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PERIODIC TEST -1 (2023-24)

CLASS – TENTH

TIME – 1.30 HOUR 30

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

MARKS – 40

General Instructions:

I. The Question Paper contains THREE sections.

SECTION A: Reading

10 MARKS

SECTION B: Writing and Grammar

15 MARKS

SECTION C: Literature

15 MARKS

II. All questions are compulsory.

III. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION: A

READING (10 Marks)

Q.1. Read the passage given below.

Choice of profession and career is of great importance. Success depends on the right and timely choice of a career. There are a great variety of careers and professions. The lack of proper counselling worsens the situation. It also results in unemployment and frustration which means a lot of waste of money, time and energy. The students should take the help of elders, teachers, and professionals in deciding their careers. They should choose their career according to their aptitude and resources.

Young people are ambitious, impatient and eager to achieve good positions. They want to become high officials, executives and have top positions without considering their qualifications, skills etc. This is a wrong attitude. One should be realistic. One may dream of becoming a super film star and end up as a mere casual artist. Such high ambitions lead to disillusionment and unhappiness.

It is better to choose a career at the high school level than go for higher studies aimlessly. One should go for a vocational course at this stage. There are many careers, professions and vocations to choose from. There are teaching, engineering, medicine, law, technology, business, trade, computer application careers, government employment, positions in the police and army etc. But each of these requires special aptitude, training, and resources. One may have proper qualifications and aptitude for a career as a doctor or engineer. But if there are no financial resources to train for it, one cannot choose it as one's carrier.

Choice of a career is not simply a matter of likes and dislikes. Financial resources play a very important role in deciding to choose a profession. For lack of funds, one will have to choose a far humbler career. One can take to politics if one has an aptitude for public life. It is a profession of hard labor and perseverance. If you have strong optimism, ambition for fame and are prepared to face the worst, you are best suited for politics. If you have enough money and resources and want to grow very rich, you can choose business as your career. Therefore, be practical, logical and reasonable in choosing your profession. This is a crucial choice

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the Eleven that follow. (1x10=10 Marks)

- (i) State the factors that can help young people decide their career.
- (ii) What leads to disillusionment and unhappiness among young people?
- (iii) What is the right time to make a career choice? Why?
- (iv) Why are financial resources important while choosing a career?
- (v) What are the qualities needed to become a politician?
- (vi) One's success in life depends on _____
- (vii) Lack of proper counselling leads to _____
- (viii) _____ Play an important role in one's choice of profession.

Find out words/phrases from the passage that mean the same as the following.

- (ix) guidance (para 1)
- (x) aspire (para 2)
- (xi) funds (para 3)

SECTION: B
WRITING & GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

Q.2. You are Sahil/Sahira, resident of 12, Mall Road, Kanpur. You recently visited an orphanage and saw many children living in poor conditions. You feel sympathy for them. They should get good food, healthy living conditions and proper education. . Write a letter (100 - 120 words) to the editor of a national daily requesting the authorities to take proper care of the helpless children. (5 Marks)

OR

You wish to join hobby classes during summer break at Culture and Art Centre, Ambattur Road, Chennai. You wish to learn instrumental music or an Indian dance. Write a letter of enquiry (100-120 words) to the Director asking about details like charges and timings and describing your taste, experience etc. You are Sahil/Sahira, resident of 12 Fort Road, Chennai.

Q.3 Fill the blanks (i) -(iii) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. (3 Marks)

Time travel (i) _____ (ought to /should/ could) become a reality in the near future, (ii) _____ (allows/ allowed/ allowing) human beings to experience the thrill of travelling back or forward in time. However, (iii) _____ (most/ many/ much) challenges must be overcome, such as ensuring safety and affordability for all potential time-travellers.

Q.4 Rearrange any three of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences: (3 Marks)

- (a) are / these / they / under / days / pressure
- (b) need / be / the / parents / to / supportive / very
- (c) can't / be judged / academic / on their / only / students / performance
- (d) provide / we / them / more / should / opportunities

Q.5 In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheets, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example. (4 Marks)

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
e.g.	Ever wondered sleep deficit? Well,	wondered	about	sleep
(i)	sleep deficit a common problem among teenagers today, with many staying up late			
(ii)	to use electronic devices. This lead to			
(iii)	difficulty in concentrating, mood swings, even			
(iv)	It's important for teens to prioritize sleep			
	to ensure their overall health and well-being.			

SECTION: C

LITERATURE- (15 Marks)

Q.6 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (3 Marks)

“Pringle attended him when he was alive and Pringle shall attend him when he’s dead. That’s professional etiquette. ”

- a) Who is Pringle?
- b) Why couldn’t Pringle attend him recently?
- c) What does ‘professional etiquette’ mean?

OR

“Well, poor bird she should have known
That your song must be your own.
That’s why I sing with panache Koo-oh -ah! ko- ash !ko-ash!”
And the foghorn of the frog Blared unrivalled through the bog.

- (a) Who is referred to as the ‘poor bird’ in the first line?
- (b) What is it that she should have known?
- (c) ‘Panache’ here means?

Q.7 Answer ANY FOUR questions in 10-50 words.

(2x4=8 Marks)

- i. Why was the author surprised to see Nicola and Jacopo working as shoeshine boys?
- ii. Why were the boys in the deserted square at night? What character traits do they exhibit?
- iii. Do you agree with the frog’s assessment that the nightingale is a brainless bird?
- iv. What was the frog’s reaction when, the earnings from the box office dropped?
- v. Why did the nightingale call the frog a Mozart in disguise?
- vi. What change in the grandfather’s will led to another spat between his two daughters? Why?
- vii. What message do you get from the play, ‘The Dear Departed’?

Q.8 Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.

(4 Marks)

You are Abel Merriweather. Express your ideas/feelings after you wake up and come to know about your daughters’ feelings/greed and intentions.

OR

“That your song must be your own.” Write the significance of the statement said by the frog in ‘The Frog and the Nightingale’.

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