

I PERIODIC TEST: 2023-24

CLASS- IX (CBSE)

SUBJECT- ENGLISH

M.M.: 50

Time : 2 hrs.

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 passage carefully.

[6]

The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, aloof called confusion, path bumps called friends, caution lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spark called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will eventually make it to a place called success!

In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road will be unavoidable but you will never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive them. The difference between a disaster and a triumph lies in whether or not you are prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you are ready, those bumps will become the stepping stones.

The key thing to realise is that working harder is the same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping stones.

Success is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of other. It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is our choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions.

1. The theme of the passage is
 - a. Planning
 - b. Success
 - c. Smart working
 - d. All of these
2. What is the tone used by the author in the above passage?
 - a. Anger
 - b. Satire
 - c. Acerbic
 - d. Introspective
3. To work smarter, you need
 - a. The right skills
 - b. The right contacts
 - c. The right qualifications
 - d. All of these
4. Synonym of violate as used in the passage.
 - a. sacred
 - b. contravene
 - c. contraindicate
 - d. reverence
5. How can one have a better future?
 - a. By changing the circumstances
 - b. By changing to surroundings
 - c. By changing oneself
 - d. By putting others down
6. Answer the following:
How should challenges be treated?

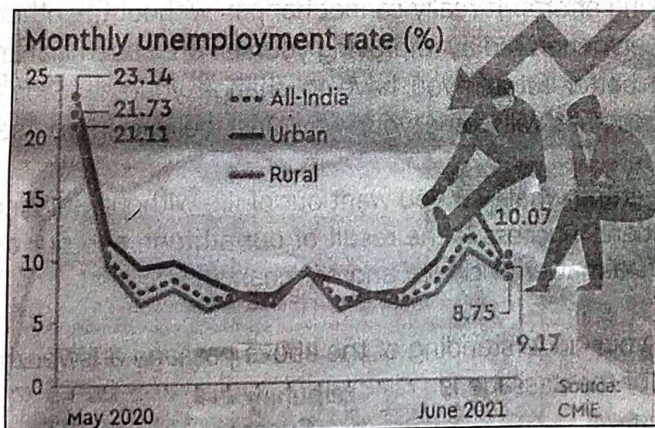
Q.2 Read the passage carefully:

The Financial Express 2021: According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), in June 2021, urban unemployment rate fell, but still remained high at 10.07% in May. Rural unemployment rate in June stood at 8.75% from 10.63% in May. April and May accounted for 22.7 million job losses, according to CMIE, May 2021 was only the fourth month since at least January 2016 when overall unemployment rate breached the double-digit mark. Amidst country- wide lockdown, unemployment rate went past the mark during April, May and June last year.

The overall unemployment rate reached its peak of 23.52% in April last year, but started falling from the next month onwards. In May last year, country's unemployment rate was 21.73%. In June last year, it was 10.18%. Sources said that gradual withdrawal of partial lockdown amidst declining number of people getting affected are pushing workforce back into work, resulting in reduction in unemployment rate amidst a slight recovery in the labour force participation rate (LFPR). From 40.5% in the week ended May 16, LFPR stood at 39.6% in the week ended June 27. The average LFPR in 2019-20 was 42.7%

LFPR is an age-specific proportion between persons either working or actively seeking work and the total population in working age group, usually 15 years and above.

Unemployment rate is a ratio between persons who are not currently in job but are actively searching for one and the total labour force. CMIE's MD & CEO Mahesh Vyas wrote recently, "The employment rate was mostly over 37% between July 2020 and March 2021 with an average that was close to 38%. It fell to 36.8% in April and then sharply to 35.3% in May 2021. The first week of June 2021 indicate a recovery that is still just short of 36%. This is a worryingly low ER."



