

II PERIODIC TEST- 2022-23

Time : 2 hrs.

CLASS - IX (CBSE)

M.M.: 50

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

- i. The Question Paper contains three sections:
 - Section A- Reading
 - Section B- Writing and Grammar
 - Section C- Literature and Supplementary
- ii. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION 'A' (READING)

Q.1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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India 2020

By Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Nations are built by the imagination and untiring enthusiastic efforts of generations. One generation transfers the fruits of its toil to another, which then takes forward the mission. As the coming generation also has its dreams and aspirations for the nation's future, it therefore adds something from its side to the national vision; which the next generations strives hard to achieve. This process goes on and the nation climbs steps of glory and gains higher strength. The first vision : Freedom of India. Any organisation, society or even a nation without a vision is like a ship cruising on the high seas without any aim or direction. It is the clarity of national vision which constantly drives the people towards that goal.

Our last generation, the glorious generation of freedom fighters, led by Mahatma Gandhi and many others set for the nation a vision of free India. This was the first vision, set by the people for the nation. It therefore went deep into the minds and the hearts of the masses and soon became the great inspiring and driving force for the people to collectively plunge into the struggle for freedom movement. The unified dedicated efforts of the people from every walk of life won freedom for the country. The second vision: Developed India.

The next generation (to which I also belong) has put India strongly on the path of economic, agricultural and technological development. But India has stood too long in the line of developing nations: Let us, collectively, set the second national vision of Developed India. I am confident that it is very much possible and can materialise in 15-20 years' time.

Based on your understanding of the above passage answer ANY SIX questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

- a. Why are visions necessary for a nation?
 - i. To build the nation's new generation
 - ii. To give people dreams and aspirations
 - iii. To drive people towards the goal
 - iv. None
- b. 'A nation without direction.' Which figure of speech is used?
 - i. Anaphora
 - ii. Analogy
 - iii. None
 - iv. Both
- c. How do generations contribute in taking the nation to glorious heights?
 - i. By using their imagination
 - ii. By adding to the achievements of their predecessors
 - iii. By having dreams
 - iv. None

d. "Every walk of life" means-

- i. different jobs and different levels of society.
- ii. every step that one takes in life.
- iii. every road leading to life's goal.
- iv. All of the above

e. What could be the nearest meaning of the word 'fruits' in the first stanza?

- i. failure
- ii. hard labour
- iii. loss
- iv. achievements

f. To which generation did Dr. Kalam belong?

- i. To the generation of freedom fighters
- ii. To the generation prior to freedom fighters
- iii. To the generation next to freedom fighters
- iv. None

g. Find the word from the passage which is opposite of undistinguished.

- i. unified
- ii. aspiration
- iii. vision
- iv. none

Q.2 Read the passage given below:

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Discipline for democracy, development and decency in public life needs no reiteration nor does it require any expert to espouse its cause for personal posse and social solidarity. Discipline should be the order in public life. It is the crying need of the hour. Discipline stands for training, especially of the mind and character, to develop obedience and self-control, in the face of temptation or provocation.

Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony, which in turn offers the required impetus to the fares of progress and prosperity. No country, big or small, can afford to play duck and drakes with the deity called discipline. All talk of equity or social injustices becomes a cry in the wilderness or a pompous promise if the 'powers that be' fail to comprehend and carry out the dictates of discipline in all situations. With discipline, all plans, policies and programs are bound to bear fruit. Wherever people in public life or private enterprise dilute the demands of discipline, most aspirants and achievements go astray, leading to failure and frustrations at various levels. Discipline for countries like India which are standing at the threshold of economic break through and a stupendous store of opportunities, it's the most immediate and urgent pre-requisite. Discipline for the rulers and the ruled is an essential ingredient if we mean business in fields and factories.

Based on your understanding of the above passage answer ANY SIX questions.

- a. What is the advantage of discipline in public life?
- b. What happens when discipline is diluted?
- c. Why is discipline important for India?
- d. Find the word from the passage which is opposite of oppose?
- e. Give one word for 'powers that be'.
- f. What does the idiom 'play duck and drakes' mean?
- g. What do the words 'dictates of discipline' mean?

SECTION- 'B' (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

Q.3 Write a short composition on Any One of the Two (100-120 words)

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Make use of the following hints to write a story. Feel free to invent all the necessary details like the setting, characters, events and dialogues. Do give your story a suitable title.

- a. Hints : Fire in a jungle _ animals, birds, insects flee _ king of the Jungle, the lion also on the run _ has no idea how to fight the fire _ notices a little sparrow flying towards the area of fire _ thinks she is mad _ she surprises him by saying that she is going to put out fire _ gets an inspiration _ gathers other animals and birds _ together they put out the fire _ everyone_ all praises for the little sparrow.

VERY SHORT AND SHORT ANSWERS

Q.8 Attempt any Two from the following. (30 - 40 words)

- i. Which sound was familiar to the doctor?
- ii. What made Saint Peter angry? What did he do?
- iii. What do you think Dinamani is the name of? Give reason.

Q.9 Attempt any One of the following. (30 - 40 words)

- i. How did Iswaran stun and control the raging elephant?
- ii. Bring out the theme of the story- 'The Lost Child'.

LONG ANSWERS (100-200 WORDS)

Q.10 Attempt any ONE of the following.

- i. The poet yearns for a life of peace and contentment away from the humdrum of city life. Discuss with reference to the poem "The Lake Isle of Innisfree"
- ii. "God has bestowed many blessings on us. It is our duty to share what we have with others. Discuss with reference to the poem "A Legend of the Northland".

Q.11 Attempt any ONE of the following.

- i. "Iswaran and Mahendra complemented each other as servant and master." Highlight the values of a dedicated servant and a caring master as exhibited by Iswaran and Mahendra respectively.
- ii. Do you think that the swallow was driven by the service of the poor and needy as much as the Happy Prince was? Why /Why not?
