DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE
SESSION: 2022-23
PERIODIC TEST-II (HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

STD: VIII **MAX MARKS: 80**
DATE: 21.09. 2022 **TIME: 3 Hrs**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
1.This paper consists of three sections:
Section A (Reading 20 Marks)
Section B (Writing and Grammar 30 Marks)
Section C (Literature 30 Marks)
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Do not write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
6. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
7. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.
8. Attempt the exam neatly and in a presentable manner.

SECTION-A (READING) (20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8 Marks)

1. India is the fifth-largest global car manufacturer with one of the highest compound annual growth rates (10 percent) of vehicle registration as of 2019. Due to economic growth, and continued aspiration of vehicle ownership, the annual car sales in India are projected to increase from the current 3.5 million to about 10.5 million - a three times increase - by 2030. Cars and two-wheelers will dominate the fleet with a share of about 87 per cent. This will increase exposure to vehicular exhaust emissions.

2. This requires not only improvement in emission standards but also improvement in measurement procedures for emissions and testing of vehicles to keep them low-emitting on roads. In 2023, some major reforms in testing procedures are expected. This needs to be informed well. In India, vehicle technology is changing rapidly with changes in fuel quality, exhaust treatment systems of the Internal Combustion Engines (ICE), electrification of vehicle segments and steps towards hydrogen-powered vehicles.

3. But the current and future batches of ICE vehicles are likely to have a substantial share in on-road fleet till 2040, if not beyond. This not only requires substantial tightening of the emissions standards but also modification of technical parameters for testing of vehicles to reduce the emissions in the real world.

Already, vehicular emission is a major cause of air pollution in urban areas. Typically, vehicular emission contributes 20-30 percent of particulate matter 2.5 (particles of size less than or equal to 2.5 micrometres) at the breathing level of air quality. This is considered more toxic because of the toxic constituents of its PM2.5 emissions.

4. According to studies, vehicles annually contribute about 290 gigagrams (Gg) of PM2.5. At the same time, around eight per cent of total Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in India are from the transport sector, and in Delhi, it exceeds 30 percent. A study was conducted in this regard, to understand the level of awareness among

people. A total of 63 people were selected across 5 districts in Northern India, and a method of a simple questionnaire was used for the study.

QUESTIONS	YES%	NO%	Can't say %
1. Do you think owning a car is a necessity?	57	43	0
2. Do you think that most people buy a car to show off their financial status rather than out of need?	68	32	0
3. Do you think pollution in the nation can be mitigated and controlled if more people start using public transport?	58	33	9
4. Do you think vehicular emission is the biggest contributor of air pollution?	45	50	5
5. Do you think a ban on buying cars is a violation of your rights?	72	28	0

5. India has taken a major decision to abate vehicular emission by leapfrogging to BS-VI emissions standards for new vehicles. But the vehicles will have to remain low-emitting in the real world when they are being driven. This demands improvement in emissions measurement procedures in the laboratory as well as on roads.

(a) What is the reason behind the projected increase in car sales?
(b) What will an increase in car ownership result in?
(c) What kind of changes are happening in the vehicular technology of India?
(d) What is the contribution of vehicular emission in pollution?
(e) How can the pollution from vehicular emissions be controlled?
(f) State TRUE or FALSE.
Vehicles annually contribute about 290 Megagrams (Mg) of PM2.5.
(g) Find a word in the passage that means the same as 'course of action'. (Para 2)
(h) Find a word in the passage that means the same as 'desire'. (Para 1)

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.. (1x12=12 marks)

1. High-altitude climbing is still a very dangerous task in spite of the availability of oxygen masks and other protective equipments which modern climbers take with them. Apart from these factors, which are indispensable accessories of climbing, the stamina of the climber is more important, which ultimately determines the success of his attempt. Throughout his journey, death is his constant companion which he can keep at a distance only with his superb presence of mind. The climber should take precautions during their expedition. He has to tread every inch of the ground with the utmost care, for a false step may not only strike him a fatal blow but also bring disaster to the whole expedition.

2. That is why all explorers invariably take with them local guides who are experienced climbers and who have a thorough knowledge of the nature of the terrain. Moreover, a huge amount of capital is needed for financing these expeditions, and this is generally provided by governments or rich private organisations.

3. The primary objective of a mountaineering expedition is to get to the top of a high mountain, which, in the past has withstood all attempts to conquer it. But it should not be presumed that the expedition is a complete failure if it does not reach its destination. Sometimes operations are temporarily suspended because of bad weather, loss of some valuable equipment or the sudden death of a very important member of the party. Every big expedition takes with it men who are interested in botany, biology, geology and various other branches of science and these men carry with them equipment for recording their observations concerning the weather, the terrain, and different forms of life in higher altitudes.

