

I PERIODIC TEST-2023-24

CLASS-X (CBSE)

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

M.M.: 50

Time : 2 hrs.

General Instructions:

- This paper has three Sections- A , B and C.
- Read all the instructions carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.

SECTION- 'A' (READING SKILLS)

Q.1 Read the passage given below :

- So many things that make life rough around the edges- and indiscriminate dent in your car, a door slammed in your face—are due to lack of consideration. Imagine, for a minute, a world where everyone is just a little kinder. When you're trying to merge in traffic, someone lets you in. At the supermarket, you allow a person in a hurry to go ahead of you in the checkout queue.
- A new theory called 'survival of the nicest' says that because of kindness, the human race prospered as a species. Professor Sam Bowles analysed ancient societies and found that kindness was a key component of the survival of communities. "Groups with many-altruists tend to survive", he says.
- Research shows that kindness can also make us happier. Kindness can help regulate emotions, which has a positive impact on our health. If our inbuilt 'flight or fight' response became overreactive due to stress, it affects our cardio-vascular system and weakens the body's immunity. "It is difficult to be angry, resentful or fearful when one is showing unselfish love towards another person", says Professor Stephen Post.
- Kindness may be a virtue but that doesn't mean it's easy. A lot of people are uncomfortable getting a gift from a stranger. Some people give it back saying. "I don't want your kindness". Kindness has another similarity with happiness- it can't be bought. One synonym for the we're all human, an acknowledgment that we're all together. "Most of what makes life worth living depends on at least some of us being altruistic some of the time," says Bowles, "People should simply do more acts of kindness than they usually do and do them on a regular basis".
- Kindness is just a matter of choice- an attitude you carry with you that you can make a difference, however small, in someone else's life. Diego Villaveces believes kindness has to begin within ourselves. "Sometimes we lock people out to keep ourselves safe, but that also isolates us from the rest of the world", he says. "Every major religion has love as a universal principle. Showing a little bit of kindness to people recognises that everyone around you is just like yourself.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions: (Any six) [6]

- What is the similarity between kindness and happiness?
- What is the universal value of every religion?
- What can stress lead to?
- A word in para- 2 which means the same as 'old' is _____.

Choose the right option from the given alternatives:

- According to a new theory, _____ survives against all odds.
 - strongest
 - nicest
 - fittest
 - courageous
- Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes:
 - Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle.
- Charles Glassman
 - We rise by lifting others.
- Robert Ingersol
 - Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up.
- Jesse Jackson
 - Our life is the creation of our mind.
- Buddha

vii. A word in para 4 which is the antonym of divergent is _____.

- a. similarity
- b. synonym
- c. regular
- d. acknowledge

Q.2 Read the passage given below:

1. Research from the Publishers Association has shown that films based on books take 44% more at the box office revenue in the UK and 53% more worldwide than original screenplays. The report explores what impact a book has when adapted for film and TV.
2. The report read: "Published material is the basis of 52% of top UK films in the last 10 years, and accounts for an even higher share of revenue from these leading performers, at 61% of UK box office gross and 65% of worldwide gross," The Hollywood adaptation of "My Cousin Rachel" was shown to have a significant impact on the sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992.
3. The research suggests that adapted film tend to perform better because films can 'leverage the popularity' of well-known books through an existing audience. Films adapted from books also tend to have a richer, more fully-developed story to draw on. In terms of TV adaptation, it was revealed that a quarter of dramas were based on literary sources and attracted a 56% larger share of the audience than those based on original scripts.
Fourteen of the 35 high end series produced in the UK in the period between January and September, 2017 were based on books, compared to seven based on true stories or historical events and five based on per-existing film or TV stories.
4. In the case of the 2016 BBC broadcast of 'The Night Manager', research revealed that while that novel was in circulation for over 25 years, 82% of the copies it sold were in 2016 and 2017 even after the series went off the air.
5. In conclusion, the report states that "there is a strong two-way relationship between published and the wider creative economy, where in a successful adaptation often has spill-over effects and given a substantial boost to the sales of the original book".

