

ST.ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE
PERIODIC TEST-2 (2017-18)

CLASS: X

SUBJECT: ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

M.M: 80

General Instructions:

(i) The Question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A — Reading 20 marks

Section B — Writing and Grammar 30 marks

Section C — Literature 30 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order

SECTION A- (READING)

(20 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully:

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1. The Chinese proverb-Without rice, even the cleverest woman cannot cook, is true for innumerable Indians too. Eaten as simply boiled, rice is the world's most important basic type of food. It is delicious when cooked as pulao, biryani, idli, appams, kheer or puddings. The grain is available in a myriad of varieties the world over. It is not fattening, contrary to some urban myths; scientists and diet experts know that rice is good for you and can't make you heavier. It mainly comprises of carbohydrates that do not add kilos, if consumed in moderation. "Rice is not fattening." says Richa Anand, Chief dietician at Dr. L.H. Hiranandani Hospital Mumbai. An average 100 gram serving of rice has about 0.4 gram of fat. In fact this serving has no more than 100 calories. Noted culinary expert Tarla Dalal writes, "Rice has approximately the same calories as whole wheat and hence is not more fattening."
2. Rice is easy to digest. Rice kanji is a home remedy for diarrhea. In fact, boiled rice, with a few accompaniments, like coconut chutney, and cooked beans, make for a healthy meal that millions in Kerala enjoy. White or brown rice? That is the next question. Well, unpolished brown rice may not be as popular as white but it is a good source of complex carbohydrates that provides starch and fiber. It takes relatively more time to digest, allowing the body to consume the energy released over an extended period. Brown rice is also rich in B vitamins, vitamin E and minerals like manganese and selenium, which makes it more nutritious than the white varieties. However, white rice too has calcium and the essential B vitamins niacin and thiamine. It is healthy since rice has no cholesterol or sodium; it is safe for those suffering from hypertension. Diabetics who prefer rice daily could choose brown rice after checking with their doctors.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions: (1x8=8)

- a) According to the writer, rice weight.
- b) Brown rice is good for people suffering
- c) Whole wheat and rice are supposed.....
- d) Why does the Chinese proverb hold true for Indians as well?
- e) What is the urban myth about rice?
- f) According to the passage, what kind of meal do millions of people in Kerala enjoy?
- g) What word of caution has been given by experts to people fond of eating rice?
- h) The word from the passage which means 'a medicine or treatment for a disease' is

(Para 2)

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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1. Bob was walking in the woods one day when his life was put in great danger. He had just stepped over a log when he felt a sharp sting on the back of his leg. He looked down and saw two small puncture wounds on his leg. The stinging sensation instantly went through his whole body and that was when he saw a snake beside the log he had just stepped over. Bob had many questions running through his head. He didn't know what to do. He didn't know if the snake was poisonous. Bob began to panic.
2. Snake bites are wounds inflicted by the mouth of a snake. A wound from a snake with short teeth and no fangs may look like a series of scratches or tiny punctures. The twin puncture wounds usually associated with snakebites appear when the paired fangs of a fanged snake break through the skin. Snake bites from non-poisonous snakes are not serious but should be cleansed with an antiseptic to prevent infection. The bite of a poisonous snake, which can inject venom into the body, may cause pain and usually spreads rapidly from the place where a person has been bitten. Swelling and colour changes in the skin follow soon after. A person may feel feverish, thirsty and sick in the stomach. The victim may even vomit.
3. The victim of snakebite must seek first-aid promptly. An attempt should be made to identify the snake if it can be done safely. First aid measures should focus on keeping the victim quiet so that the heart remains normal, thereby slowing the spread of venom in the bloodstream. The area of bite should be kept below the level of the heart. The victim should seek medical attention immediately. Depending upon the victim's symptoms and the species of snake, the physician may administer anti-venom, a preparation that helps to neutralize the venom and minimize its harmful effects. In India, the Cobra is considered one of the most dangerous snakes.
4. When walking in areas where poisonous snakes are present, people should wear high boots and thick loose pants. They should remain alert in order to avoid close encounters with these reptiles. People who go for camping, hiking, picnic or live in snake-infested areas should always be aware of potential dangers posed by venomous snakes. A bite from one of these venomous snakes should always be considered an emergency.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

(2x4=8)

- Why was Bob's life considered to be in danger?
- How would one know if he has been bitten by a poisonous snake?
- Why is it necessary to identify the snake that has bitten a person?
- According to the writer, how should a person venture into areas infested with snakes?

