** SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

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

**SUBJECT – English**

**Class: VIII Marks: 30**

**Date: 6/02/2024 Reading Time: 8:20 to 8:30 am Number of printed sides: 4 Writing Time: 8:30 to 09:30 am**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

* Write your Name, Roll number, Section in the answer script.
* Read all the Questions carefully.
* Answer all the Questions and write neatly.
* Section : A ( Reading ) is for 5 marks.
* Section B ( Writing and Grammar ) is for 12 marks.
* Section : C ( Literature ) is for 13 marks.

**Section : A ( Reading ) 5M**

**Q1 Read the passage and answer the following : 1x5=5 M**

1.Ludo , as you know or remember , is a simple , exhilarating board game that has been a source of sheer pleasure for generations. Its charm lies in its ability to seamlessly blend strategy , luck and social interaction, making it timeless favourite among board games.

2.The joy of playing Ludo emanates from the excitement of the unpredictable dice rolls that dictate the fate of each move. As players eagerly await the outcome ,the element of chance adds a delightful suspense to every turn.

3.The game’s simplicity is deceptive . Beneath its basic rules lies a strategic depth that engages players in the thoughtful decision making.

4.Equally significant is the social aspect of Ludo. It serves as a catalyst for bonding , laughter , bringing friends and family together . The banter and friendly competition that accompany each game create a lasting memories and strengthen relationships.

5. As the dice roll and the counters travel along the board, you know you have entered a world of laughter , camaradie and shared joys.

**i)** According to the passage, exhilarating means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ :-

1. to elevate (b) to elate (c) to elude (d) to elide

**ii)** Choose the option which means ‘beneath its basic rules lies a strategic depth that engages players in the thoughtful decision making’ :-

1. There is always an element of suspense.
2. It is a mix of luck and strategy.
3. Choosing which pawn to move defensively or go in for bold advance.
4. It gives us immense happiness and quality family time.

**iii) ‘**To serve as a catalyst’ means **:-**

1. a reaction within the given time span.
2. to provoke a significant change.
3. doing too many things in short span of time.
4. None of the above.

iv) The antonym of the word faulty (para 1) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

v) Pick out the statement which is not correct :-

1. Binds the family and friends without electronic gadgets.
2. Though the rules are simple , it is a source of happiness for many
3. It is store house of delightful surprises.
4. The rolls on the dice determines the fate of the game.

**Section : B Writing and Grammar 13 Marks**

Q2. Junk food can be very appealing to children, but they cause more harm to them than they can imagine. Prepare a speech, to be delivered in the school assembly on the harmful effects of junk food on school children. **5 M**

**Q3 Answer the following questions as directed below : 1x7=7**

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|  | Complete the following passage by choosing the correct passive forms of the verbs given in brackets from the alternatives given below the passage : 1. It (i) …………….. (decide) to change the pattern of question paper. It (ii …………….. hope) that the new pattern (iii) …………….. (like) by the students. (i) (a) is decided (b) will be decided (c) has been decided (d) is being decided  (ii) (a) has been hoped (b) was hoped (c) will be hoped (d) is hoped  (iii) (a) has been liked (b) will be liked (c) was liked (d) had been liked | **1x3** |
| **2.** | Read the dialogue and identify the error :-  Taara exclaims , “ Look ! My keys are in the refrigerator. I will have absent mindedly put them here while putting away the groceries. error :\_\_\_\_\_\_\_correction : \_\_\_\_\_ | **1** |
| **3.** | Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of verbs :-  In the depths of the forest , where time (i)\_\_\_\_ (stand) still and mythical creatures (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (roam) freely, a young adventurer embarked on a forest safari. | **1** |
| **4.** | Convert the following into passive voice  i. The Baxter’s family killed the doe .  ii. ‘The brief history of time’ is read by Fidaus Kanga. | **1x2** |

**Section : C Literature** **12 Marks**

**Q4) Read the extracts and answer these questions : 1x4 = 4**

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2. The meaning of ‘disabled’ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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1. What happens to all the creatures in the hot sun and what do they do ?
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**Q5. Answer the following in about 20- 30 words :- 2 X2 = 4**

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