

I PERIODIC TEST 2025-26

CLASS- IX (CBSE)

Time : 2 hrs. **SUBJECT-English Language and Literature** M.M. 50

General Instructions:

- i. This paper has three Sections- A , B and C.
- ii. Read all the instructions carefully and follow them.
- iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.

SECTION- 'A' (READING SKILLS)

Q.1 **Read the passage carefully.**

When you grow up in a place where it rains for five months a year, wise elders help you to get acquainted with the rain early. They teach you that it is ignorance to think that it is the same rain falling every day. Oh no! the rain is always doing different things at different times. There is rain that is gentle, and there is also rain that falls too hard and damages the crops. Hence, pray for the sweet rain that helps the crops to grow.

The monsoon in the Naga Hills goes by the native name, Khuthotei (which means the rice- growing season).

The rains are also called after flowering plants and people believe that the blossoming of those plants draws out rain. Once the monsoon sets in, field work is carried out in earnest and the work of uprooting and transplanting paddy in flooded fields is done. The months of hard labour are June, July and August. In August, as the phrogo plant begins to bloom, a rain will fall. This August rain, also called phrogo, is a sign that the time for cultivation is over. If any new grain seeds are sown, they may not sprout; even if they do sprout, they are not likely to bear grain. The rain acts as a kind of farmer's almanac.

The urban population of school- gears and office- goers naturally dislikes the monsoon and its accompanying problems of landslides, muddy, streets and periodic infections. For non- farmers, the month of September can be depressing, when the rainfall is incessant and the awareness persists that the monsoons will last out till October. One needs to have the heart of a farmer to remain grateful for the watery days, and be able to observe from what seems to the inexperienced as a continuous downpour-many kinds of rain. Some of the commonly known rain-weeks are named after the plants that alternately bloom in August and September. The native belief is that the flowers draw out the rain.

Each rain period has a job to fulfil: October rain helps garlic bulbs to form, while Kumunyo rain helps the rice bear grains. Without it, the grains of rice cannot form properly. The end of October is the most beautiful month in the Naga Hills, as the fields turn gold and wild sunflowers bloom over the slopes, all heralding the harvest. Prayers go up for protecting the fields from storms, and the rains to retreat because the grains need to stand in the sun and ripen. The cycle nears completion a few weeks before the harvest, and the rain does retreat so thoroughly from the reaped furrows that the earth quickly turns hard. The months of rain become a distant memory until it starts all over again.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above (Any Six). [6]

- i. The rains are called after flowering plants because:
 - a. heavy rains kills plants
 - b. flowers bloom in the rainy season
 - c. it is believed that the plants bring the rain.
 - d. flowers grow all the year round.

- ii. How is the heart of a farmer different from that of a city person?
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately:
Rain is like a Calendar to the farmers because _____.
- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately:
The month of rain become a distant memory until it starts all over again, signifying the cyclic nature of _____.
- v. Explain the significance of the different types of rain mentioned in the passage and how they contribute to the agricultural activities in the Naga Hills region.
- vi. According to the above passage, why people who live in cities don't like rain?
- vii. Pick up the option in which the word 'furrow' has not been used in the same way as in the passage.
 - a. When he frowns, a deep furrow forms in his brow.
 - b. A ploughed field is divided into sections of equal width separated by furrows.
 - c. Rapidly reaping the furrows he fled across the field.
 - d. The incessant rain filled all the furrows in the field with water.

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

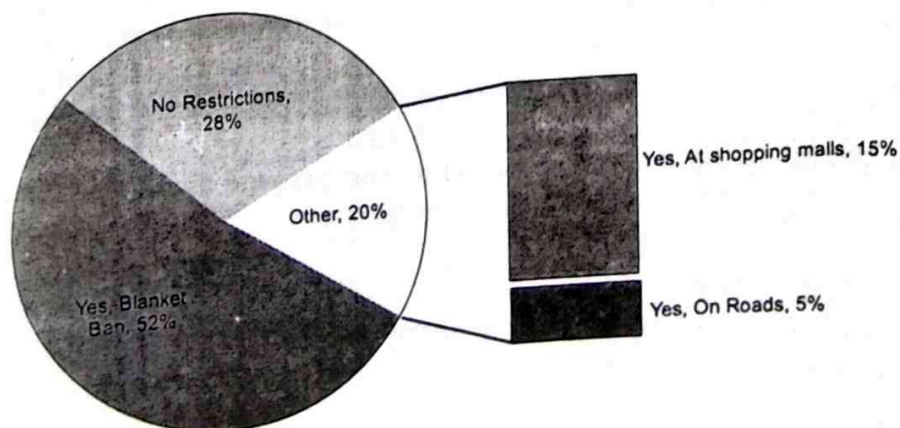
Most of us know that smoking causes cancer, lung disease, heart disease, can shorten life by 10 years or more and can cost a smoker thousands of rupees a year. So, why are people still smoking? The answer, in a word, is addiction.