4. Other scientists, explorers and expeditionists utilise the fruits of their observations. Thus, every unsuccessful expedition contributes to the wealth of knowledge. The information is generally shared with useful knowledge about the death dealing weather which they had to encounter in the vicinity of the summit.

5. To ordinary people, mountaineering need not be a fearful journey in the land of snowstorms, where the brave adventurer is always face to face with death. They can scale less ambitious heights, rest their weary limbs under a quiet shelter and feast their eyes on the distant landscape. In the company of friends, they can enjoy an outing near a waterfall or cross into the next Valley with haversacks full of provisions dangling from their shoulders. All those who can afford to go to a hill station should seek this innocent pleasure, for it can be had without any risk to life or limb.

(a) What are the factors that determine the success of the climbers?

(b) What precautions should the climbers take during their journey?

(c) In what ways does a mountaineering expedition contribute to the wealth of knowledge?

(d) How is an ordinary mountaineer's experience different from that of a regular expedition?

(e) How does a local guide help an expedition?

(f) Find a word from the passage that means the same as journey.

(g) The following statements are marked Assertion (A) and Reason (R).
Read the statements and choose the correct option:

(A) Explorers utilize the fruits of their observations.
(R) These observations help the explorers to face the weather.

(a) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
(b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
(c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
(d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

(h) 'Climbing is still a very dangerous task.' Here, the word, 'Climbing' is _____.

(a) noun (b) pronoun (c) adjective (d) adverb

(i) Which factors alone are of primary importance and determine the success of a climber?

(1) Stamina (2) presence of mind (3) equipments (4) oxygen masks

(a) Both 1 & 2 **(c) Both 2 & 3**
(b) Both 3 & 4 **(d) Both 1 & 4**

(j) Select the option which gives the right combination of the words given in the two tables :

A. Indispensable	**1. Defeat**
B. Conquer	**2. Confront**
C. Withstood	**3. Essential**

(a) A-2, B-3, C-2 **(c) A-1, B-3, C-2**

(b) A-3, B-1, C-2 **(d) A-2, B-1, C-3**

(k) Find a word which means the same as the highest point of a mountain.

(a) Altitude (b) destination (c) summit (d) vicinity

(l) The primary objective of a mountaineer is ____

(a) to reach to the top of the high mountain.
(b) to share knowledge.
(c) to enjoy with friends.
(d) to explore other routes to the summit.

(m) Find the antonym of "opponent" in paragraph

(a) Companion (b) Climber (c) Guide (d) Death

SECTION-B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) (30 Marks)

3. You are Ritesh/Ritika, School Captain of the New Millennium School, Thane. Your school is planning to organize a 'School Cleaning-up Drive' where all the students will be taking up jobs related to tidying up the school premises to generate a sense of belongingness and cleanliness. Write a notice informing the students about it, in about 50 words. Include necessary details like: date, time, uniform etc. **(4 marks)**

OR

You are Aman/Amandeep. Draft an e-mail for your best friend, thanking him for inviting you to his/her brother's birthday party in about 50 words**.**

4. You are Manvi / Manu, a student of class VIII. You feel really inspired after reading about great talented people like Adam Ezra Cohen, You realize that 'Success comes to those who dare and dream'. Taking hints from the unit 'Enterprise', along with your ideas, draft a speech, to be delivered in the morning assembly. (**Word limit about 120 words)** **(8 marks)**

OR

You are Amar/Anshi, studying in a boarding school away from home. Write a letter to your mother describing your schedule and life in the hostel in about 100-120 words.
(hints: daily routine, your roommates, classes, self-dependence, more confident)

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against each line of the passage. **(1x4=4 marks)**

		Incorrect	**Correct**
Proteins are the major component in	eg.	major	main
all living cells. They are find in milk,	(a)	_____	_____
meat and fish. They are essential for the			
body to enable it to build in new	(b)	_____	_____
cells or repair the old ones. For this	(c)	_____	_____
reason, grow children need more	(d)	_____	_____
protein than adults.			

6. The following sentences are not in the correct sequence. Read them carefully and arrange them in a meaningful sequence: **(1x4=4 marks)**

Producing silk is a lengthy process and demands close attention. First, quality feed for silkworms needs to be cultivated.

