

O. P. JINDAL SCHOOL, SAVITRINAGAR**Half Yearly Examination (2022-23)**

Class/ Section: VIII.....

MM:80

Subject: English

Time-3 Hrs

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*Fifteen minutes extra time will be given for reading the question paper.**General Instructions:*

1. This question paper is divided into three parts: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A (READING -20 MARKS)**Q1. Read the passage Carefully.****(1x10=10 marks)**

Climate change, driven by human activities and natural processes is leading to significant changes in Earth's ecosystems. One of the most visible and concerning consequences of climate change is the rise in global sea levels. As temperature increases and ice sheets and glaciers melt, the amount of water is being added to the world's oceans, causing them and coastal areas to face the threat of inundation. Scientific evidence indicates that global sea levels have risen by approximately 8 inches (20 cms) over the past century. This trend is projected to continue and accelerate in the coming decades. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates that under a high-emission scenario, global sea levels could rise by 1 to 2 feet (30 to 90 cm) by the end of the 21st century. However, more recent studies suggest that the upper range could be even higher, reaching up to 6 feet (2 metres) or more.

The consequences of rising sea levels are far-reaching and are significant risks to coastal communities, ecosystems and infrastructure. Low lying and densely populated areas, such as coastal cities and small island nations are particularly vulnerable. Increased coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion into freshwater sources and the potential for more frequent and severe coastal flooding are among the key concerns. Furthermore the impacts extend beyond immediate coastal areas. As sea levels rise, coastal flooding becomes more likely during storms and high tide events which can result in property damage, displacement of population and economic losses. Additionally the gradual loss of coastal habitats, such as mangrove forests and coral reefs, threatens biodiversity and diminishes natural defenses against storm surges and erosion.

On the basis of reading of the above passage answer the following questions.**I. Choose the most correct option. (Any six)**

- 1) What is one of the visible consequences of climate change mentioned in the passage?
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| a) decreased coastal erosion | b) expansion of fresh water resources |
| c) increase of coastal habitats | d) rise in global sea levels |

2. What is the reason of climate change?

- a) human activities
- b) natural processes
- c) both a and b
- d) none of these

3. What is the full form of IPCC?

- a) International Pest Control Committee
- b) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- c) Indian Parasitic control Committee
- d) International Policy for Crime Control

4. When does coastal flooding become more likely as sea levels rise?

- a) high tide events
- b) during sea storms
- c) both a and b
- d) during land slide

5. The word which means 'weak and easy to hurt physically or emotionally' in the passage is

- a) intrusion
- b) displacement
- c) vulnerable
- d) diminish

6. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'decrease in speed'?

- a) inundation
- b) evidence
- c) scenario
- d) accelerate

7. How is the amount of water being added to the world's oceans?

- a) by melting of ice sheets and glaciers
- b) by flood
- c) by rainfall
- d) by high tides

II. Answer the following questions in short.

1. What is the result of gradual loss of coastal habitats?
- 2.. Who are most affected by rising sea levels?
- 3.. How much rise in global sea levels do scientific evidence indicate?
4. Mention effects of coastal flooding.

Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

(1x10=10 marks)

No other word is as familiar as television in our present times. The word television comes from the Greek word 'tele' meaning distance and the latin word 'viso' meaning sight. It is one of the amazing discoveries of modern times. After World War II (1939-1945) it has become very popular all over the world. It is an audio visual instrument and an excellent medium for mass education and entertainment. Moreover, it is an important medium for advertising.

We enjoy dramas, movies, sports, quizzes and many other important programs on television. It appears before our eyes images, sounds and voices of objects and people thousands of kilometres away. Thus it

brought the outside world into our drawing room. One demerit is that it is much expensive but we hope in future its price will come down so much that a common man can also buy it and can enjoy the magic world of television.

It has many possibilities in the future. But television has also dark side. It has made people somewhat antisocial. Guests feel embarrassed and unwanted when they meet someone during a popular program on television. Children are tempted to spend precious study hours watching tv serials. Adult members of the family should be careful about this.

On the basis of reading of the above passage answer the following questions.

