

Periodic Test - I, 2017-18

CLASS IX

ENGLISH

Time : 1½ hrs.

M.M. : 40

General Instructions :

- (1) All questions are compulsory.
- (2) You may attempt any one section at a time.

Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

The Titanic will go on

- (1) Like Celine Dion's Academy Award-winning Titanic theme song, 'My Heart Will Go On', the mystery around what led to the sinking of the superliner on April 14 1912, it seems, will continue forever. So in the 100th year of the incident, we have yet another theory bobbing about the surface. To recount the old official tale, RMS Titanic was on its way from Southampton to New York when it struck an iceberg. The glancing blow hit the 100-metre long starboard section of the hull and water rushed inside its six (supposedly watertight) compartments. Within the next three hours, the ship went down.
- (2) But not many bought this theory and a legion of stories about the legend began to come out. The latest has been floated by science writer Richard Corfield who says that the rivets that held the ship's hull together were not even in composition or quality and gave way when the ship hit the iceberg. A quick web search, however reveals that the fascinating thing called the human mind is capable of much more : while one pinned the accident down to a fire inside

- (h) Find a word in para 2 that means the same as 'numerous' _____
- (g) What was the length of the starboard section of the hull of the ship? _____
- (f) What was the curse that was talked about the sinking of the Titanic? _____
- (e) What was the official reason for the sinking of the Titanic? _____
- (d) Investigation of the Titanic story led to good business in _____
- (c) The prize for the fastest ship to North Atlantic was _____
- (b) According to Richard Corfield, the cause of sinking of the Titanic was _____
- (a) The Titanic was heading to _____

Based on your reading of the passage, answer the questions/complete the sentences by writing the missing word/phrases against the correct blank number in your answer sheet : $1 \times 8 = 8$

the ship's coal bunkers, another one talked about the curse of the pharaohs since a traveller had with him a sarcophagus containing the mummy of an ancient Egyptian priestess. Other than these glamorous theories, there are the ordinary ones: the helmsman making a steering blunder and the ship moving too fast to win the Blue Riband, a prestigious prize awarded to a ship for making the fastest North Atlantic crossing.

(3) So what makes the Titanic story tick? From the very beginning, its story was tailor-made to be riveting copy. Investigating it made good business too: from books, to research grants, to underwater expeditions, not to mention a mega budget movie. In other words the Titanic story has been done to death. May be the 100th year is a good time to leave the ship in its watery grave once and for all.

SECTION-B (Writing Skills and Grammar)

2. Sunil is a hardworking boy. He wants to become an IAS Officer. He works hard, clears the preliminary round and the main exam. He finally cracks the interview in the first attempt as well. Write the story of Sunil's success in 150-200 words. 8
3. You are Shweta / Shubham of class IX KV AFS Baramulla Allahabad. You have lost your purse somewhere near the tea canteen. Write a notice for the notice board giving all the necessary details. (word limit = 50). 5

4. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options : 1x3=3

The importance of caring about road safety has been (a) _____ (stress, stressed, stressing) time and again. It is necessary to (b) _____ (see, observe, follow, look) the rules of the road, specially by school children because they (c) _____ (are, were, will be, is) the worst affected by the accidents.

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction. The first one has been done as an example : 1x4=4

The situation was alarming. _____
 The global obesity crisis or rising levels of _____
 Chronic disease such as diabetes and strokes _____
 has put pressure on fast food chains to cut. _____
 The salt fat and sugar content of what they sell. _____

- (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (c) _____
 (d) _____

SECTION-C (Literature)

6. Read the following stanza and answer the following questions :

I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,

Among my skimming swallows;

I make the netted sunbeam dance

Against my sandy shallows.

(a) What is the poetic device use in the first line?

(b) How do the swallows fly over the brook ?

(c) What makes the netted sunbeam dance ?

OR

Read the dialogue and answer :

"You are an exception. Frenchmen usually have to consult about ten people

before they get a more on".

(a) Who is the speaker

(b) Why is the speaker interested in buying that villa ?

(c) Why does the speaker feel that Mr. Gaston is an example ?

(a) Why did the grandmother depend on her granddaughter to know the story ?

(b) What problems did chuck present when he returned to the company head

quarters ?

(c) Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning ?

8. Who is better in business Juliette or Gaston ? Give reasons.