



# ANANDALAYA

## Periodic Test-1

Class : IX

Subject : English Communicative

M.M : 40

Date : 18-07-2022

Time: 2 hours

### General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains three parts.
2. Part A- READING has 1 question. Attempt any 10 questions.
3. Part B- WRITING & GRAMMAR has 4 questions. Attempt all questions, as per specific instructions given therein.
4. Part C- LITERATURE has 4 questions. Attempt all questions, as per specific instructions given therein.

### SECTION A- READING (10 marks)

Q.1 Read the passage given below :

(10)

- a) Fish keeping has benefits that make it an attractive hobby for millions of people. Aquariums can bring a bit of nature, a living ecosystem, into any home, including apartments that do not allow other pets. Like tending a furry animal, helping to maintain a fish tank can teach a child the responsibility of caring for other living creatures. As pets, fish have distinct advantages: they are quiet, they do not chew or scratch the furniture, and with a few slow-release feeders in their tank, they can safely be left alone for a week or two.
- b) But it is likely the documented benefit to human health that has helped make aquariums so popular. Like petting a dog or cat, gazing at an aquarium at the end of a long, hard day can reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Likewise, research shows that people waiting to see a doctor or undergo medical procedures were less anxious after watching fish swimming in a tank. Watching fish also has a significant calming effect on children with attention deficit as well as on elderly people with Alzheimer's disease. Today, home aquariums became popular as commercial fish breeding operations and air transport made them easy and affordable. More durable tanks and improved filtration systems enabled hobbyists to sustain fish for longer periods.
- c) Today, home aquariums range from a child's goldfish bowl to elaborate tanks holding several hundred gallons of water and dozens of exotic fish. more adventurous hobbyists opt for saltwater tanks, which take more work and equipment to maintain a stable environment. Saltwater fish are more costly and more susceptible to changes in temperature and water quality than freshwater species. On the positive side, they are spectacularly colourful and turn a tank into a dramatic focal point.
- d) Modern aquariums have evolved far beyond the boring rectangular tank. Today's models come in almost any shape imaginable- round, hexagonal, bow front, concave, free form and flat to hang on the wall. They also have become key elements in the home and office décor. They are built into walls and incorporated into tables, lamps, desks and bathtubs. Almost any object it seems can be turned into a fish tank.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer ANY TEN of the following questions:

- i) Why do people prefer keeping fish as a pet?
- ii) What are the special advantages of petting fish?

- iii) How does fish-keeping control high blood pressure?
- iv) Why is a saltwater tank used sometimes for keeping fish?
- v) What is the main reason for the popularity of aquariums?
- vi) Why are aquariums available in different shapes?
- vii) As mentioned in the passage, which disease of the brain affects memory?
- viii) Find a synonym of 'nurturing' as used in paragraph a.
- ix) Find a synonym of 'vulnerable' as used in paragraph c.
- x) Find an antonym of 'deteriorated' as used in paragraph d.
- xi) Find an antonym of 'expensive' as used in paragraph b.

**SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (15 marks)**

Q.2 Select ANY ONE topic and write a notice in about 50 words. (3)

- i) You are the President of the Environment Club of your school. The club is organizing a week-long trip to Bandhavgarh National Park. Write a notice for the students of class IX informing them about the trip. Also, give necessary details.
- ii) You are Arun Jain, Sports Captain of AB School. Write a notice informing students of classes IX- X about an inter-class football match being organised.

Q.3 Select ANY ONE topic and write a dialogue in about 100 words. (5)

- i) There are two friends Jeet and Sanjay. Jeet wishes to pursue a career in the armed forces. Sanjay, on the other hand, wishes to work in the field of commerce and banking. Both are proud of the field they have selected. Write a dialogue in which these two friends discuss about the merits of each field and how they are useful to society.
- ii) Two friends Jaya and Naina love to travel. Jaya plans each trip meticulously up to the last detail and likes to follow a pre-planned itinerary or plan. On the other hand, Naina is in favour of spontaneous plans for travel. She believes this is more enjoyable and satisfactory. Write a dialogue in which two friends discuss their choices for travel and their reasons behind it.

Q.4 The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it along with the correction in the answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example. (4)

- |   | <b>Incorrect</b> | <b>Correct</b> |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| e.g. UFOs may be food for a comedians   | comedians        | comedian       |
| i) but it was no joke what a group of former  |                  |                |
| ii) pilots recounted see a strange phenomenon   |                  |                |
| iii) in the sky and demand an investigation be  |                  |                |
| iv) conducted regarding it. Several pilot offered dramatic accounts of a transparent flying disc. |                  |                |

Q.5 Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences. (3)

- i) feared by / snakes are / in our / worshipped / and / many / country
- ii) of the / are venomous / only / 300 out / species / 2700 known
- iii) that is / yellow liquid / water / snake venom / 90% / is a

**SECTION C- LITERATURE (15 marks)**

Q.6 Select ANY ONE extract and answer the questions in brief. (1x3)

A) *“I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,  
Among my skimming swallows;  
I make the netted sunbeam dance  
Against my sandy shallows.”*

- i) Explain line 3 of the stanza.
- ii) What is meant by sandy shallows?
- iii) Name and explain the figure of speech in line 1. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

OR

B) *“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth”*

- i) Why was the wood yellow in colour? Why was he sorry?
- ii) Why do you think the poet stood there for long?
- iii) Name and explain the figure of speech in line 1. Identify the rhyme scheme.

Q.7 Select ANY TWO questions and answer them. (2x2)

- i) What is Kashi Yatre? What importance, do you think, does it have in the story?
- ii) What do you know about Hooper at the beginning of the story and at the end?
- iii) What does the poet regret in ‘The Road not Taken’? Why?

Q.8 Select ANY ONE question and answer in 130-150 words. (8)

- i) "I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter; a teacher who taught me so well, with so much of affection that I can read any novel confidently in such a short period. Now I am independent. It is my duty to respect a teacher." This statement of the grandmother in ‘How I Taught My Grandmother to Read’ highlights which traits of her character? Explain in detail. What lessons can readers learn from this approach of the grandmother?
- ii) As Chuck, write a letter to your friend in about 150 words sharing your experiences after your accident and Duke’s efforts to get you back on your feet and on the road to success.