2.2 Choose the appropriate options for the questions given below:

(1x4=4)

- The antonym of the word 'panic' as used in (Para 1) is
i) calm ii) anxiety iii) connect iv) impose
- The word in (Para 2) that means 'linked'
i) series ii) inflicted iii) associated iv) swelling
- The word 'lessen' can replace the word _____ in (Para 3)
i) neutralize ii) administer iii) slowing iv) minimize
- The word in (Para 4) that means 'chance meeting'
i) alert ii) emergency iii) encounter iv) potential

SECTION B- (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

(30 marks)

3. You are Shekhar Bhardwaj, a resident of C-3 707, Mayfair Astral, Patel Estate Road, Jogeshwari (West) Mumbai. You purchased an LED Television set from M/s Vijay Sales CTS No. 220/16, Mayfair Astral, Patel Estate Road, Mumbai, a week ago. It was found that the picture quality is poor and the remote does not function properly. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manager highlighting the problem and asking for a possible replacement in 100-120 words. **(8)**

4. Write a short story in 200-250 words on the basis of the beginning given below:

(10)

It was 6 O'clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road. Rajesh was driving his car when suddenly two teenagers on bikes overtook his car.....

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have written. (Do not rewrite the paragraph) (1x3=3)

	Error	Correction
Lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that is poor understood.	a) _____	_____
It happens when the body's immune system attack its own	b) _____	_____
tissues and organs, affected a range of body systems, including	c) _____	_____
joints, skin, kidneys, blood cells, brain, heart and lungs.		

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write down the missing word and the words before and after (Do not rewrite the paragraph) (1x3=3)

	Before	Missing	After
The Brahma Kumaris, clad white, call each other	a) _____	_____	_____
brother or sister. They only vegetarian	b) _____	_____	_____
food cooked by themselves or a fellow sister.			
For them Rajya yoga, purifies the mind is the	c) _____	_____	_____
way to purify the world of decaying moral values.			

7. Rearrange the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences: (1x3=3)

- a) a / helps / well-rounded / you / maintain a / exercise routine/ healthy weight
- b) weight / means / less / on / less / knees /your/ strain
- c) if / joint pain / consult / you / your / have / go away, / that / does not /doctor

8. This is a conversation between a mother and her daughter. After reading the conversation report the conversation in your own words. Underline the answers (Do not rewrite the paragraph) (1x3=3)

Mother : Why did you return home late today?

Daughter : I stayed back in the school to complete my assignment with friends.

Mother : Why didn't you inform me about the assignment before going to school?

Daughter : This morning I was in a hurry. I did not remember to inform you.

Mother : It shows how careless you are.

The mother asked (a).....
The girl replied (b).....
On hearing this mother asked her (c)
The girl said that as she was in a hurry, she had not remembered to inform her.
Disappointed on hearing this, the mother observed that it showed how careless she was.

SECTION C- (LITERATURE: TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT) (30 marks)

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x4=4)

'War had not broken their spirit. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for human society.'

- Which war is being referred in the above extract?
- If not in spirit, then how had the war affected the two boys?
- What selfless action had they committed?
- Find the antonym of 'inconsiderate' from the above extract.

OR

'Not marble, nor the gilded monuments
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;
But you shall shine more bright in these contents
Than unswept stone, besmeared with sluttish time.'

- Why do princes get monuments built?
- What is considered to be more powerful than monuments?
- Why would the rhyme outshine the monuments?
- In the context of the poem, what does the word 'sluttish' mean?

10. Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: (2x4=8)

- Why do you think John avoided telling the reality of Helen to his wife Lavinia?
- How did the post office become a place of pilgrimage for Ali?
- What was the work of the Writer's Inspiration Bureau?
- What is ironic about the inscription written on the pedestal of the statue of Ozymandias?

11. Answer the following question in 100-120 words:

(8x1=8)

How does Saki expose human greed and vanity in the story, "Mrs. Packletide's Tiger"?

OR

The drama "The Dear Departed" brings to our notice the ugly and materialistic nature of people and their callous attitude towards their elderly parents. Along with it we get the chance to realize that the elderly can be sharp too and refuse the selfish assaults from their children. Discuss with reference to the drama.

12. Answer the following question in about 200-250 words:

(10x1=10)

Describe the tension, problems and hardships faced by the people hiding in the Secret Annex.

OR

Mr. Dussel and Anne have very poor opinion of each other. Why? Who do you think was being selfish and unreasonable? Explain with instances described in 'The Diary of a Young Girl.'