**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

**II-PERIODIC TEST [2022-23]**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

**Class : VIII Max. Marks: 50**

**Date : 12 .12.2022 Reading time: 8:00 am to 8:10 am**

**No. of sides: 6 Writing Time: 8:10 am to 10:10 am**

**General Instructions:**

* **All Questions are compulsory.**
* **The Question Paper has 3 Sections.**
* **Section A (Reading) is for 10 marks.**
* **Section B (Writing and Grammar) is for 19 marks.**
* **Section C (Literature) is for 21 marks**

**SECTION- A (READING) (10M)**

1. **Read the poem carefully:**

Freedom is the right to do

Anything that pleases you

As long as you keep sight

That others also have a right.

Have you the right to kill a cat?

Oh no! It’s wrong just consider that.

The cat has the right to live like you

A right of eating and drinking too!

So remember that its certainly wrong

To deprive a nightingale its song

To cheat the poor people, as rich men do

To rob the innocent, as robbers do.

To injure someone to win a race

To despise some and others embrace

To disobey every order and rule

And drown a swimmer in the pool.

And shout and scream like a fool

Disrespecting the teachers in the school.

So never forget that although you are free

You should think of others, not only ‘Me’.

**On the basis of your reading the poem, tick the right answers for the questions given below: (1 X 5 = 5)**

1. Freedom is the right to do anything that pleases you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. unless you see that others too have a right.
3. until you see that others too have a right.
4. so long you see others are right.
5. to see others are right.
6. One cannot kill a cat as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. it has the right to live for you.
8. it has the right to live and eat and brink.
9. it has the right to live and eat
10. it has the right to live and eat and drink.
11. Although one is free, one should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. think of others all the time.
13. not think of others all the time.
14. think of others too and not only about oneself.
15. think of himself and then others around him.
16. The word **DEPRIVE** means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. crown (b) divest (c) demean (d) displace
18. The rhyming scheme of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. aaaa (b) abab (c) aabb (d) abcd
20. **Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Newspapers have taken the placeof the Gita, the Bible and the Quran with the

people. For them, the printed sheet is the gospel truth. The fact throws a great

responsibility on the editors and newspapers.

Newspapers are a powerfulinfluence. It is the duty of the editors to see that no

false report or report likely to excite the public is published in their newspapers.

The editors and their assistants must be extra careful about the news they give and

the manner in which they dress it. In a state of independence, it is practically

impossible for Governments to control the Press. It is the duty of the public to keep

a strict watch on the newspapers and keep them on the right path. An enlightened

public would refuse patronize inflammatory or indecent newspapers.

**Answer the following questions briefly: (1X5=5)**

1. Why is the newspaper a powerful experience for people?
2. What is the duty of the editors?
3. What is the duty of the public towards the newspapers?
4. How can newspapers harm the nation and how can that be corrected?
5. Find the word in the passage which has the same meaning as ‘giving support’.

**SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (19M)**

1. You are Mohan/Mohini. You have read articles in connection with the growing hole in the ozone layer and the consequences. Write a letter to the editor appealing the readers to think seriously over the issue to bring about a change in the situation.

**Hints** : - protects earth from harmful UV rays of sun.

* causes skin diseases, weakens immune system
* **reason**: pollution **(5 Marks)**

1. **Given below are some notes. Using these notes along with your own ideas write an article on ‘Importance of Daily Exercise’ in not more than 100 to 120 words. (5 Marks)**

Reasons to include exercises in daily routine:

* Helps increase strength & endurance, joint flexibility
* Helps reduce muscle pains, aches, stiffnesses
* Relieves tensions and chronic fatigue, tiredness

1. **There is an error in each line in the following passage. Find the error and provide the answer. The first one has been done for you: (1/2 X8=4)**

Incorrect Correct

Children are fond **to** coconut. It is the e.g \_\_to\_\_ of

biggest of all nuts. It is indeed the wonderful (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

fruit. It grew on a tall palm tree and (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

is find in tropical countries around (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

seashores. The name was giving to it (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

by the Portuguese because from the (e) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

three mark and eye-spots at the end. (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

It look something like a monkey’s face. (g) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

‘Coco’ are a Portuguese word for distorted marks. (h)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below by choosing the right answer: (1 X 3 = 3)**

**Patien**t: Can I have an appointment with the doctor this

evening? I am very sick.

**Receptionist**: I’m sorry. There’s a long waiting list. You will

have to wait for at leasttwo weeks.

**Patient**: But by then I can die.

A patient went to his doctor’s clinic and asked the receptionist **(eg)** **if he could**

**have an appointment** with the doctor that evening. He said to the receptionist that

(a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The receptionist apologised saying that there (b)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She further added that (b)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for at least two weeks.

**Choose your answers from the choices given below:**

a) i) I am very sick ii) he is very sick

iii) he was very sick iv) he would be very sick

b) i) is a long waiting list ii) was a long waiting list

iii) were a long waiting list iv) were the long waiting list

c) i) you will have to wait ii) he will have to wait

iii) he would have to wait iv) he could have to wait

1. **Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences: (1 X 2 =2)**
2. Oliver Twist / workhouse / in / was / born / a

Eg: Oliver Twist was born in a workhouse.

1. knew / father / nobody / who / was / his
2. died / mother / after / his birth / his / soon

**SECTION-C (LITERATURE) (21M)**

1. **Read the extracts and answer questions that follow: (1 X 3 = 3)**
2. 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.

**i) What can a bird that is born to enjoy not do?**

A bird that is born to enjoy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) cannot sit and sing. b) cannot fly and sing.

c) cannot sing. d) cannot sit in a cage and sing.

**ii) What is a child compared to, here?**

A child is here compared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) to spring b) to a bird that’s born in spring

c) to a bird d) to a bird that’s born to enjoy

**iii) What fear annoys the child?**

a) the child fears the cage. b) the child fears the wings.

c) the child fears friends. d) the child fears going to school.

b) Actually,it all happened quite by chance. In the architect’s office, I saw

somebody drawing a window a window detail**. (1 X 3=3)**

1. **Comment upon the drawing.**
2. A window detail is a very advanced drawing
3. The drawing was wrong
4. The window would not open
5. The drawing was wrong as it would not open.
6. **How did the incident change the life the speaker?**

a)when the young man lost his bet and found that indeed, his drawing was wrong, he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) asked to design a house

b) was told to join architecture

c) told to join architecture as he had designed a house.

d) asked do draw a window.

iii) The lesson is brings about a profile of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Hafeez (b) Ms Bela Raja
2. Hafeez Contractor (d) Hafeez Architect

1. **Answer the following in not more than 30 words: (2 X 2 = 4)**
2. Princess September burst into a flood of tears when she found her parrot lying dead at the bottom of the cage. What helped her control her tears?
3. Why did Jody wish to go to the forest to find the fawn?
4. **Answer the following in about 50 words each: (3 X 2 = 6)**

1. Where did Suraj and Ranji meet at the next day? Why did they refuse to fight?

2. What made the school boy an unhappy child? Whom did he compare himself

to? Why?

1. **Answer the following in detail: (1X 5 = 5)**

Who was Hafeez Contractor? How was he as a student? What did the principal say

to Hafeez which influenced him deeply?

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