** SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

**PERIODIC TEST - II (2023-24)**

**SUBJECT – English**

**Class: 8 Marks: 50**

**Date: 20/12/2023 Reading Time: 8:30 to 8:45 am Number of printed sides: 5 Writing Time: 8:45 to 10:45 am**

**GGENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

* Read the questions properly and answer them carefully.
* This paper consists of 3 sections :-
  + Section : A ( Reading ) is for 14 marks.
  + Section : B ( Writing and Grammar ) is for 12 marks.
  + Section : C ( Literature ) is for 24 marks.
* Please stick to the given word limit.

**Section : A ( Reading ) 14 Marks**

**Q1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 1x8 =8**

1. Over the past few decades, research has revealed a great deal of information about how readers get meaning from what they read and about the kinds of instructional activities and procedures that are most successful in helping students to become good readers. For many years, reading instruction was based on a concept of reading as the application of a set of isolated skills such as identifying words, finding main ideas, identifying cause and effect relationships, comparing and contrasting and sequencing. Comprehension was viewed as the mastery of these skills.

2. One important classroom study conducted during the 1970s found that typical comprehension instruction followed what the study called a mentioning, practicing, and assessing procedure.

3. At about this time, a group of psychologists, linguists, and computer scientists began to focus research attention on how the mind works .A goal of this new research movement, called cognitive science, was to produce an applied science of learning.

4. In the field of reading, a number of cognitive scientists focussed their attention on how readers construct meaning as they read. Specifically, they studied the mental activities that good readers engage in to achieve comprehension. According to the new concept, reading is a complex, active process of constructing meaning — not skill application.

The act of constructing meaning is:

Interactive — it involves not just the reader but also the text and the context in which reading takes place.

Strategic — readers have purposes for their reading and use a variety of strategies and skills as they construct meaning.

Adaptable — readers change the strategies they use as they read different kinds of text or as they read for different purposes.

i) Which of the following is not a procedure that followed typical comprehension during 1970s.

a)practising procedure b) mentoring procedure

c) memorising procedure d) assessing procedure

ii) The goal for the new research movement of cognitive science was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. to promote self reading .
2. to produce an applied science of learning.
3. to introduce an element through assessment.
4. to reveal a better method of learning.

iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3:

bow : obeisance :: objective : \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Clue : A bow is a synonym for an obeisance, similarly an objective is a synonym for a…)

1. attention b) mind c) learn d) goal

iv) The convergence of the strands of cognitive science research and reading education research has provided a wealth of information about :

1. What methods are required to instill in students the habit of learning through reading.
2. The kind of instruction that is needed to help students to become good readers.
3. What good readers do as they ready.
4. How good or poor readers differ.
5. 1, 2 and 3
6. 1, 3 and 4
7. 1,2 and 3
8. 2, 3 and 4

v) According to the new concept of reading , it is not \_\_\_\_\_but a complex , active

process of constructing meaning .

1. An insignificant expertise
2. A comprehensive skill
3. A skill application
4. A preferred ability

vi) Choose an option that clearly states the meaning of the word ‘convergence’.

1. Two or more things become similar or come together.
2. Two thoughts or things going parallely
3. The emergence of new and distinct thoughts or patterns.
4. The violent mixing of two or more things.

vii) The readers change the strategies they use as they read different kinds

of text or as they read different purposes . This is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. affordable
2. adaptable
3. appreciable
4. accessible

viii) Many years ago the mastery of reading instructional skills are viewed as :-

1. cognitive learning
2. interactive learning
3. comprehension
4. interpretational method

**Q2 Read the passage and answer the following :- 1x6 = 6**

1. Do children really need such long summer breaks, was a question posed by some experts recently? Apparently, such a long break disrupts their development and comes in the way of their learning process.
2. One would have thought the children are doing too much during their vacations and not too little, given the plethora of courses, classes, camps, and workshops involving swimming, art, , music, computers etc. Even the trips taken in the name of holidays seem laden with exotic destinations and customized experiences packed into a short period of time.
3. For holidays every year meant one thing and one thing alone—you went back to your native place, logged in with the emotional headquarters of your extended family and spent two months with a gaggle of uncles , aunts and cousins. We even scurried back into the cauldron of community and continuity represented by family. Summer was not really a break. It was the bridge used to re-affirm one’s connectedness with one’s larger community. It is that emphatically underline the power of old.

i)According to the passage summer times are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. When everyone looked for adventures.
2. When everyone went back home.
3. When someone apologised to others.
4. When some were rebuilding friendship.

ii)What qualitites do present day children display ?

1. disturbed
2. distracted
3. relaxed
4. hardworking

iii)The word ‘scurried’ means :-

1. move inch by inch
2. move quickly
3. move carefully
4. move steadily

iv)Oxymoron is a figure of speech which means apparently contradicting words. Accordingly select an oxymoron that appears in the above passage :-

1. summer break b) annual ritual
2. working vacation d) customised experience

v)Select the quality one must have according to the author :-

1. anti-social
2. isloated
3. emotional
4. forgiving

vi)Summer was not really a break but a joint means \_\_\_\_\_.

1. time to relax and refresh oneself
2. spent sometime with friends
3. join classes for career growth
4. chance to connect with family

**Section : B ( Writing and Grammar ) 12 Marks**

Q3. Write a letter to the Editor , The Republic News of India ,expressing the need for people to take adventure like trekking , mountain climbing , water surfing etc. The challenges these sports give to people help them to manage stress in life. Write the letter in 150 words with ideas taken from the lesson ‘The Summit Within’. **4 M**

**Q4 Attempt the following questions :- 1x8 =8**

i) **The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. 1x4=4**

Incorrect Correction

The evil of begging is very common into our society. E.g. into in

There can be no place which you won‘t find a beggar. (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Some beggars are quite health. They are able – bodied (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and are strong much to earn their living. But they (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

are idlers and want to live without work hard. (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ii) Convert the following into reported speech :-**  1

The teacher said to Vivek, “Draw the diagram of the plant cell.” 1

**iii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:** 1

**Royal wedding fans couldn't** ...................... **noticing that both the brides wore dramatic gowns with long white lace sleeves at their weddings.**

a) helped b) help c) will help d) helps

**iv) Change the narration to reported statement :-** 1

I said to Alka, “How long will you stay here?”

**Section : C Literature : 24 Marks**

**Q5 Read the extract and answer the following :- 1x 6 = 6 Marks**

1. **How can the bird that is born for joy,  
   Sit in a cage and sing.  
   How can a child, when fears annoy,  
   But droop his tender wing.  
   And forget his youthful spring.**
2. What is the emotion felt by the child ?
3. Choose the antonym of ‘droop’:
4. lonely b) tired c) upright d) sad
5. The poetic device used in the last line of the stanza is
6. consonance b) simile c)metaphor d)personification
7. **He said enchanted , “ I’ll carry you after I get my breath”. He remembered his father saying that it would follow if it had first been carried. He moved away and it stared at him. He came back to it and stroked it and walked away again.**
8. Who is referred to as ‘it’ in the above passage ?
9. What had the narrator’s father mentioned before to him ?
10. Why the narrator come back and walked away again ?

**Q6 Answer the following questions briefly : 2x5 = 10 M**

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