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**PERIODIC ASSESSMENT –I , 2021-22**  
**CLASS : VII      SUBJECT-ENGLISH      DATE: 27.07.2021**  
**TIME- 10 am -11 am      MAX. MARKS-40**  
**SECTION A READING COMPREHENSION(10 MARKS)**

**A:Read the passage carefully.**

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction — a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. ‘Floating Post Office, Dal Lake’s— claimed to be the only one such post office in the world, is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake. This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique — along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world. This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as ‘Floating Post Office’. The post office’s houseboat has two small rooms—one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products. But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in the Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people. The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1X5=5)**

**Q.1. The location of the floating post office in Srinagar is on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) Dal Lake
- (b) Bagsar Lake
- (c) Marsar Lake
- (d) Wular Lake

**Q2. What is special about the seal used in the post office ?**

- (a) the design of a houseboat on the Dal Lake
- (b) the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake
- (c) the design of a chinnar tree on the Dal Lake
- (d) the design of Dal Lake

**Q3. Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office' ?**

- (a) Chief Post Master
- (b) Postman
- (c) delivery agent
- (d) Chief Minister

**Q4. What is the greatest fear that the post office has ?**

- (a) recurrence of floods
- (b) Tsunami
- (c) Earthquake
- (d) Landslides

**Q5. Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'encourage'.**

- (a) afloat
- (b) avail
- (c) promote
- (d) carry

**B: Read the following poem carefully.**

#### **A REAL CONCERN**

God gave us enough wisdom  
Instead, we employed it for own stardom  
God gave us a thought of mercy  
Instead, we made fun of it without a trace  
God gave us an element of tender feelings  
Instead, we misused for selfish passions  
God gave us the light to protect justice  
Instead, we explored ways for injustice  
God gave us darkness to rest in peace  
Instead, we chose to become slaves of bliss  
God gave us to nature as our shield  
Instead, we destroyed it for personal ends  
God provided us with the option of amity  
Instead, we opted ways for creating enmity.  
Yet, God gave us another great chance  
The greatest and most precious essence and  
yes the essence of love towards one and all  
Instead, we created hatred for our own fall.

**On the basis of the reading of the poem ,answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: (1x5=5)**

**Q6. When God gave us wisdom we \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) made fun of it
- (b) used it for our own upliftment
- (c) used it for our own stardom
- (d) never used it

**Q7. When God gave us element of tender feelings we \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- (a) rose from darkness to light
- (b) helped the poor
- (c) used it for selfish passion
- (d) became innocent

**Q8. When God gave us nature as our shield \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) we enjoyed it
- (b) we protected it
- (c) we destroyed it for our personal goals
- (d) we were indifferent

**Q9. The greatest and most precious essence that God gave us \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) beauty of nature
- (b) wisdom
- (c) love towards one and all
- (d) mercy

**Q10. Find the word from the poem which is same as ‘happiness’**

- (a) passion
- (b) bliss
- (c) mercy
- (d) wisdom

### **GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)**

**Rearrange the following words or phrases to form meaningful sentences. One has been done as an example. (1x3=3)**

**Example: which/yellow/is/liquid/snake/water/venom/of/90% /a /is**

**Answer: Snake venom is a yellow liquid which is 90% of water.**

**Q11. expelled/poison/gland/that/is/it/from/is/the/substance/a**

- (a) A substance that is poison gland it is from the expelled .
- (b) Gland is expelled a poison from that the substance it.
- (c) It is expelled from the poison is substance gland that.
- (d) It is a substance that is expelled from the poison gland.

**Q12.of/ connective/thick/are/glands/tissues/these/made**

- (a) Glands are made these of thick connective tissues.
- (b) Thick tissues are of made these glands connective.
- (c) These glands are made of thick connective tissues.
- (d) Tissues are these thick glands made of connective .

**Q13.used/in/it/the /treat/to/12<sup>th</sup>/leprosy/century/doctors**

- (a) Doctors used it in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to treat leprosy.
- (b) Doctors in 12<sup>th</sup> century used it to leprosy treat.
- (c) 12<sup>th</sup> century doctors used it in to leprosy treat .
- (d) It treat leprosy in the 12<sup>th</sup> century used to doctors .

**D: The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Choose the correct set of answer from the options given below. One has been done as an example.**

**(1X4=4)**

	<b>Incorrect Word</b>	<b>Correct Word</b>
The poet relates an incident who changed	<b>Eg:    who</b>	<b>which</b>
his life. It was the season where the leaves	14. _____	_____
turned yellow. He reached a place when the road split	15. _____	_____
in to two. His difficulty was whether it was not easy to	16. _____	_____
decide whose road he should take. It was a dilemma.	17. _____	_____

**Q14.**

- (a) where , which
- (b) where , when
- (c) where, who
- (d) where, whom

**Q15.**

- (a) when , where
- (b) when , which
- (c) when , a
- (d) the , a

**Q16.**

- (a) whether, which
- (b) whether , who
- (c) whether , where
- (d) whether , that

**Q17.**

- (a) whose , which
- (b) a, an
- (c) whose, where
- (d) whose , who

**E: Complete the following paragraph choosing the most appropriate answer from the given options. (1X3=3)**

Penguins use their wings to swim under water 18. \_\_\_\_\_ they cannot fly in the air. They eat fish 19. \_\_\_\_\_ other sea foods. Penguins lay their eggs on land 20 . \_\_\_\_\_ ice to give birth to their offspring. The combination of white and black colours on penguins safeguards them from attackers.

