DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE
(2021-22)
PERIODIC TEST-III
ENGLISH
CLASS-VIII

Maximum Marks: 40

DATE**: 19/01/2022** **Time:1Hr 30m**

General Instructions:

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

PART-A (20 Marks)

READING (08 Marks)

I. Read the passage given below.

A surprising number of tennis balls, say around 54,000, are used annually during the Wimbledon tournament. Such a peaking figure is used because the tennis balls are replaced at regular intervals during a match which ensures that there is no wear and tear or they haven't become too warm, impacting the ball's natural physical dynamics.



The spectators on the grounds buy the used balls but nearly 700 balls go missing every year which are most probably picked up by the audience to be kept as souvenirs. Since 2001, some of these balls go as donations to various animal conservatives around Britain and are used to make quirky little homes for harvest mice.

Typically, the fields of some common cereal crops like wheat and oats, reed beds and other tall ground vegetation, especially long grass make great place for habitation for the Eurasian harvest mouse weighing only about 4 grams. This species of mice usually weaves shredded grass and reeds to make their homes for themselves. Due to intensive high-end farming methods, their habitat has become prone to threat. Additionally, their homes are also immensely affected by yearly floods.

Some animal conservative experts then figured out that these tennis balls would make brilliant, waterproof homes for these tiny creatures after cutting a small hole into the balls. The balls are fixed to poles rising about 1-1.5m above the ground. They can make their nests relatively safe from birds and other predators, which are significantly big to get through that hole.

Apart from Wimbledon, multiple lawn tennis clubs have also started donating the used tennis balls regularly to various wildlife conservation organizations.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.

1. How many balls are used annually during the Wimbledon tournament?

A. 50400 B.55000 C. 54000 D. 5400

2. The tennis balls are replaced at regular intervals during a match, which ensures …….

A. There is no wear and tear

B. They haven't become too warm

C. The natural dynamics of the tennis balls are not impacted.

D. All of these.

3. The reasons for the loss of habitat of the Eurasian mice are:

i. Farmers use severe means, like chemicals, to grow their produce for maximum profit.

ii. Farm labourers burn the carefully-woven homes of the harvest mice.

iii. The mice are aggressive in nature and destroy each other's houses.

iv. The homes of these mice are destroyed by natural calamities.

A. 1,2 B. 1,4 C. 3,4 D. 2,3

4. How much do the harvest mice weigh?

A. 40 gm B. 04 gm C.14gm D. 5 gm

5. Find a word from the passage that is an opposite of participant.

A. Contestant B. Referee C. Spectators D. Players

6. Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'Beast of prey'.

A. Spectators B. Predators C. Audience D. Vegetation

7. Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'momento'.

A. Conservative B. Spectators C. Souvenirs D. Donations

8. Hanging the nests above the ground will make them safe from…….

A. Chemicals B. birds of prey C. Floods D. All of these

LITERATURE (4 Marks)

II A. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. (2 marks)

"The first thing that I do when I get to work in the morning is to put in the window some pieces of jewellery which are always kept in the safe overnight."

1. **Who is 'I' in the given lines?**
   A. William Stuart B. William Wolkes C. William Morris D, William Dorris
2. **Name the place where he works.**
   A. Regnier's B. Mark's C. Shephire's D. Edgar's

II B. Read the extract and answer the question that follow. (2 marks)

"Teach us delight in simple things,
And mirth that has no bitter springs."

1. **Name the poem.**
   A. The Children's Song C. The Children's Wish
   B. The Children's Music D. The Children's World
2. **What does the poet mean by '*Mirth that has no bitter springs*'?**
   A. Happiness with no limits C. Happiness with no barriers
   B. Happiness with no ill-feelings D. Happiness with hatred

GRAMMAR (08 Marks)

III A . The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet by choosing the correct option. (½*4= 2 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
The Olympic Games is celebrated every	1. _____	_____
four years. The form not only the greatest	2. _____	_____
sports festival in the world and also	3. _____	_____
the oldest. They start in ancient Greece.	4. _____	_____

1. A. was	B. were	C. are	D. should
2. A. They	B. Then	C. Them	D. There
3. A. for	B. as	C. since	D. but
4. A. starts	B. start	C. will start	D. started

III B. Complete the given passage by choosing the correct option from the clauses given. (1*3=3 marks)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (1) _____ has become very popular among school kids. J.K. Rowling (2) _____ of the "Harry Potter" series is ready with the seventh and final book. The story of the bespectacled boy came into Rowling's mind (3) _____ of a train travel.

1. A. which is the latest "Harry Potter" movie
   B.a latest "Harry Potter" movie
   C. a late movie
   D. an movie of "Harry Potter"

2. A. whom is the author
   B. who was an author
   C. who is the author
   D. whom was the author

3. A. when she was in the midst
   B. when she had in the midst
   C. when she is in the midst
   D. when she were in the midst

III C. Below you can see a set of instructions for planting a sapling. Imagine that you had completed this task. Complete the paragraph given below. (1*3=3 Marks)

a) Select a patch of land and take a little manure and a spade.

b) Dig the earth with the spade.

c) Mix manure in the soil manually.

d) Plant the sapling carefully.

A patch of land (1) _____ and a little manure and spade were also taken. The earth (2) _____ with the spade. The manure was then (3) _____ in the soil manually. The sapling was planted carefully.

1.	A. is selected	B. is being selected	C. was selected	D. was being selected
2.	A. is digged	B. was digged	C. is dug	D. was dug
3.	A. being mixed	B. mixed	C. mix	D. been mixed

PART B (20 Marks)

(WRITING AND LITERATURE)

IV. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily expressing your concern over growing number of thefts in your locality in Delhi. You are Ankur/Ankita, a resident of 24-C, New Multan Nagar, Delhi. (100 words)

(4 Marks)

V. Write a biographical sketch of Nelson Mandela by taking hints from given clues. **(100 words)**

(4 Marks)

Name: Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

Born on: 18 July 1918, Royal family of South Africa, got an English name, Nelson, from his teacher

Education: Local Mission school; Methodist College at Beaufort University of Witwatersrand; Law from African National Congress

Political Career-- 1944, let peaceful protest and armed resistance--Protected rights of blacks--Convicted of overthrowing the government--Imprisoned for 27 year--Elected first black President, 1994--Retired from politics in—1999 Continued working for world peace.

Founded: The Nelson Mandela Foundation, Aids awareness

Died: 95 years age in 2013

Awards: Bharat Ratna in 1990; Nobel Peace Prize in 1993

LITERATURE (12 Marks)

VI A. Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following questions in about 20-30 words. (2*2=4 Marks)

1. Whom should we trust more? Why? (The Children's Song)
2. What is the key to a successful life?
3. Explain: '***In Faith and hope the world will disagree, But all mankind's concern is charity.***'

VI B. Answer the question in about 40-50 words. (3 Marks)

1. **'*Intelligence is using common sense to the full.*' Elaborate the statement by taking hints from the chapter 'The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller.'**

VI C. Answer the question in about 80-100 words. (5 Marks)

1. **You are Baldev's son. You are full of gratitude towards the narrator after getting released from the jail clean-handed. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for him. (The Undeserved Reward)**

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