

SAMPLE PAPER
PERIODIC ASSESSMENT -1 (2023-24)
Set 1

CLASS VIII
TIME-1.5 HOURS

SUBJECT-ENGLISH
FM-40

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

- Please check that this question paper contains 7 questions and 3 printed pages.
- This paper consists of three sections: A, B,C

SECTION A -READING

SECTION B -WRITING AND GRAMMAR

SECTION C -LITERATURE

- Attempt all questions.
- Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as shown in the question paper and should be written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

SECTION-A: READING (8 MARKS)

Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1.The fresh air, which one used to breathe six or seven decades ago, is altogether missing today. It is now badly polluted due to various reasons, mostly man-made ones. Air is the first and foremost need for human survival, without which his existence cannot be deemed possible. The moment an infant comes to this world, it is the air that it breathes first to start its life journey. So fresh air, not the polluted air, is essential for the healthy survival of mankind. In its absence, slow annihilation of human race is inevitable.

2.Fumes of automobiles and toxic smokes belching out of the factories' chimneys are the two major causes behind air pollution. It worsens every day with a constant increase in the number of automobiles on the roads and factories in the residential areas. The fumes and smokes so emitted keep polluting the atmosphere. Deforestation around urban areas is another serious reason behind the rise in air pollution. It is necessary for air purification and maintaining ecological balance. The foul smells emanating from huge piles of rubbish ,lying at places, also pollute the air which we breathe in. The pollutants responsible for air pollution give rise to 'Greenhouse Effect' and deplete ozone layer in the atmosphere. Besides it increases the temperature of earth surface so much that the polar caps are melting and most of the UV rays are easily penetrating the surface of the earth.

3.The air pollution has many bad effects on the health of people, It is the cause of many skin and respiratory disorders in human beings. It also causes asthma, bronchitis, and many other diseases.

4. It has hence become utmost important to check the pollution of air which is worsening with each passing day. people should be made conscious of its dangers. Not one nation alone, but all the affected nations

should devise effective ways to curb this menace cohesively. If not paid an urgent heed, the day is not far off when there will be a question mark on human survival.

Answer the following questions on the basis of your understanding of the passage: (1x8=8)

- (a) Paragraph 1 states that air today is polluted mostly due to manmade reasons. Give one human activity that causes pollution of air.
- (b) Give one reason why you think deforestation is more around urban areas.
- (c) State one cause of green house effect.
- (d) Mention one effect of green house gases.
- (e) List any two diseases caused by air pollution.
- (f) The following statements are marked Assertion(A) and Reason(R) . Read the statements and choose the option:
Assertion -Nations must take immediate steps to curb air pollution.
Reason- The rapid increase in air pollution will threaten the survival of all humans on earth
- a) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
- b) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
- c) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- d) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true
- (g) Air pollution is largely a human made problem. State True Or false.
- (h) Find a word from the passage that means 'aware'(Para -4)

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR (16 MARKS))

Q2. Draft a notice within 50 words to be put up in the notice board of your school announcing of the cricket match.

4 Marks

Q.3 You are Subham/Sivani. You believe that there is an urgent need to create awareness about feeling of inferiority complex, anxiety and stress in young people. Taking ideas from "Changing Times" and using the hints given below write a speech on the topic 'Role of parents and gaurdian in helping teenagers handle stress' in 100-120 words.

8 Marks

- Teenagers have to deal with peer pressure, stress in studies and unrealistic parental expectations.
- They feel lonely and need a friend at home to.
- They find it difficult to share their insecurities with adults.
- Parents play an important role.
- Parents should focus on good aspects and positive attributes of the students.
- They can help teenagers manage stress by listening and talking, spending time together.

Q4. Read the following conversation and complete the paragraph:

(1x4=4)

Teacher: Why are you sleeping in the class?

Sriniwas: I am not feeling well.

Teacher: When did you fall asleep?.

Sriniwas: I believe it was just before the downfall of the Mughal Empire.

The teacher asked Sriniwas (a) _____ Sriniwas replied that(b)_____.The teacher further asked him when(c)_____.Sriniwas replied that (d)_____ just before the downfall of the Mughal Empire.

SECTION- C LITERATURE 16 MARKS

Q.5.Read the following extract given below and choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below.

"Ever since childhood, She'd this gift
For being happier in a tree than in a lift
And though, as years went by, she would be told
That climbing trees should stop when one grew old

- (a) Name the poet of the above poem.
- (b) 'She' is the poet's _____
- (c) When 'she' grew old, she would be told to_____.
- (d)The rhyme scheme of the above lines is_____.

OR

"May be', he said, nonchalantly. He walked away whistling, the dusty old book tucked beneath his arm. Margie went into the schoolroom."

- a. Who does 'he' refers to?
- b. Margie's school was situated_____
- c. What topic Margie was going to learn that day?
- d. Find a word from the passage which means as 'in a calm and relaxed manner'.

Q.6. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (2X3=6)

- a. Give one reason why Tommy prefers a tele book to a paper book
- b. Explain the importance of the present in the life of a student with reference to the story " Three Questions".
- c. Describe the joys of school that Margie was missing.
- d. Draw a character sketch of granny in your own words.

Q. 7. Answer any one of the following: (6 Marks)

Imagine that you are the bearded man. Write a diary entry describing how the King saved your life and how peace was made between you and the King in 100-120 words.

OR

Imagine yourself as Tommy. You have got a very old book from your attic. It has a lot of information regarding the kind of school that existed centuries ago. Write a letter to your friend describing the book and the school as mentioned in the book. (100-120 words)