D.A.V PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE
SESSION: 2022 – 2023
PERIODIC TEST-I (SET-A)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

STD - VIII **MAX. MARKS: 20**
DATE-21.07.2021 **TIME: 45 Mins.**

General Instructions:

- **This paper consists of FOUR sections**
  Section A- Reading- 4 M
  Section B -Writing - 4 M
  Section C-Grammar- 4M
  Section D- Literature- 8 M
- **Attempt all the sections.**
- **All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.**
- **Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.**
- **Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.**
- **Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.**

SECTION- A (READING) 4 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (4 Marks)

1. An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business and live a more leisurely life with his family. He would miss the pay cheque, but he needed to retire. The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said 'yes', but this time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

2. When the carpenter finished his work, his employer handed over the key of the house to the carpenter— "This is your house, my gift to you."

3. What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently! Now he had to live in a poorly built house. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!

1.1. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions. (1 x 2=2M)

(a) What surprise did the employer give to the carpenter?
(b) Why was the surprise a shame for the carpenter?

1.2. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following with the help of the given options. (1 x 2=2M)

(a) In para 1, the synonym of **'inferior'** is …….. .
(i) resorted (ii) leisurely (iii) shoddy (iv) unfortunate

(b) The antonym of the word **'foolishly'** in Para-3 is, ……..
(i) shock (ii) wisely (iii) differently (iv) realize

SECTION- B (WRITING) 4 Marks

2. You are Pranoy/Prerna, you had a session with your school counsellor, in which you discussed about, your relationship with your parents. Write a letter to your friend expressing your emotions and experience. Share, how has the counselling session changed your perspective about your parents and enhanced your relationship with them. You can take hints from the Unit- Changing Times of your book 'My English Reader'.
(Word limit: 100-120 words) **(4 Marks)**

OR

You are Chitra / Chetan of class VIII. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic '**Media-Impact on Teenagers'**. You can take hints from the Unit- Changing Times of your book 'My English Reader'. **(Word limit: 100-120 words)** **(4 Marks)**

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR) 4 Marks

3. Do as directed.

3.1 Change the following sentences from Direct to Indirect speech. **(1 x 2=2M)**

(a) The employee said, "I need leave for one week."
(b) Radha said to Riya, "You are the only one whom I trust".

3.2 Rearrange the following groups of words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. **(1 x 2=2M)**

(a) success /you/ more/ from/ learn/ failure/ than /from
(b) greatest/our/lies/weakness/up/in/giving

SECTION-D (LITERATURE) 8 Marks

4. Read the following extracts (ANY ONE) and answer the questions that follow . **(4 Marks)**

(a) *The period came to an end and Swami felt desolate. The last period for the day was again taken by Samuel.He came this time to teach them Indian History. Swaminathan had sat through the previous periods thinking acutely. He could not devise any means of provoking Samuel.*

(i)Why did Swami feel desolate when the period was about to end? **(2M)**
(ii)Why did he want to provoke Samuel? **(2M)**

OR

(b) *The inspector had smiled after he had finished and patted her head. He said to her mother, "I have slowed it up to an average ten-year level. It's not the little girl's fault. Mrs. Jones, I think the geography sector was geared a little too quick."*

(i)What was the complication with Margie's mechanical teacher? **(2M)**
(ii)What did the County Inspector do to fix it? **(2M)**

5. Answer (ANY ONE) of the following questions in 100 to 120 words.

(a) It is said that books are our best friends, but Tommy calls it a waste. Do you consider it as a waste? Justify your answer. **(4 Marks)**

OR

(b) One lie can lead us to a hundred lies and can also destroy someone's life completely. Elaborate the statement by taking reference from the lesson-'Father's Help'. **(4 Marks)**

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