

### **SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR – 16 MARKS)**

**Q.2.** You are Rita. Your mother had recently gone for a health checkup. You received a call from the assistant doctor regarding the result of her reports. Since you have to go out, you leave a message for your mother. Draft a message for her in not more than **50 words**. (4)

**Dr Kaushik:** Is this A/24, Geeta Colony?

**You:** Yes. May I know who is calling?

**Dr Kaushik:** I am Dr. Priya Kaushik calling from Central Diagnostic Centre. I would like to speak to Mrs Sneha.

**You:** She is not at home right now.

**Dr Kaushik:** Could you please tell her that I have seen all her test reports. They do not show any serious problems and if there would be no improvement, we might take some more tests. I advise her to continue the same set of medicines for a week and I have fixed her appointment with the cardiologist for four o'clock at the Christ Hospital. She must reach there in time with all her reports.

**You:** Thank you, Doctor. I will convey her the same.

**Q.3.** You are a good sportsman. You feel that participation in sports and games help one to grow in a healthy way. Sports also develop qualities of courage, endurance and team spirit. Taking ideas from the Unit- 'Sports' of 'My English Reader' and using the hints given below, write an article on the Topic- '**Importance of Games and Sports in student's life**' in about **100-120** words. Address yourself as Akshit/Akshita. (8)

- all work and no play make Jack a dull boy
- promotes physical health and fitness
- facilitates social interaction and teamwork
- builds self-confidence and self-esteem
- master's discipline and time management
- initiates lifelong habits and a healthy lifestyle

**Q.4. Read the given set of instructions on how to make Asparagus Chutney and complete the paragraph with appropriate answer. (1x4=4)**

- Boil asparagus sticks in water.
- Grind the asparagus to a fine paste.
- Put butter, onion, ginger paste, salt and pepper to stir thoroughly.
- Add little water and asparagus paste and mix well.
- Serve with dosas, vadas or pakodas.

Asparagus sticks(a)\_\_\_\_\_ in water. Then asparagus(b)\_\_\_\_\_ to form a fine paste. Butter, onions, ginger paste, salt and pepper (c)\_\_\_\_\_ and stirred thoroughly. A little water and asparagus paste(d)\_\_\_\_\_ and mixed well. Now, you can serve the delicious chutney with dosas, vadas, or pakodas.

#### **SECTION C (LITERATURE- 16 MARKS)**

**Q.5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x4=4)**

**“Teach us to rule ourselves alway,  
Controlled and cleanly night and day;  
That we may bring, if need arise,  
No maimed or worthless sacrifice.”**

- The poet does not want to make a sacrifice which is\_\_\_\_\_ .
- The poet is invoking \_\_\_\_\_ for the guidance.
- Mention the poetic device used in the second line of the extract.
- Write the rhyme scheme of the above extract.

**OR**

**I have always considered you an elder brother you know and tell everyone that everyone that I can depend on you whenever I am in trouble Why don't you eat properly? You are thin as ever. If you can't get good ghee, I can send you a couple of tins. Now you are getting old.**

- Name the speaker and the listener.
- State the intention of the speaker's visit to the listener.
- The speaker considers the listener as his brother. Why?
- Write the suggestion that was given by the speaker to the listener.

**Q.6. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions briefly in about 30 to 40**

**words.**

**(2x3=6)**

- (a) The disappearance of the flower ring made Mr.Regnier upset. Give reasons.(**The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller**)
- (b) William Morris was able to solve the case of the missing ring. Analyse his character in the light of the above statement.(**The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller**)
- (c) Narrate the incidents that made the narrator and Baldev become friends. (**The Undeserved Reward**)
- (d) The poem 'The Children's Song' is highly patriotic. Justify the statement. (**The Children's Song**)

**Q7. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions. (100-120 words).**

**(6)**

You are the narrator. You had no intention of taking undue credit for something that you had not done but did not have enough courage to declare that you had done nothing to deserve the reward. Write a letter to your cousin expressing your helplessness and sadness. (**The Undeserved Reward**)

**OR**

Imagine yourself to be the young lady. Write a diary entry relating how the jeweller's vigilant assistant foiled your well-made plan to steal the ring. (**The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller**)

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