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

- i. The theme of the passage is:
 - a. To discuss about the consequences of lockdown.
 - b. To discuss about joblessness.
 - c. Both (a) and (b)
 - d. Neither (a) nor (b)
- ii. Pick the option that lists the statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
 1. In May 2021, the overall monthly unemployment rate was 10% or more than 10%.
 2. In May 2021, the overall monthly unemployment rate was less than 10%.
 3. Since January 2016, it was fourth time when overall monthly unemployment rate was less than 10%.
 4. Since January 2016, it was fourth time when overall monthly unemployment rate reached double digits

a. 1 & 2 b. 1 & 4 c. 2 & 4 d. 2 & 3
- iii. Based on the graph, was the approximate urban unemployment rate in December 2020?
 - a. about 7%
 - b. about 10%
 - c. about 15%
 - d. about 20%
- iv. In which of the following months was the worst situation of unemployment problem in our country?
 - a. In April 2021
 - b. In June 2021
 - c. In April 2020
 - d. In May 2020

- v. What does LFPR refer to?
- the working people and the unemployed people.
 - the working age group people who are working or seeking work and the total population in working age group.
 - the working people and the people seeking work.
 - the people seeking work and the total population in working age group.
- vi Answer the following:-
On the whole, what was the average unemployment rate between July 2020 and March 2021?

SECTION- B (GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS)

Q.3 Complete the following as directed: [8]

- According to the NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong, the aliens ____ a base on the Moon.
 - is having
 - have
 - has
 - are having
- Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the conversation between Jim and Della. ____ you prepare a cup of tea for me, please?
 - Might
 - Should
 - Can
 - Have
- Select the option that identifies the error and the correction for the following line from a news report :
The roof and the backside of the bus was blown away by the blast that occurred on Thursday, but no one was injured.

Option no.	Error	correction
a	was	were
b	occurred	occurs
c	one was	one were
d	but	and

- On my friend's farm, they ____ an alarm clock because the cockerel ____ at five o'clock every morning without fail.
 - don't need/ crows
 - haven't needed/ was crowing
 - wont need/ is crowing
 - didn't need/ will crow
- Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following:

Maharashtra state Innovation Society
STARTUP WEEK 2021
A platform to create impact at large scale with Government
Startups across India is eligible to apply

use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.
You ____ eat to live, not live to eat.
 - can
 - might
 - must
 - should
- Find the missing word, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.
Critics have time and again pointed out that our education system tends to judge widely different students on single-line parameters, which is unfair.
Use the given format for your response.

word before	word omitted	word after

WRITING SKILLS

- Q.4 a. Describe an important event that you celebrated. (100 - 120 words) [5]
OR [5]
b. Write an interesting description of a relative of yours who is a soldier. (100 - 120 words)

SECTION- 'C' (LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT)

- Q.5 Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow- [3]

A. Every tinkle on the shingles
And a thousand dreamy fancies

Into busy being start,

And a thousand recollections

Weave their air threads into woof,

As I listen to the patter

Of the rain upon the roof.

(Rain on the Roof)

- i. Which literary device is used in the line 'Every tinkle on the shingles'?
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| a. Personification | b. Onomatopoeia |
| c. Metaphor | d. Anaphora |
- ii. Trace a word from the extract that means 'memories'.
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| a. Shingles | b. Recollections |
| c. Threads | d. Patter |
- iii. Explain thousand recollections weave their air threads into woof.
- B. Evelyn Glennie has already accomplished more than most people twice her age. She has brought percussion to the front of the orchestra and demonstrated that it can be very moving. She has given inspiration to those who are handicapped, people who look to her and say, 'If she can do it, I can', and, not least, she has given enormous pleasure to millions. [3]
- i. What has Evelyn Glennie achieved?
ii. What has she done for percussion?
iii. What has she done for millions?

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

- i. 'Machines can't replace human being.'
Explain with reference to the lesson 'The Fun They Had'.
- ii. What was the nightmare that Kezia had?
- iii. Briefly describe how the poet shows the power of wind in the poem 'Wind'?
- iv. 'Once the road is chosen, the traveller has to move on.' Explain.

- Q.7 Answer the following (Any One) (40 - 50 words) [3]

- i. The parent wanted to reach the fair early but the child was delaying them. How?
ii. Why does the author say, "Toto was not the sort of pet we could keep for long."

- Q.8 Answer the following questions in 100- 120 words: (Do any one) [5]

- i. What was Einstein's contribution to the knowledge of science? Which values in his character made him a Global Citizen?
ii. Evelyn Glennie and Bismillah Khan shared the values of hard work and perseverance. Discuss.

- Q.9 Answer the following question in 100-120 words: (Do any one) [5]

- i. "A child longs for toys, sweets and other things but not at the cost of his parents." Comment.
ii. Animals should be treated with love and respect. Comment on this statement with reference to the lesson 'The Adventures of Toto' as the background.