On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the following question:-

[6]

- a. The purpose of the research by Publishers Association was to study the.....
 - i. variety in films and TV shows.
 - ii. impact of films on books.
 - iii. choice of books for film making.
 - iv. connect between books and films
- b. Select the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement:
"The sales of the book in 2017 alone accounted for 23% of all sales since 1992."
 - i. There were 23% higher sales in 2017 than previous years.
 - ii. A major chunks of sales took place in the year 2017.
 - iii. The sales were limited to 23% in 2017.
 - iv. There were very few books sold in the previous years.
- c. Answer the following:
According to the research, the films based on books have greater success because
- d. On what from the following were the maximum TV serials in UK in the year 2017 based?
 - i. Books
 - ii. Original true stories
 - iii. Historical stories
 - iv. Previous films
- e. This passage lists an example proving that TV dramas based on literary works have _____.
 - i. Increased the immediate sales of the book.
 - ii. Increased the sales of the book during the first screening.
 - iii. Had no immediate impact on the sales of the book.
 - iv. Had very little impact on the sales of the book.
- f. According to paragraph 5, there is a two way relationship between books and the Screen'. This is so because both
 - i. revolve around the same stories.
 - ii. cater to an audience with the same taste.
 - iii. gain from each other's popularity.
 - iv. belong to the creative field.

SECTION- 'B' (Grammar and Writing Skills)

Q.3 Attempt any one:

You are Prabhu Kumar/ Parvati of 17 E, Ravi Das Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeaker in the city during examination days drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem.

OR

Recently you have come across many articles on the topic, 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'. In spite of these articles, girls are not given due respect in the society. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor, The Times of India, expressing your concern over the problem. Give some suggestions on the role of the people and the government in curbing it.

You are Vibha/ Vaibhavi, 12 Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

Q.4 Complete the following by choosing the correct option. **[Any 3]**

Yesterday, a rich woman from West Bengal (1) to Delhi to buy jewellery. She was sitting outside (2) jewellery shop. Suddenly two young boys came there (3) snatched the chain that she was (4).

1. come, comes, came, coming
2. an, the, some, any
3. and, or, but, how
4. wear, wears, wore, wearing

Q.5 The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. (Any Three)

	error	correction
It is well know that in winters	a. _____	_____
birds fly in the Sunny South,	b. _____	_____
or in spring, they fly back	c. _____	_____
North to their breed grounds.	d. _____	_____

Q.6 Read the dialogues given below and fill in the blanks. (Any Two)

Doctor : Have you got the tests done?

Karna : No, I have not.

Doctor : Get them done today itself.

Karna : I will.

The doctor asked karna 1. He replied that 2. The doctor asked 3.

SECTION- 'C' (LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

Q.7 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:-

1. The moment the letter fell into the mail box, the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me rest since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks."

i. Lencho wrote the second letter as he was:

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| a. unhappy | b. curious | c. hopeful |
| d. thoughtful | e. confident | |
- ii. (a), (b) and (c)
iii. (b), (e) and (a)
iv. (c), (d) and (e)

ii. 'The post office employees are a bunch of crooks.' The statement is:

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| i. thoughtful | ii. dismissive |
| iii. sad | iv. ironic |

iii. Find the suitable word from the extract to complete the following:

- Sanctioned : approved, : : demanded _____
i. fell
ii. went

- iii. reached
 - iv. asked
2. The fog comes on little cat feet

It sits looking over harbour and city on silent haunches and then moves on.

- a. What does the poet mean by 'little cat feet'?
 - i. small feet like that of a cat
 - ii. little soft feet of the cat which leaves no marks
 - iii. little marks which a cat leaves behind in the sand.
 - iv. the silent and careful steps that do not let anyone know about its arrival.
- b. The word haunches means-
 - i. legs
 - ii. eyes
 - iii. hindquarters
 - iv. knee
- c. 'on silent haunches' identify the figure of speech.
 - i. metaphor
 - ii. transferred epithet
 - iii. synecdoche
 - iv. none of these

Q.8 Answer any two in 40-50 words each. [6]

- i. What does Nelson Mandela refer to as an extra ordinary disaster?
- ii. Why does the tiger express his rage quietly?
- iii. What do you think prompted the pilot of old Dakota to act like 'an obedient child'?

Q.9 Answer any ONE question in 40-50 words. [3]

- i. How did Mrs. Pumphrey and her servants behave when Tricki was being taken away to the Surgery?
- ii. Max was unprepared for his mission. Discuss with reference to 'The Midnight Visitor'.

Q.10 Answer any ONE in 100-120 words. [5]

- i. Simple moment proves to be very significant and saves rest of the day of the poet being wasted. Explain on the basis of the poem 'Dust of snow'
- ii. To say that for destruction ice is also great for the poet, what does ice stand for? How is it sufficient to bring destruction?

Q.11 Answer any ONE in 100-120 words. [5]

- i. A calm state of mind along with quick thinking can help us even in the most adverse situations. Taking clues from the story, The Midnight Visitor comment.
- ii. Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh?

SECTION - C (LITERATURE AND SUPPLEMENTARY READER)