**Q.18.**(a) but            (b) or            (c) than            (d) whereas

**Q.19.**(a) but            (b) so            (c) yet            (d) and

**Q.20.**(a) or            (b) but            (c) so            (d) however

**SECTION-C (LITERATURE) (20 MARKS)**

**F: Read the poem extract from the poem given below and choose the correct option : (1x4 = 4)**

**Can running water be drunk from gold?  
Can a silver dish the forest hold?  
A rocking twig is the finest chair,  
And the softest path lie through the air**

**Q21. Who is the speaker of the above lines?**

- (a) the child
- (b) the bird
- (c) the neighbour
- (d) stranger

**Q22.**The bird defines rocking twigs as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) finest chair
- (b) silver dish
- (c) finest silver dish
- (d) artificial swing

**Q23.**The bird wants to drink the water from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) a silver cup
- (b) rain
- (c) the running water of streams
- (d) tap

**Q24.**The poetic device used in the third line is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) simile
- (b) metaphor
- (c) alliteration
- (d) repetition

**G:Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate answer. (1x4=4)**

“ From an awning she made an emergency landing on a washerman’s donkey. The donkey promptly panicked and rushed down the road, while bundles of washing fell by the wayside. The washerman joined in the chase. Children on their way to school decided that there was something better to do than attend classes. With shouts of glee, they soon overtook their panting elders. Tutu finally left the bazaar and took a road leading in the direction of our house.”

**Q25.** In the extract ‘she’ refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) grandmother
- (b) Aunt Ruby
- (c) Tutu
- (d) child

**Q26.**Children joined the chase because they thought it was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) better than attending classes
- (b) something interesting
- (c) adventurous
- (d) a mission

**Q27.**‘They overtook their panting elders’. ‘They’ in the statement are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) washermen
- (b) children
- (c) bystanders
- (d) scooterist

**Q28.**Tutu took a path heading towards the direction of\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a)narrator's house
- (b) the fruit shop
- (c) canal
- (d) jeweller's house

**H:**Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate options. (1x7=7)

**Q 29.**The guest were not seen for several days after marriage as\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) They might have fallen ill
- (b) They got busy in their work
- (c) They were afraid of Tutu
- (d)They disliked Aunt Ruby's wedding cake

**Q 30.**What did the child offer birdie to feel cozy?

- (a) Silken quilt
- (b) wool
- (c) Fireplace
- (d) Sweater

**Q31.** The poem '*Birdie ,will you pet?*' shows a contrast between \_\_\_\_\_ and artificial things.

- (a) manmade
- (b) natural
- (c) new
- (d) luxurious

**Q32.**Who did not join the chase to catch Tutu?

- (a)Children on their way to school
- (b) Bystanders
- (c) Grandfather
- (d)The Jeweller

**Q33.**The little monkey looked so miserable to the grandfather as it was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) not looking happy
- (b) chained
- (c)not healthy
- (d) naughty

**Q34.** The Birdie says, 'That I would not sell for a thousand pound.' What would it not sell?

- (a)diamond necklace
- (b)silver dish
- (c) satin pillow
- (d) feather necklace

**Q35.** Aunt Ruby's nerves had already suffered from the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ in the house at Lucknow.

- (a) goat
- (b) several white mice
- (c) python
- (d) small tortoise

**Directions (Q Nos. 36 to 40):** In each question below are given two statements (Assertion and reason) followed by four conclusions. Choose the best option for the given statements: (1x5=5)

**Q36. Assertion:** The narrator decided to follow a discreet distance .

**Reason:** Aunt Ruby had made it clear that she did not want narrator around.

- (i) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- (ii) Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- (iii) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (iv) (A) is false but (R) is true

**Q37. Assertion:** Tutu followed Rocky to the jeweller's shop without being noticed.

**Reason:** Tutu thought that a mission of importance was underway.

- (i) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- (ii) Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- (iii) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (iv) (A) is false but (R) is true

**Q38. Assertion:** The bird refuses all the tempting offers of the girl as she wants to live in the shade of nature.

**Reason:** The girl offers all expensive and artificial things.

- (i) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- (ii) Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- (iii) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (iv) (A) is false but (R) is true

**Q39. Assertion:** Tutu flung the necklace in the small canal that ran down the road.

**Reason:** Tutu decided not to end the chase.

- (i) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- (ii) Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- (iii) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (iv) (A) is false but (R) is true



**Q40.Assertion: The narrator liked Rocky.**

**Reason: Rocky gave chocolates and walnuts to the narrator**

- (i) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- (ii) Both (A) and (R) are correct but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- (iii) (A) is true but (R) is false
- (iv) (A) is false but (R) is true

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