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DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA ZONE
PERIODIC TEST-II (2023-24)
CLASS-VII
SUBJECT-ENGLISH

TIME-1 hr 30 Mins

MAXIMUM MARKS:40+ 4

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

- This paper consists of 3 sections: A,B and C
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| SECTION A –READING | (10 MARKS) |
| SECTION B -WRITING AND GRAMMAR | (15 MARKS) |
| SECTION C -LITERATURE | (15 MARKS) |
| READING BONUS SECTION | (4 MARKS) |
- Attempt all the questions.
 - Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
 - All the answers must be correctly numbered as shown in the question paper and should be written in the answer sheet provided to you.
 - Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

SECTION - A: READING (10 MARKS)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. In today's world, almost everyone has a mobile phone. They help us talk to people far away and do lots of things quickly. Scientists say that spending too much time on our phones can make us feel sad or worried. This is because we might forget to spend time with real people or do other funny things. Also, looking at the bright light from our screens can disturb our sleep which can make us feel tired and dull.

2. When we see other people's posts on social media, we might start to compare our lives with theirs. Sometimes, we might feel like our lives are not as good as theirs. This can make us feel unhappy and like we're not good enough. To feel better, we should try to use our phones less and spend more time with our friends and family. We can also try to take breaks from our phones, especially before bedtime. This can help us feel happier and refreshed. It's important to find a good balance between using our phones and doing other things that make us feel good.

3. It's also a good idea to remember that our phones are just one part of our lives. We can do lots of other things that make us happy and relaxed. Going for a walk, reading a book, or talking to a friend face-to-face can help us feel better. We can also try not to worry too much about what we see on social media. People often show only the best parts of their lives there, and it's not the whole story. Taking time to do things we enjoy and being with people we care about can make us feel much happier than spending all our time on our phones.

On the basis of your understanding of the above mentioned passage answer the following questions:
(1x5=5)

- (i) State one thing that can happen if we spend too much time looking at the bright light from our screens.
- (ii) Write one impact of viewing social media posts of others and comparing our lives with theirs.
- (iii) Mention any one way that can make us happy and relaxed.
- (iv) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as 'recharged'. **(para 2)**

(v) In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R).

Mark the correct choice.

Assertion (A): Scientists say that spending too much time on our phones can make us feel sad or worried.

Reason (R): We forget to spend time with real people or do other funny things.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Q2. Read the poem carefully.

Memories from childhood stay with us forever,
Taking us where we have been and will go
Pieces of life that live on and will never
Let us forget we were young long ago.
Sometimes I wander back into those shadows,
Quietly being who I used to be,
Bringing to life all the joys and the sorrows,
Days that can't die while they still live in me.
Holidays linger and happy times glisten;
I can see everyone active and well.
I can still hear them if only I listen,
Feeling each motion and breathing each smell.
Life has such treasures that time's always stealing;
Nothing can ever entirely stay.
While you are young, you can capture each feeling;
Make all the memories you can.

On the basis of understanding the poem answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1x5=5)

(a) In this poem ,the poet takes the perspective of someone who _____.

- (i) is very young
- (ii) has had a hard life
- (iii) can't remember much
- (iv) is elderly

(b) According to the poem, our memories _____.

- (i) are lost as we age
- (ii) are an important part of who we are
- (iii) become less accurate over time
- (iv) are not worth recalling

(c) The poet says that _____.

- (i) some memories are happy and some unhappy
- (ii) all memories should be happy
- (iii) we should forget the past
- (iv) we can change the past by forgetting some things

(d) The poet suggests that young people should _____.

- (i) ignore their friends and relatives
- (ii) only think about the future
- (iii) appreciate the present to preserve it in their minds
- (iv) be active as they age

(e) The poet feels _____ about the memories.

- (i) surprised
- (ii) embarrassed
- (iii) nostalgic
- (iv) worried

SECTION B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

Q3. To achieve success one needs qualities like determination, hard work and positive attitude. You were inspired by reading the success stories of some of the great personalities like Helen Keller and Thomas Edison who despite their disabilities could achieve success. Write a letter to The Editor of The Times Of India, New Delhi to share your ideas on the topic "Hard work and positive attitude can lead to success." You can take

ideas from the unit 'Achievers' from your Reader book and the hints given below. You are Sunil/ Suhani of Mayur Vihar ,New Delhi.(120-150words) (8x1=8)

HINTS:

- No shortcut to success.
- Hard work motivates and rewards.
- Determination and hard work lead to success.
- Positive attitude enhances self confidence.
- Positivity helps overcome adversities.

Q4. Rearrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. First one has been done as an example. (1x3=3)

Eg: India's/ kabaddi/one/is /games/indigenous/of

Kabaddi is one of India's indigenous games.

- (a) popular/rural/it/in/is/areas
(b) does not/playground/this/require/game/large/a
(c) each team/seven/it/players/requires/in

Q5. Given below is a set of instructions for making tea. Read the instruction of the process of making tea and complete the paragraph with appropriate answer. (1x4=4)

- Boil one cup of milk in a kettle.
- Add one teaspoon of tea leaves to it.
- Leave the tea to brew for five minutes.
- Strain the brew into a cup.
- Add sugar to taste and stir thoroughly, then serve.

A cup of milk (a) _____ in a kettle. Then, one teaspoon of tea leaves (b)_____ to it. The tea is left to brew for 5 minutes. The brew (c) _____ into a cup. Sugar (d) _____ to taste and it is stirred thoroughly. Then it is served.

SECTION -C LITERATURE (15 MARKS)

Q6. Read the following extract carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option. (1x5=5)

**'O no, no,' said the little fly, 'to ask me in is vain,
For who goes up your winding stair can ne'er come down again.'
' I m sure you must be weary, dear, with soaring up so high;
Will you rest upon my little bed?'** said the spider to the fly.

- (a) **The fly refused the offer because she knew _____.**
(i) no one comes back who goes there (ii) the place was dark
(iii) the spider was friendly (iv) its difficult to climb the stair
- (b) **The spider asked the fly to rest _____.**
(i) on her shelf (ii) on her little bed
(iii) on her bench (iv) on the floor
- (c) **The rhyme scheme of the extract is _____.**
(i) aabb (ii) bcac (iii) aabc (iv) abcd
- (d) **The spider was concerned for the fly's weariness as _____.**
(i) the fly was working hard (ii) the fly was soaring so high
(iii) the fly was lazy (iv) the fly wanted to take rest
- (e) **The literary device used in the first line is _____.**
(i) simile (ii) repetition
(iii) metaphor (iv) personification

Q7. Answer the following questions within 30-40 words:

(2X3=6)

(a) The poem 'The Spider and The Fly' is a fable. Justify.

(b) Describe the character of Vishal and mention any one trait of him which has inspired you.

(A Stormy Adventure)

(c) List the words the spider used to lure the fly. **(The Spider and the Fly)**

Q8. Answer the following question within 70-80 words:

(4x1=4)

'Presence of mind in times of crisis helps one to come out of difficult situations.' Justify the statement with reference to the chapter 'A Stormy Adventure'.

READING BONUS-4 MARKS

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
