

II PERIODIC TEST : 2020-21

CLASS - X (CBSE)

SUBJECT - ENGLISH

Time : 2 hrs.

M.M. : 50

PART- 'A'

READING SKILLS

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

Happiness is like the sun; it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve them to experience happiness. You don't have to create happiness. All you have to do is calm your minds, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. Happiness is not something far away and unattainable. Happiness does not depend on circumstances, objects or events. It is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight by our thoughts, desires and worries. The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object to another, never standing still. The restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet, you sense the happiness that is within you.

You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake although it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you see it or not. So is happiness. It is always here, only hidden by thoughts, desires and worries.

You can experience more and more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in the way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm, and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again and the sense of happiness disappears.

Answer the following questions choosing the correct option from the ones given: [10]

1. What is common between happiness and the Sun?
 - a. Both are often hidden.
 - b. We need to scatter and dissolve the impediments to experience them.
 - c. Both (a) and (b)
 - d. None of above
2. With what thing is happiness compared?
 - a. Sun
 - b. Choppy Sea
 - c. both (a) and (b)
 - d. mud.
3. Why does happiness not last long?
 - a. because difficult times keep disturbing us.
 - b. It is not easy to discover it.
 - c. as the mind is not constant and calm always
 - d. Both (i) and (ii)
4. What sort of race is there in our mind?
 - a. One thought to another
 - b. for achieving more and more
 - c. for being happy always
 - d. None
5. Choose the most suitable title for the passage.
 - a. life a difficult journey
 - b. Nature of Happiness
 - c. Way to live
 - d. Search for peace
6. In para 1, word similar to 'disperse' is-
 - a. dissolve
 - b. scatter
 - c. constant
 - d. None

7. In para 1, which word means the same as 'one and the same'-
 - a. Unattainable
 - b. constantly
 - c. Inseparable
 - d. hidden
8. Which word in the passage means 'being used to'?
 - a. surprised
 - b. adopted
 - c. accustomed
 - d. peaceful
9. The word 'hidden' in the para is an antonym of
 - a. transparent
 - b. evident
 - c. obvious
 - d. visible
10. What does happiness depend upon?
 - a. clircumstances
 - b. objects
 - c. events
 - d. none of these

LITERATURE (TEXT BOOK)

- Q.2 Reference to Context. [3]
- But I want the diary to be my friend, and I'm going to call this friend '_____'
- i. Who is 'I'?
 - a. Anne frank
 - b. Margot
 - c. Mr. keesing
 - ii. Name of the 'Diary' was _____
 - a. Bitty
 - b. Witty
 - c. kitty
 - iii. Why does the speaker want to have a diary?
 - a. She wants to jot down the facts in diary the way most people would do.
 - b. She wants a friend with whom she could share anything.
 - c. because she loves writing diaries.

- Q.3 Read the stanza and answer the following questions: [3]
- The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars
- a. Which word in the stanza means 'to look intently'?
 - i. Brilliant
 - ii. stares
 - iii. Patrolling
 - iv. Boring
 - b. What is brilliant in the poem 'Tiger in the Zoo'?
 - i. The tiger's eyes
 - ii. The stars
 - iii. Both (i) & (ii)
 - iv. None of the these
 - c. What does the poet try to convey through this poem?
 - i. Contrast between freedom and captivity
 - ii. Wild animals should not be caged
 - iii. Both (i) and (ii)
 - iv. None of these

GRAMMAR)

- Q.4 Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below: [9]
- a. People of diverse culture lives together in India:
Choose the incorrect - Correct pair:
 - i. lives - live
 - ii. of - in
 - iii. People- Peoples
 - b. "Where are you planning to go this summer?"
Change to indirect. Neha asked Shivani _____
 - i. Where is she planning to go that summer.
 - ii. Where she was planning to go that summer.
 - iii. Where was she planning to go that summer.
 - c. Each of the teachers _____ willing to attend the meeting during the weekend.
 - i. is
 - ii. am
 - iii. are
 - d. Neither of the two students _____ in the library now.
 - i. was
 - ii. is
 - iii. are

- e. Rearrange: algebra and / a week/ me/ geometry/ twice/ he taught.
 i. He taught me algebra and geometry twice a week.
 ii. He taught me geometry and algebra twice a week.
 iii. None of these
- f. _____ prudence of Mr. Neeraj saved him from falling into the trap.
 i. A ii. The iii. No article needed
- g. The could have _____ the game last month.
 i. win ii. won iii. won
- h. Choose the correct statement.
 i. Neither of them went to school.
 ii. Neither of them go to school
 iii. Both of the above
- i. Five and seven _____ twelve.
 i. makes ii. make iii. made

**PART-B
(WRITING)**

- Q.5 You are R.K. Singh, General Manager, Agrawal Enterprises Indore. You need various items of furniture and stationery for your newly constructed office. Write a letter to Kuber Official Works, Indore placing a bulk order for the supply giving all details of the items ordered. (100- 120 words) [5]

OR

Write a letter to the Director of Archaeological survey of India complaining about the damage caused to a historical monument in your city due to negligence. You are Sandeep/ Shivi (100-120 words) [5]

LITERATURE (TEXT BOOKS)

- Q.6 Answer the following questions in about 20 to 30 words. [4]

a. How did the young seagull and the family celebrate his first flight?

OR

Why does Amanda seem moody most of the time?

b. What were the factors which contributed in making Ebright a scientist?

OR

Why was it difficult for Hari to rob Anil?

- Q.7 Answer the following questions: (40-50 words) [6]

a. Explain the dresses of Wandar Petronski.

OR

What are the twin obligations Nelson Mandela talks about in his speech?

b. Do you think Tricki enjoyed his state at the hospital? Give reason(s).

OR

Why did Viceroy butterflies copy Monarchs?

- Q.8 Answer the following question in detail (100- 120 words) [5]

What are the different legends related to tea leaves?

OR

Bring out the central idea of the 'Ball Poem'.

- Q.9 Answer the following question in about 100-120 words [5]

i. What impression do you form of Griffin after reading the lesson, "Footprints Without Feet"?

OR

ii Write a character sketch of the thief boy 'Hari Singh'.