I Choose the most correct options. (Any six)

1. What is the origin of the word 'television'?

a) Greek and Latin words

b) Scottish and Greek words

c) Scottish and Latin words

d) French and German words

2. Who invented television?

a) Alexander Graham Bell

b) Thomas Alve Edison

c) John Baird

d) Nikola Tesla

3. When did television become popular all over the world?

a) Before World War II

b) After World War II

c) During World War II

d) None of the above

4. What is the main advantage of television?

a) It is an important medium of advertising.

b) It is an excellent medium for mass education and entertainment.

c) It is an audio visual instrument.

d) It is an expensive thing.

5. Which word means 'harmful or annoying to people' in the passage ?

a) popular

b) antisocial

c) expensive

d) somewhat

6. Which of these words is opposite in meaning to 'certainty' in the passage?

a) familiar

b) precious

c) excellent

d) possibilities

7. What does television bring in our drawing room?

a) food and drinks

b) fresh air

c) the outside world

d) none of these

II Answer the following questions in short.

1. What is the role of adult members of the family regarding children and television?
2. What types of programs can be watched on television?
3. What is the dark side of the television?
4. What is one demerit of television ?

SECTION-B (GRAMMAR & WRITING) (20 MARKS)

Q3. Answer the following questions by choosing the correct options. (ANY TEN) (1x10=10 marks)

1. 'The road is the river. (Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank.)

a) behind

b) among

c) into

d) along

2. The land was ploughedthe help of a tractor. (Choose the correct preposition.)

a) by

b) from

c) between

d) with

3. He is various kinds of books. (Which verb form will be filled in the blank?)

a) read

b) will read

c) reading

d) has read

4. 'He thought I could finish cleaning my house today'. (Identify the kind of adverb 'today'.)

a) adverb of frequency

b) adverb of manner

c) adverb of degree

d) adverb of time

5. He gave his consent immediately. (Which word is adverb in the given sentence?)

a) consent

b) his

c) immediately

d) gave

6. Suman in the park yesterday in the evening. (Fill in the blank with correct verb.)

a) were playing

b) had been played

c) was playing

d) none of the above.

7. Driversnot break the traffic rules. (Choose the correct modal verb.)

a) should

b) ought

c) might

d) may

Married to : Aruna Anand in 1966

Achievements: undisputed title of World Chess Champion from 2007 – 2013, first Asian to win the World chess title at the age of 17 at FIDE junior Championship in 1987, published his collection of games under the title 'Vishy anand: My best Games of Chess', Padma Shri at the age of 18, Rajiv Gandhi Kjel Ratna Award, Padma Vibhushan, Arjun Award, Chess Oscar

Q5. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to pass necessary orders for a study tour for the students of class 8th and 9th. Use the given hints and also your own ideas. (100-120 words)

(5 marks)

Exams over, advantageous for students, next year impossible for board exams, teachers ready to go

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school asking him to arrange a scholarship for your studies. Use the given clues as well as your own ideas. (100-120 words)

Father in ordinary job, more members to support in family, poor financial status, bright in studies

SECTION-C(LITERATURE)(40 Marks)

Q6. Read the given extract and answer the following questions by choosing the correct options.

(1x5=5 marks)

The physical conquest of a mountain is only one part the achievement. There is more to it than that. It is followed by a sense of fulfilment. There is the satisfaction of a deep urge to rise above one's surroundings. It is the eternal love for adventure in man. The experience is not merely physical. It is emotional. It is spiritual.

1. What is the achievement of the narrator?

a) He has crossed English channel.

b) He has climbed Mount Everest.

c) He has won gold medal in Olympics.

d) None of these

2. What are the other things that the narrator gets after his one achievement?

a) a sense of fulfilment

b) satisfaction of a desire to rise above surrounding

c) both a and b

d) cultural change

3. Which word in the extract is the opposite of 'discontent'?

a) emotional

b) seeking

c) satisfaction

d) physical

4. Which one of these is a false statement?

a) The experience is emotional.

b) The experience is physical.

c) The experience is spiritual

d) None of these

5. Which word in the extract means 'existing or continuing for ever'?

- a) eternal
b) urge
c) conquest
d) adventure

OR

Getting off the train at Ranchi next morning, he realized at once that he had never been there before. He came out of the station, took a taxi and drove around the town for a while. He realized that the streets, the buildings, the hotels, the bazars, the Morabadi Hill_ with none of these had he the slightest acquaintance. Would a trip to the Hudroo Falls help? He didn't believe so, but, at the same time he didn't wish to leave with the feeling that he hadn't tried enough.