(a) South India is the leading silk-producing area of the country.
(b) The silk is extracted by human hand and then woven into fabric.
(c) Then the worms need to be carefully hand-reared in controlled environmental conditions.
(d) Handloom weaving remains a symbol of the versatility and creativity of living craft.

7. Read the following conversation and report what was said by completing the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet. (1x4=4 marks)

Meenu: Kunal, it is my friend Asha's birthday tomorrow. Can you suggest a gift I can get for her?
Kunal: You can gift her Amish Tripathi's latest book. It is quite interesting.
Meenu: Thank you, Kunal. I hope Asha will really like it. She is a great fan of Amish Tripathi.

It was Meenu's friend, Asha's birthday the next day. Meenu was confused as to what gift she should give her. She asked her brother Kunal (a) _____ Asha. Kunal suggested to Meenu that (b) _____ and added that it was quite interesting. Meenu (c) _____ and further stated that (d) _____ as she was a great fan of Amish Tripathi.

8. Choose the correct word from the options given below to complete the following passage. (1x3=3marks)
Peace and communal harmony **(a)_____** (was / will be / are) absolutely essential for the progress and development of a country. Their absence disturbs the growth of the country and **(b)_____(**let/lets / will let) leads to a reign of terror. The tragedy is that communal riots **(c)_____** (became / become / have become) very common nowadays. A few days ago, a few people belonging to two different communities picked up a quarrel over a petty issue. When will the people realize that they cannot progress until they remain united?

9. Do as directed: (1x3=3 marks)

(a) The sky is full of dark clouds, it _____ rain today. (Fill in a suitable modal showing -possibility)

(b) Seema as well as her friends _____ planning for the party. (Fill the verb according to the subject)

(c) We know the Guptas for twenty years. (Change into present perfect tense)

SECTION –C (LITERATURE) (30 Marks)

10. Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> extract out of the two given below: (1x4=4 marks)

"I still remember the days when I was ten.
Sleeping on your lap to the envy of my elder brothers and sisters
It was full moon night, my world only you knew
Mother! My Mother!"

(a) Name the poem and the poet.
(b) Which days is the poet talking about in line l?
(c) Name the poetic device used in line, 'my world only you knew'.
(d) Why were the poet's brothers and sisters envious of him?

OR

The outcome was different while we were in town
She climbed a tree and couldn't come down!
We went to the rescue, and then the doctor took
Granny's temperature.

(a) Name the poem and the poet.
(b) Who are 'we' and 'she' in the above lines?
(c) Which poetic device is used in line 2?
(d) What is the difference in the expectation of poet and the outcome?

11. Attempt <u>ANY ONE</u> extract out of the two given below: (1x4=4 marks)

"As he entered the school gate an idea occurred to him, a sort of solution. He wouldn't deliver the letter to the headmaster immediately, but at the end of the day-to that extent he would disobey his father and exercise his independence. There was nothing wrong in it, and Father would not know it anyway."

a) Who entered the school gate?
b) Against whom the letter was written and why?
c) What orders were given by his father?
d) When did he decide to deliver the letter?

OR

My heart sank. I had seen them in the shops and I knew that they were horribly expensive. My mouth had often watered at the sight of them.

(a) Whose heart sank and why?
(b) What had the speaker seen in the shops?
(c) Which place did he order this expensive thing?
(d) What other things were ordered for the guest? (Any 2)

12. Attempt <u>ANY SIX</u> questions out of the seven given below. (30-40 words) (2x6=12 marks)

(a) What did the king proclaim in his kingdom?
(b) Mention the reasons for which the poet had to wake up hours before the sunrise.
(c) What did Swami plan to avoid going to school? Did his plan work? Why/Why not?
(d) The title of the story is "The Fun They Had". Who are 'They' referring to? How did they have fun?
(e) Describe the impression the narrator formed of the woman in "The Luncheon",when he met her.
(f) What did Granny consider as 'a season in hell'? What did she wish for?
(g) Describe Margie and Tommy's teacher.

13. 'Mother is the most influential person in one's life 'Justify the statement by taking reference from the poem 'My Mother'. **(4 marks)**

OR

The king had certain questions in his mind for which he got his answers from the hermit. Do you agree with the answers given by the hermit? Why/ why not?

XIV. Imagine you are the waiter in the story "The Luncheon". Write a diary entry, in about 100 words, expressing your satisfaction on making the narrator order all the expensive dishes. **(6 marks)**

OR

Imagine you are Swami. You realized your mistake and felt sad for what you did. Write a diary entry describing your feelings in not more than 100 words.

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