

I PERIODIC TEST-2022-23

CLASS-X (CBSE)

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Time : 2 hrs.

M.M.: 50

General Instructions:

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

SECTION- 'A' (READING SKILLS)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully [6]

Frankness may be among the most overrated of virtues! And here's why. Because unrestricted and unfiltered frankness is a recipe for breaking relationships, even the closest ones. Such frankness is understandable, acceptable and even 'cute' only in children under the age of five.

Thinking before one speaks and using restraint are hallmarks of growing maturity and preparation for life. Learning to put a filter between thought and spoken word (and, even more importantly, written word) is an important life skill. Think is a popular acronym for True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind. This would do wonderfully well as a filter in our minds.

It is good to speak what's true' but only along with the other attributes in the acronym, particularly the last one, kindness. In the righteous glow of speaking what we see as the truth, we often forget to be kind. We blurt out 'truths' even when it is totally unhelpful and unnecessary to do so, let alone inspiring! Too often, such truth-telling is destructive rather than noble. Only those who do not care about the consequences can afford the luxury of 'speaking their minds' whenever and wherever they please. When relationships are at stake, it is essential to choose the time, place and words appropriately when imparting unpleasant truths. And even then, only when absolutely necessary and with the utmost kindness.

Speaking without forethought can be even more dangerous for relationships, for example, when someone has entrusted us with a secret. A sign of maturity is the ability to keep a secret. Very young children are incapable of understanding the concept of a secret. To them, every piece of information is interesting, new and meant to be shared.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(Any six)

- a. How much of frankness is acceptable?
- b. What does the term 'put a filter' mean in the above context?
- c. According to the writer, what is the best way to reveal the truth?
- d. Why is it important to keep secrets?
- e. Pick the word from the passage that means opposite of 'vices'.
- f. Give one word negative characteristic to a person who does not care before speaking.
- g. Which two qualities, according to the passage, are signs of thriving maturity?

Q.2 Read the passage given below:

As the virus began to spread around the world, some Indians began to return home, to relative safety. When Kerala registered India's first COVID- 19 case on 30th January, 2020 (IDFC Institute, 2020), the state was prepared. Four days before registering its first case, Government of Kerala had already released novel corona virus- specific guidelines that established case definitions, screening and sampling protocol, hospital preparedness and surveillance.

Given the early spread of the virus in Kerala, it is commendable that the state had two consecutive days of zero new cases over the 100- day period from the day it registered the first case of COVID-19. Given its relatively efficient public health care systems, backed by strong socio- economic foundation and the experience of previously handling the Nipah virus in 2018, the state was able to act swiftly. Kerala prepared itself to address the pandemic as early as January. The state followed the time-tested strategy

of case identification, isolation, contact tracing and vulnerability mapping of the virus.

Kerala's public healthcare system is decentralized with facilities at the state, district sub-district, panchayat, and ward level. The field-level staff including health inspectors, ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists) workers.

Coordination at the middle level was largely done by the District Collectors who worked in close coordination with the District Medical Officers and the district-level head of the police. One of the flagship measures adopted by the state was the development of COVID First Line Treatment Centres and COVID-19 Care Centers. Local testing labs, district-wise allocations and, later, walk-in sample kiosks, allowed Kerala to quickly scale up testing capacities and, over time, conduct mass screening and serological tests.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer any six out of the seven questions by choosing the correct option:

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- i. The purpose of the above passage is to show that the
 - a. Spread of any virus can be controlled with proper preventive measures.
 - b. State of Kerala has been efficient at handling virus outbreaks.
 - c. Handling of any epidemic is almost impossible, regardless of any measures.
 - d. State of Kerala was the only state to have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ii. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below:
 1. When faced with the problem of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kerala was quick to act.
 2. Kerala's experience with similar virus outbreak had the state prepared.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2)
 - b. (1) is the reason for (2)
 - c. (1) is independent of (2)
 - d. (1) contradicts (2)
- iii. Select the option that gives the correct meaning of the following statement. "Kerala's public healthcare system is decentralised with facilities at the state, district, sub-district, panchayat and ward level."
 - a. It's not just the state that is responsible but every level.
 - b. The state is solely responsible for the healthcare system.
 - c. The centre is solely responsible for the healthcare system.
 - d. None of the above
- iv. According to the passage, for how many days was there no case of corona virus in Kerala after the first case was registered?
 - a. For hundred days
 - b. For two days
 - c. For two weeks
 - d. insufficient information
- v. Select the option listing the steps taken by the Kerala Government to contain the spread of the virus.
 1. Rapid screening of the patients
 2. Sending away the infected people
 3. isolation
 4. contact tracing
 5. Immediate elimination of the infected people
 - a. 1, 2 and 5
 - b. 2 and 4
 - c. 2, 3 and 5
 - d. 1, 3 and 4
- vi. Who did the District Collectors work with in coordination?
 - a. Other District Collectors
 - b. ASHA Workers
 - c. District Medical Officers
 - d. Health Inspectors
- vii. The passage suggests that allowed Kerala to conduct mass screenings and tests.
 - a. Local testing labs
 - b. District-wise allocations
 - c. Walk-in simple kiosks
 - d. All of the above

- i. Based on the detail of the house's location, how can it best be described?
 - a. majestic
 - b. imposing
 - c. solitary
 - d. unique
- ii. The field of corn dotted with flowers means that:
 - a. not a single flower was bigger than a dot.
 - b. the flowers were scattered across.
 - c. the flowers were shaped like dots.
 - d. the flowers had shrunk in size.
- iii. Which quote supports the idea in the given extract?
 - a. "Farming is a profession of hope."
 - b. "I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."
 - c. "Farming looks mighty easy when your plough is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield."
 - d. "Those too lazy to plough in the right season will have no food at the harvest."

Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. [3]

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree
Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
of a day I had rued.

- i. Of the many symbols the hemlock tree represents, choose the one that Frost drew upon in all likelihood for the poem- The Symbol of:
 - a. longevity.
 - b. togetherness.
 - c. healing
 - d. protection
- ii. What is the dust of snow?
 - a. It is the dust on the trees.
 - b. It is the snow- flakes fallen from the hemlock tree.
 - c. It is the flowers on the tree.
 - d. It is the feathers of a crow.
- iii. What has changed the poet's mood?
 - a. The bird flying over the tree
 - b. The snow- flakes on the hemlock tree
 - c. A crow shaking down on him snowflakes from the hemlock tree
 - d. Flowers falling from the hemlock tree

Q.9 Answer any two of the following questions in about 30- 40 words. [6]

- i. Why did Mandela feel that oppressor must be liberated?
- ii. What do you learn from the story "His first flight"?
- iii. Why was the pilot of old Dakota shocked after hearing the woman's word?

Q.10 Answer any one of the following. (30-40 words) [3]

- i. Justify the title 'A Triumph of Surgery.'
- ii. How can you say that Hari Singh was an experienced thief?

Q.11 Answer any one of the following (100-120 words) [5]

- i. Bring out the theme of the poem 'Fog'.
- ii. Today's world is conflict ridden. People fight over various issues and there is no peace in the world. Explain based on your reading of poem 'Fire and Ice'

Q.12 Answer any one of the following (100-120 words) [5]

- i. What is the significance of the balcony or no balcony in 'The Midnight Visitor'.
- ii. Draft a charactersketch of the thief, Hari Singh.