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Periodic Test-1

Class : XI

Subject : English Core(301)

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Time: 1Hr.30 Min.

General Instructions:

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

SECTION A- READING (8 marks)

1. Read the passage given below : (8)
 - a) Did you know you live in a kingdom? This isn't one created by humanity arguing over sceptres and silken robes though — this is the kingdom of plants or the 'kingdom Plantae' which includes all flora, from miniscule mosses to massive trees. Plants merit this regal title. As research in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA finds, with over 4,00,000 known species, they account for 80% of the total biomass or life forms on Earth. Bacteria comes second at a distant 15% — humans are 0.01%.
 - b) Plant antiquity also far surpasses human beings. Land plants first appeared 50 million years ago on Earth (humans are just six million years old), with trees emerging 370 million years ago. Crucially, as plants increased, they removed more and more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, cooling Earth and emitting oxygen, enabling animals. Indeed, it was the majestic science of plants — their photosynthesis turns water, sunlight and CO₂ into Oxygen and sugars — that made human life possible through the gifts of air and food. Their beauty can encourage many to think of plants as just Earth's whimsical ornaments — but the fact is the kingdom Plantae gives humanity 80% of the food we eat and 98% of the oxygen we breathe.
 - c) This extraordinary kingdom is now under siege. The State of the World's Plants and Fungi Report finds 40% of these species face extinction, confronting the large-scale destruction of habitat for commercial farming, livestock rearing and construction. Plants are also embattled by climate change, caused by anthropogenic emissions altering Earth's air, water and heat, triggering floods, droughts, fires and pestilence. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) finds 40% of all crops are already lost annually leaving millions facing hunger: But there are solutions too — as global experts emphasise, plant literacy is key. It is only by learning of these species' foundational importance that we will preserve these. Human history has witnessed many forms of rule, the longest being regency, which meant copyrighted exploitation, accompanied by fervent slogans to protect a regent, a leader, a human symbol of power. Join in changing this way of thought — and thinking more imaginatively, 'God save the green'.

On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title.

Write a summary of the notes in 50 words.

SECTION B- WRITING AND GRAMMAR (11 marks)

2. Attempt ANY ONE from options A and B given below.

A. Shikha Marwah of A-3, Kamal Apartment, Shimla, has a very sound knowledge of tourist places in Shimla. She wants to hire tourist guides during the winter break as it is the peak season when tourists. Draft a suitable advertisement for this description in about 50 words by giving all necessary details.

OR

B. You are a qualified nurse in need of a job around Rajkot. You have 15 years of experience of working in various hospitals. Draft a suitable advertisement for the Situation Wanted column of a local daily in not more than 50 words.

(3)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from options A and B given below.

A. Peer pressure has generally been seen as negative and detrimental to one's growth. You had the opportunity to experience the positive impact of peer pressure on your study and personality. Write a speech to be delivered in a special assembly of classes XI-XII to be held shortly. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to write the speech. You are Soma Baruah, a student of class XI.

IMPACT OF POSITIVE PEER PRESSURE:

- Adoption of good habits and giving up of bad habits
- Character development
- Improvement in attendance and performance
- Improvement in self-confidence and independence
- Improved social relationships
- Positive decision making

OR

B. Narcotics Control Bureau is organizing a declamation competition in your school as part of its observance of International Day of Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Write a speech in 120-150 words on the topic 'Youth and Drug Abuse'.

(5)

4. Complete the following passage using the appropriate form of the words given in brackets. (3)

The findings of a Housing Study show a)_____ (poor suffer – most). The lack of resources, rising cost of material and land are the problems b)_____ (make housing difficult – poor). The Government's worry is c)_____ (cut down – cost of housing) so that the poor can buy houses.

SECTION C- LITERATURE (11 marks)

5. Read the given extracts and answer the questions given

“Now she's been dead nearly as many years

As that girl lived. And of this circumstance

A)

There is nothing to say at all.

Its silence silences.”

i) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE, with reference to the context.

In the line '*she's been dead nearly as many years as that girl lived*' the poet refers to the death of one of the cousins in the photograph.

- ii) 'And of this circumstance' refers to _____.
- A) The photograph being old and yellowed
 B) The cousins now no longer in touch with the poet
 C) The fact of the poet's mother dying
 D) The poet's mother mourning the loss of her childhood
- iii) 'Its silence silences' is an example of _____.
- A) Paradox and Consonance
 B) Alliteration and Paradox
 C) Paradox and Oxymoron
 D) Alliteration and Oxymoron

OR

(3)

B) *"The Laburnum top is silent, quite still,
 In the afternoon yellow September sunlight,
 A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen
 Till the goldfinch comes with a twitching chirrup."*

- i) What image does the poet create through his description?
- ii) Identify the figure of speech used by the poet to create a picture in the reader's eyes.
- A) Symbolism B) Allegory C) Irony D) Metaphor

iii) Complete the following sentence meaningfully.

In line 4, by referring to the goldfinch's arrival, the poet intends to convey a sharp contrast by stating that _____.

6. Select ANY ONE question and answer in 40-50 words. (2)

- i) What were the conflicting emotions experienced by Aram when Mourad came with the horse? Should he have experienced this conflict? Explain.
- ii) In the poem 'A Photograph' the three stanzas depict three different phases. What are those phases? How is each different from the other?

7. Select ANY ONE question and answer in 100-120 words. (6)

- i) *"For everything you have missed, you have gained something else, and for everything you gain, you lose something else."* This quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson befits the course of the storyline in The Address.
 Explain this quote with relevant examples from the text and from real life.
- ii) From surrogate mother in the village to a lonely old lady in the city – describe grandmother's journey through the later part of her life.