1. What did Bepin Choudhary realize when he got off the train at Ranchi station?

- a) He had been there before twice.
b) He had never been before there.
c) He had been there once.
d) None of these

2. What did Bepin Choudhary do after coming out of the station?

- a) He rested for some time.
b) He took a taxi.
c) He drove around the town for a while.
d) Both b and c

3. Which word in the extract means 'a slight knowledge of something'?

- a) slightest
b) acquaintance
c) realize
c) enough

4. What did Bepin Choudhary think would help him?

- a) trip to Rajasthan Rajasthan
b) trip to a hotel
c) trip to Hudroo Falls
d) trip to Morabadi Hills

5. With which feeling Bepin Choudhary didn't want to leave??

- a) He had no children.
b) His brother died insane.
c) He had never visited Hudroo falls.
d) He had not tried enough.

Q7. Read the extract and answer the following questions.

(1x5=5 marks)

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.
O ! father and mother, if buds are nip'd
And blossoms blown away.
And if the tender plants are strip'd
Of their joy in the springing day.
By sorrow and cares dismay

1. What does the child compare himself with ?

- a) with a spring day
- b) with a bird in cage
- c) with tender wings
- d) none of these

2. Which word means 'strong feeling of disappointment and sadness'?

- a) annoy
- b) tender
- c) blossoms
- d) dismay

3. Whom is the poet addressing to ?

- a) to his uncle and aunt
- b) to his parents
- c) to his friends
- d) to his teacher

4. What does expression 'buds are nip'd mean ?

- a) harrass
- b) to destroy something in the beginning
- c) to care about
- d) to speak loudly

5. What happens to a bird who is put in a cage ?

- a) It becomes happy.
- b) It is hopeful.
- c) Its wings are damaged.
- d) All of these

OR

In the heat of the mid-day the houses stood with shut doors.

I wandered along the crooked lane

An old man came out with his bag of gold.

He pondered and said," I will hire you with my money."

He weighed his coins one by one , but I turned away.

1. Who is the poet of the poem from which this extract is taken?

- a) Rabindra Nath Tagore
- b) Kit Wright
- c) Mary O'Neill
- d) W.B.Yeats

2. Which word in the extract means 'to think carefully'?

- a) crooked
- b) weighed
- c) ponder
- d) hire

3. Why were the doors of houses shut?

- a) due to extreme heat
- b) due to rainy day
- c) due to king's order
- d) none of these

4. 'What did old man have to offer to hire the man?

- a) a sword
- b) a bag of gold
- c) happiness
- d) beautiful smile

5. How did the speaker react to the old man's offer?

- a) He accepted the offer.
- b) He was ready to say yes to the offer.
- c) He did not say anything.
- d) He rejected the offer.

Q8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in 30 to 40 words. (3x4=12 marks)

- 1. Whose offer did the poet accept in the poem 'The Last bargain' and why?
- 2. The author describes Bepin Babu as a serious and hardworking man. What evidence do you find in the story to support this sentence in lesson 'Bepin Choudhury's lapse of Memory'?
- 3. What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the tsunami?
- 4. Why did the author climb mountains in the lesson 'The Summit Within'?
- 5. What does the schoolboy love to do on a summer morn?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 30 to 40 words. (3x2=6marks)

- 1. Why did Velu decide to follow the stranger girl 'Jaya'?
- 2. 'The giant lay dead all covered with white blossoms.' What does this sentence indicate about the once selfish giant?
- 3. What made Velu feel miserable when he got down at Chennai railway station?

Q10. What is the message of the poem 'The geography lesson'? (100-120 words) (6 marks)

OR

Why was Tilly Smith honoured as hero? (100 -120 words)

Q11. 'The good always wins over the evil' Write your opinion about this statement taking help from the lesson 'The Selfish Giant'. (100-120 words) (6 marks)

OR

How did Hafeez Contractor get into the field of architecture? (100- 120 words)
