

I PERIODIC TEST-2021-22
CLASS-X (CBSE)
SUBJECT- ENGLISH

Time : 2 hrs.

M.M.: 50

General Instructions:

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

PART- 'A' (READING SKILLS)

Q.1 Read the passage and Answer the questions that follows: [10]

The newspaper is one of the significant signs of modern civilization. It is the most popular form of reading in the present times because it interests all sorts of people. It is full of political news, sports and commercial news, as well as articles by well-known writers. A newspaper keeps us both entertained and informed. In these days of democracy, public opinion rules everywhere. No government can long withstand the pressure of a strong public opinion. It is therefore, quite clear that the press controls public opinion, and public opinion in turn controls the government, ultimately the press controls the government.

The press also acts as public court. All evils, corruptions, vices, scandals, etc. are given publicity and brought forth to the public through the medium of newspapers. The pressure of public opinion can be brought to bear upon the doers of evil and injustice. The oppressed and the downtrodden may easily demand justice at the bar of public opinion. Again, to build a nation, it becomes necessary to spread ideas of liberty and independence among the masses. The real freedom of a country is never possible without the upliftment of the people. Politicians as well as economists can circulate their ideas through newspapers as they reach the most distant corners in the shortest possible time. Newspapers also tell people what their rights are and teach them how they can protect and exercise their rights. By placing before the readers new view- points every day, they stimulate thought and increase the power of independent thinking. Thus, newspapers contribute to the development of knowledge and their educative influence is indeed immense.

The advantages of having a strong, independent and honest press far outweighs the evils practised by a few cheap, irresponsible newspapers. The newspaper is one of the greatest blessings of civilization and journalism and therefore, it should be allowed to have the maximum amount of freedom possible.

Restrictions on newspaper should be as few as possible in order to ensure the healthy growth of a nation. In the present stage of developing civilization, newspapers are an absolute necessity and given freedom of expression, they are capable of doing immense good to the society, the country and the world. Thus, the freedom of Press, is the requisite for freedom of the people.

1. How is newspaper the most popular form of reading?
 - a. It keeps us entertained.
 - b. It is full of political news.
 - c. It interests all sort of people
 - d. All
2. How the press controls the government?
 - a. It directly controls the government
 - b. It acts as an interpreter between the government and the people.
 - c. Both of the above
 - d. None of the above
3. The real freedom of a country is never possible without...
 - a. the press
 - b. people's opinion
 - c. strong government
 - d. upliftment of people.

4. Why do you think restrictions on newspaper should be as few as possible?
 - a. To criticize the government and policy
 - b. For growth of a healthy economy
 - c. To ensure public is heard
 - d. To keep people is heard
5. How do you think newspaper promotes independent thinking among public?
 - a. By telling people what their duties are
 - b. Teaching them how they can protect their duties
 - c. By placing before the readers new view- points every day
 - d. All of the above
6. Which word in the passage means 'crushed'?
 - a. spoiled
 - b. trodden
 - c. rotten
 - d. untidy
7. Find out the antonym of 'discourage' from the passage:
 - a. encourage
 - b. secure
 - c. stimulate
 - d. inspire
8. Find the synonym of 'colossal' from the passage:
 - a. immense
 - b. small
 - c. beautiful
 - d. big
9. Find out the antonym of 'restriction' from the passage: T
 - a. slavery
 - b. courage
 - c. influence
 - d. freedom
10. As per the context, which word in the passage means 'circulate'?
 - a. spread
 - b. distribute
 - c. broadcast
 - d. range

LITERATURE TEXT BOOK

Q.2 Read the extracts and the question that follows:

- A. "The way a crow
shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree."[3]
1. What do crow and hemlock tree symbolize in general
 - a. Positivity
 - b. Negativity
 - c. Poet's mindset
 - d. Bad omen
 2. What does the falling of snow symbolize?
 - a. Healing power of nature
 - b. Dust and grime
 - c. Snow flakes
 - d. None
 3. Why did the poet choose crow and hemlock tree?
 - a. He wanted to convey that negative things can also bring happiness.
 - b. He wanted to personify them as sadness and pain.
 - c. He loves negativity
 - d. None of these
- B. "Today, all of us do, by our presence here- confer glory and hope to new born liberty."[3]
1. What is newborn liberty?
 - a. The formation of UN
 - b. The birth of a new non- racial Africa
 - c. The victory of speaker
 - d. None of the above

2. Who is 'all' in the above lines?
 - a. People of South Africa attending the event
 - b. Black people of South Africa attending the event
 - c. The various world leaders and the entire Africa
 - d. None of the above
3. 'Today' is a reference to-
 - a. Republic day of South Africa
 - b. The day of oath ceremony of Mr. Mandela and others
 - c. The day of birth of Mr. Mandela
 - d. None of these

GRAMMAR

Q.3 Do as directed: [9]

A. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable choice:

Two friends were walking (a)..... a desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the (b)..... (c)..... the face. The one who got slapped (d) hurt, but without saying anything he (e)..... in the sand.

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| a. i. from | ii. above | iii. through | iv. by |
| b. i. either | ii. previous | iii. other | iv. next |
| c. i. at | ii. on | iii. over | iv. above |
| d. i. is | ii. was | iii. were | iv. Had |
| e. i. wrote | ii. written | iii. writer | iv. write |

B. Complete the dialogue with most suitable option:

Sahil: I feel greatly tired now. (a)..... any eating joint nearby?

Mukesh: Sure, you have to walk a distance straightaway. There you (b).....A temporary stall

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| a. i. Do you tell me | ii. Do you know |
| iii. Will you tell us | iv. Was there |
| b. i. will look | ii. should see |
| iii. will find | iv. may get |

c. Edit the following:

	Incorrect	Correct
Life is not about		
Where you start but		
When you go.	(a).....
That is why we should see life.	(b).....

PART- 'B' (WRITING SKILLS)

Q.4 Attempt any one [5]

You are Sam/ Sameera of Rajiv Chowk Delhi. Your area is suffering with the problem of irregular sanitization, Draft a letter to the editor of a local newspaper regarding the same in about 120 words.

OR

Write a letter, in not more than 120 words, to the editor of a newspaper regarding the problem of rush and traffic during school hours near your school which makes it difficult to commute. You are Stella/ George of Indira Nagar, Lucknow.

LITERATURE

Q.5 Answer the following: (20-30 words) [4]

1. How is fog like a cat?

OR

Explain 'his strength behind the bars.'

2. Why is the doctor tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest?

OR

Why did Max enter Ausible's room?

Q.6 Answer the following (40-50 words) [6]

1. How is 10 May an autumn day in South Africa?

OR

How does a tiger behave in natural surrounding? Answer in reference to 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

2. Why did the thief smile effortlessly in the end of the story?

OR

How did the doctor treat Tricki?

Q.7 Answer any one: (100-120 words) [5]

1. "Having faith on God is an essential part of having faith on Mankind as well. Elucidate the statement with reference to the irony in the story A Letter To God.

2. What are two ways in which the world can end? Which one does the poet support and why?

Q.8 Answer any one: (100-120 words) [5]

1. "Images can be deceptive" Describe the statement with respect to Ausible in the story the Midnight visitor.

2. Describe how a thief becomes honest at the idea of getting education and a better life. What values of life does the lesson teach us?