Smoking is a hard habit to break because tobacco contains the very addictive chemical nicotine. The body and mind quickly get used to the nicotine in cigarettes. Soon, a person needs to have it just to feel normal.

People start smoking for different reasons. Some think it looks cool. Others start because their family members or friends smoke. Almost all adult tobacco users started before they were 18 years old. Most never expect to become addicts.

Many of the chemical in cigarettes, like nicotine and cyanide, are poisons that can kill in high doses. The body is smart. It goes on the defence when it's being poisoned. First time smokers often feel pain or burning in their throat and lungs, and some even cough vigorously the first few times they try tobacco. Over time, smoking leads to health problems such as heart disease, stroke, lung damage and many types of cancer- including lung, throat, stomach, and bladder cancer.

A survey was conducted to collect views of the people whether smoking should be allowed or not in public place. The results of the responses received have been depicted in the form of pie chart here.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any six questions from the following. [6]

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately.
The body's response to the chemicals in cigarettes, such as nicotine and cyanide, is to _____.
- ii. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate response. Smoking is a hard habit to break because _____.
- iii. Justify the following statement : "Smoking can lead to various health problems such as heart disease, stroke, lung damage and cancer."
- iv. What is the basic reason for continuing smoking even after knowing its harmful effects?
- v. What is the meaning in which 'cool' has been used in para-3 of the passage.
- vi. Which of these types of cancer is likely to be caused by smoking?
 - a. Lung Cancer
 - b. Blood Cancer
 - c. Breast Cancer
 - d. Bone Cancer
- vii. _____ contains an additive substance called nicotine.

SECTION- B (GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS)

Q.3 Attempt Any One of the following.

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- A. Make an entry in your diary in 100-120 words on your hesitation to speak in English and your wish to improve your 'English Speaking Skills'.

OR

- B. Write a descriptive paragraph on Koneru Humpy, the Grandmaster. You can take help from the clues given below.

Born on March 31, 1987- 'Hampi' means champion -

Koneru- family name- father - first coach, 4th place in Indian under 18

championship in 1995- IM title in 1992 and May 2002- record- 2002 to 2008-

youngest woman to become grandmaster- Awards- Arjuna Award 2003;

Padma Shri Award 2007 and Raja Lakshmi Award 2008- Queens of 64 squares.

Q.4 Complete the following (Any Eight) as per the instructions.

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- i. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.
- To _____ horror, he found that he had slept for nearly 24 hours. (their/ her/ his)
- ii. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following sentence:
- Bread and butter are Sheldon's favourite breakfast.

Error	Correction

- iii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Ought you like some help?

Error	Correction
A. Ought	Would
B. like	likes
C. some	few
D. help	helps

- iv. Fill with determiner that means sufficient or adequate for something.
Do you have _____ flour to make bread?

- ii. The book was found _____.
- iii. Which word does 'awfully' not correspond to?
 - a. Immensely
 - b. Terribly
 - c. Magnificent
 - d. Dreadfully

OR

(B) And she was dragged down to where father was pacing to and fro, hands behind his back. 'Well?' He said sharply. Mother explained. He stopped and stared at the child. "Did you do that?"
'N- No.' she whispered?

- i. Which statement is true about the incidence discussed in the above passage?
 - a. Kezia didn't tear the papers.
 - b. Grandmother encouraged her to tear the papers.
 - c. Father wanted to enquire about Kezia if she had torn the papers.
 - d. Kezia was never afraid of her father.

Q.7 Answer Any two of the following questions in 40 - 50 words. [6]

- i. What did Bismillah Khan say after receiving the Bharat Ratna Award?
- ii. What did Kezia's father do daily after coming back from office?
- iii. Where did the two roads diverge in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'? What was the difficulty?

Q.8 Answer Any one of the following questions in 40- 50 words: [3]

- i. Did the boy in 'The Lost Child' wait for the answer after pleading for sweets? Why?
- ii. How did Toto behave with Nana, the pet donkey?

Q.9 Answer Any One of the following question in 100-120 words: [5]

- i. How would you react to your school being replaced by a computer operating system and a mechanical teacher replacing your present teacher, keeping in mind the lesson 'The Fun They Had'.
- ii. In the story 'The Little Girl', how was Kezia's father different from Mr. Mc Donald's? Write a brief character sketch on both and compare them.

Q.10 Answer Any One of the following question in 100-120 words: [5]

- i. 'A child longs for toys, sweets and other things but not at the cost of his parents.' Comment.
- ii. Do you think it is advisable to keep a monkey like Toto as part of pets in the house? Why / Why not?
