D.A.V PUBLIC SCHOOL
2022-2023
PERIODIC TEST III (SET-B)
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

STD: VIII **MAX.MARKS: 40**

DATE: 17.12.2022 **TIME: 1 hour 30 Mins**

General Instructions:

1. This paper consists of three sections:
   - **A. Reading- 8 M**
   - **B. Writing & Grammar – 16 M**
   - **C. Literature – 16 M**
2. Attempt all questions.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet.

SECTION A – (READING) 8 marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)

Secularism is the very soul of Indian society and the democracy. India has a tradition of co-existence, tolerance, cooperation, and mutual respect between all its social and religious groups. Islam came to India with Muslim conquerors. A large number of natives turned Muslims over the period and presently they make up the second-largest community of our nation. The contribution of Islam to Indian culture and civilization has been spectacular. It added variety, colour and richness to native heritage. Islam enriched India with architectural wonders, the most precious being 'Taj Mahal', the symbol of aesthetic India. Christianity had preceded Islam to India. St. Thomas, the twelve disciples of Christ arrived in India to preach his message when St. Peter was in Rome. Parsi came to India in the 8th century to escape from religious persecution in Iran. They brought Zoroastrianism. Jews sailed to India 2000 years ago to settle down in Mumbai, Pune, Kochi, and Delhi. Hinduism itself was a religious conglomeration of thousands of sects having distinct beliefs, rituals, customs, and practices. Three nearly different religions branched out of it, namely, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism having separate places of worship and holy books. In all, India remained a shining example of unity in diversity, nowhere else found in the world.

Honouring this eternal spirit of India, our constitution makers declared our nation to be a secular state without any discrimination. Although the people of our country are deeply religious, they don't harbour any ill will or intolerance against other faiths. Even during the freedom struggle, the leaders who led it made secularism a basic policy to rally all the people against the British. The secular polity was fiercely strengthened by Mahatma Gandhi. Himself a deeply religious Hindu, he had great respect for all other religions and faiths.

To divide the Indians, the colonial rulers tried to destroy the file spirit of secularism by aiding and abetting communal forces. Some of our people forgot that it was Britishers' policy. Our country paid a terrible price for that lapse. India got divided into two nations and we lost the father of, the nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the bullets of a degenerated fanatic who had no use for our secular legacy. It should teach us a lesson that only a secular spirit will keep India going.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions.

a. Why did Parsis come to India?

(i) Because they were no longer allowed to live in their own country.
(ii) Because they wanted to loot India's wealth.
(iii) Because they wanted natives to turn into their religion.
(iv) Because they wanted to escape the religious persecution in Iran.

b. Which religions branched out of Hinduism?

(i) Sikhism
(ii) Buddhism
(iii) Jainism
(iv) All of the above

c. What is the contribution of Islam to the Indian culture?

(i) A large number of natives turned Muslims and becoming second largest community.
(ii) It added variety, colour and richness to native heritage.
(iii) It came with Muslim conquerors who gave us their holy book.
(iv) It gave us secularism.

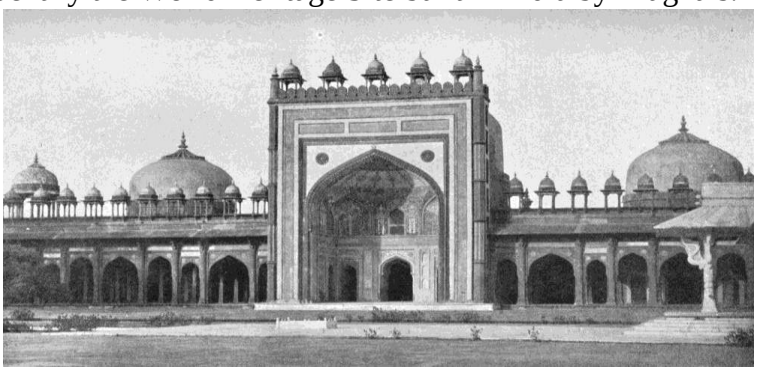
d. Why did the constitution makers declare our nation to be a secular state?

(i) because many invaders settled in India.
(ii) because a large number of natives turned into another religion.
(iii) because India is a shining example of unity in diversity.
(iv) because Taj Mahal, the symbol of aesthetic India was given by Islam.

e. What happened when the colonial rulers destroyed the spirit of secularism?

