

**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA.**  
**PERIODIC ASSESSMENT –I (2023-24)**  
**CLASS – VIII**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Time:1 ½ hrs**

**Maximum Marks:40**

**General Instructions:**

- This question paper contains 3 printed pages.
- This paper is divided into three sections and contains seven questions.
- Section A: Reading (8 Marks)
- Section B: Writing and Grammar (16 Marks)
- Section C: Literature (16 Marks)
- Write down the serial number of each question in the left side of the margin before attempting it.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary.
- Read these instructions carefully and follow them.
- Don't exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**SECTION-A (READING – 8 MARKS)**

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

1. The earth is at great threat due to human greed and foolishness. A splendid example of this is plastic. Plastic bag is an environmental hazard, but it occupies an important place in our lives. People find it very convenient to use plastic bags. It is easily available and cheap too. There is no effective alternative to it. So, people don't discard it. Being our lifeline in the market, it refuses to go.
2. From outside it looks harmless. In reality it poses a serious threat to the environment. The material is non-biodegradable. Since there is no mechanism for recycling plastic in place, about 50% of it just lies about in the city. At landfills, chemicals leach out of the polythene bags. In case of P.V.C. heavy metals are left in the soil. Scientists are of the opinion that these toxins contaminate the ground water and agricultural land. Burnt plastic releases more chemicals. Other than that, our animals are at a huge risk because once they consume it, they get problems in the intestines which lead to slow and painful death.
3. Animals eat these bags as they smell the food that once was stored in them. They get sick and die. Many animals particularly marine animals like turtle and seals get trapped in them and suffocate.
4. Thinner plastic bags create more problems for all of us. They tear easily, are not hard and are disposed off quicker than thicker bags. Even rag-pickers who are responsible for 90% of plastic collection for recycling do not like to collect those bags. They collect only heavier stuff to earn more. So, these thinner plastic bags lying about cause severe problems. These bags clog sewers and pipes.
5. Government should put a total ban on plastic bags. There should be a tough, common policy across the country. It is time that we follow the example of other countries, which have banned them. As individuals we can take simple steps like using cloth or paper bags and avoiding single use plastic to reduce the use of plastic and save the planet.

**1.1. Answer the following questions on the basis of your understanding of the passage: (1x8= 8)**

- a. Give a reason why plastic bags are in use despite being harmful.
- b. Plastic bags pose a serious threat to the environment. Justify.
- c. State how plastic bags harm land and marine animals alike.
- d. Mention how thinner plastic bags create problems for all of us.
- e. Write the central idea of the passage.
- f. State one way in which we can reduce the use of the plastic bags in our life.
- g. Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'pollute'. (Para 2)
- h. Find the word from the passage which is the opposite of 'accept'. (Para 1)

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

**Q.2.** You are Aksat/ Aksata, Head Boy/Head Girl of The Mother’s International School, Delhi. Your school is organising a Dance Workshop for the students of class VII and VIII. Draft a notice giving all the details to be displayed on your school notice board in about 50 words. **(4 MARKS)**

**Q.3.** Draft a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic, ‘Bridging the Generation Gap’ in about 100 to 120 words. You are Rahul / Radhika Mohanty. You may take hints from the unit ‘Changing Times’ of your Reader book and the box below. **(8 MARKS)**

- Parents and children belong to two different generations.
- One must be patient and not get into arguments.
- We should make efforts to keep the channels of communication open.
- Parents should show an acceptance of gadgets while children must value culture and tradition.
- Parents and children should try to involve themselves in each other’s life.

**Q.4.** Read the following conversation and then report what was said by completing the following passage. **(1x4=4)**

Customer: “Can I have a bottle of juice?”

Shopkeeper: “Sorry, we only have milk bottles.”

Customer: “When will it be available?”

Shopkeeper: “I can give it to you tomorrow.”

The customer asked the shopkeeper(a)\_\_\_\_\_. The shopkeeper apologized and said that (b)\_\_\_\_\_.

The customer wanted to know(c)\_\_\_\_\_. The shopkeeper said that (d)\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Q.5.** Read the extract and answer the following questions. **(1x4=4)**

So, Granny moved up, and now every day

I climb to her room with glasses and a tray.

She sits there in state and drinks sherry with me,

Upholding her right to reside in a tree.

- a. Granny moved up to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The phrase ‘in state’ means, \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Mention the poetic device used in the fourth line.
- d. Identify the rhyme scheme used in the stanza.

**Or**

‘Gee’, said Tommy. ‘What a waste! When you’re through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it’s good for plenty more. I wouldn’t throw it away.’

‘Same with mine’, said Margie. She was eleven and hadn’t seen as many tele books as Tommy had. He was thirteen.

- a. Tommy called the old book a waste because \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The old book was about \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. A word in the extract above that means the opposite of ‘insufficient’ is \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Name the writer of the story from which this extract has been taken.

**Q.6.** Answer the following questions within 30-40 words each. (any three) **(2x3=6)**

- a. Draw the character sketch of the king. **(Three Questions)**
- b. Granny was determined and strong-willed. Justify. **(Granny’s Tree Climbing)**
- c. List the various answers the king got for the second question. **(Three Questions)**
- d. Find the difference between Margie’s school and your own. **(The Fun They Had)**

**Q.7. Answer any ONE of the following questions. (100-120 words)**

**(6 MARKS)**

Imagine you are the king of the story 'Three Questions'. Write a diary entry of your feelings of gratitude after getting satisfactory answers to your questions.

**OR**

You know that a mechanical teacher has more drawbacks than a human teacher has. But your father is a great supporter of the mechanical teacher. Thinking yourself as Mohan/Manita, write a letter to your father informing him about the effectiveness of the human teacher not only inside the class rooms but also outside the classrooms.

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