(i) Only Hinduism was prevailing in India.
(ii) All the invaders were asked to leave the nation.
(iii) Indians protest against the Britishers.
(iv) India got divided into two nations.

f. Identify the World Heritage Site built in India by Mughals.



(i) Red Fort
(ii) Taj Mahal
(iii) Fatehpur Sikri
(iv) Jama Masjid

g. Find a word from the passage which means 'a person having unreasonable religious beliefs.'

(i) Intolerance
(ii) Fanatic
(iii) Secularism
(iv) Disciples

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

(A) India got divided into two nations.
(R) India was declared as a secular state.

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

SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (16 Marks)

2. You are Prashant/ Pranjali, write an e-mail in 50 – 60 words to your best friend, who is new in using technology, suggesting correct and efficient ways in using the internet. **(3)**

OR

Complete the dialogue by choosing the correct alternative from those given below.

Interviewer: Why do you think you (a) _____?
Sarika: Mam, I am qualified for the job and I have a passion for children and teaching. All these traits make me suitable for the job.
Interviewer: What (c) _____ in graduation? 4
Sarika: Mam, I have graduated in Chemistry Honours.
Interviewer: Do you (d) _____ experience?
Sarika: Yes, I have teaching experience of 5 years in a public school.
Interviewer: Well, then we may consider you for the job.

a. (i) work here
   (ii) are suitable for the job
   (iii) are called here
   (iv) are passionate

b. (i) do you learn
   (ii) did the teacher teach
   (iii) did you do
   (iv) were your subjects

c. (i) teach
   (ii) have any teaching
   (iii) have learning
   (iv) like to have

3. Write a letter to the editor of the leading newspaper in 100-120 words to create awareness on 'The Importance of True Sportsmanship Spirit' that the children now a days lack. You can take hints from the Reader Unit- Sports. **(5)**

OR

Due to selfish human activities and overuse of natural resources, global warming is taking place, which poses danger to humankind. Write an article in 100- 120 words to highlight 'The Effects of Global Warming.'

4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write it along with the corrections. Underline the correct word supplied by you. The first one has been done as an example for you. **(3)**

	Incorrect	Correct
Science have conquered time and distance. The different	have	has
countries of the world has been brought closer to	_____	_____
one another and the globe seems to have shrink in size.	_____	_____
The journey which took months are complete in hours today.	_____	_____

5. Change the following recipe into passive voice: **(3)**

a) Crack an egg in a bowl.

b) Chop tomatoes, onion and green chilli.
c) Add chopped vegetables to the bowl.
d) Mix it well.
e) Pour the batter on the pan.
f) Cook until it turns brown.
g) Serve it with ketchup.

An egg (a)_____ in a bowl. The tomatoes, onion and green chillis (b) _____. The chopped vegetables (c) _____ to the bowl and the batter (d) _____ well. The batter (e) _____on the pan. It (f) _____ until it turns brown. The omelette is served with the ketchup.

6. Arrange the sentences in a sequence of constructing a tower. (2)

(a) Roast the beans and cool them rapidly.
(b) Grind the frozen mixture and dry it in vacuum before packing in jars.
(c) Pick coffee beans from the trees and dry in the sun.
(d) Mix coffee with hot water and strain the mixture before freezing.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE) (16 marks)

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: (3)

'I am a very ordinary man except that I use my eyes and my common sense more than most people do. My hobby is perhaps a little out of the ordinary.'

(i) What is the narrator's hobby?
(ii) How does the narrator use his eyes and common sense more than most people do?
(iii) What is narrator's name?

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: (3)

'Teach us the Delight in simple things,
And Mirth that has no bitter springs;
Forgiveness free of evil done,
And Love to all men 'neath the Sun!'

(i) Explain the first two lines of the stanza
(ii) Identify the figure of speech given in the line 3.
(iii) Name the poet of the poem 'The Children's Song.'

9. Attempt <u>ANY THREE</u> short answer type questions out of the four given below:(30-40 words)(6)

(a) According to Baldev, why was his son roped into a false case?
(b) Why does narrator consider working as a jewellery assistant at Regnier's, an impressive job? Who were his clients?
(c) What is the best way to live as given by Alexander Pope in 'Couplets'?
(d) Justify the title 'The Children's Song'.

10. 'Physical abuse creates lifelong scars on a person's mind.' Justify this statement. Give reference from the lesson 'The Undeserved Reward' to substantiate your answer. **(4)**

OR

'The children are the future of the world. They should be taught to respect their motherland.' Throw light on this statement. Give reference from the poem 'The Children's Song.'