

KVS ZONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING CHANDIGARH

PERIODIC TEST II (CUMULATIVE TEST) (2023-24)

ENGLISH (LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)

CLASS IX

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS

MAX. MARKS : 80

General Instructions:-

- i) This question paper is divided into three sections:-

SECTION A (READING)	20 MARKS
SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)	30 MARKS
SECTION C (LITERATURE)	30 MARKS
- ii) All the questions are compulsory.
- iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- iv) All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in a correct order.

SECTION – A READING

20
M
8M

Q.1 Read the given passage below and answer the questions that follow:

It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits formed by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits — in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.

Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologize else it may haunt you for life.

Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, and think before you speak. “When I get ready to speak to people,” Abraham Lincoln said, “I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say.” Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

Attempt the following questions :-

- (a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills? 1X8
(b) How can communication skills be developed? =8M
(c) What, according to the writer, should be avoided while communicating formally with seniors?
(d) Why should one be careful when you tend to be humorous?
(e) What happens when we grow further in our career?
(f) It is rare to find.....
(g) Avoid any communication in
- i) during reading ii) watching movie
 iii) an emotional state iv) while eating
- (h) Develop the subconscious habit of ----- to yourself as you speak.
- i) speaking ii) listening
 iii) reading iv) writing

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 12 M

1. It happens to us all, however hard we may try to delay the process. We grow old. Cosmetic surgery may remove wrinkles, skin which has loosened may be tightened by means of a facelift and a hair dresser may dye grey hair a more youthful colour, but we cannot remain young forever. Advances in medicine have made it possible for more people to stay alive longer.

2. Age brings intelligence, experience, wisdom and beauty. So why are we so scared of it? The trouble is that many of us find it impossible to relate to these worrying facts, unable to face the reality that every day we inch ever closer to our own dotage. Our older generations experienced the majority of the most tumultuous century in human history and yet at best we infantilise, at worst outright ignore them.

3. However, what is important is the quality of life. Some people are lucky to be taken care of at home whereas others may have to move to residential homes. The worst part of ageing is that often the mind becomes less alert. As people grow older they experience short-term memory. Later, some may suffer from dementia, often in the form of Alzheimer's disease.

4. By no means are all people in this category. Many senior citizens are in the possession of all their faculties and see retirement as a time of freedom. Not only that if they have a generous retirement pension, they are likely to be quite well-off with money to be spent on a holiday and other luxuries. Because of this, both businesses and government have a new respect for what is known as grey power. By no means, however, does everyone treat the elderly with great respect.

5. There are some cultures which are noted for the great respect with which they treat old people, but many people regard the old as having a very low status in society and treat them accordingly.

- 2.1 Based upon your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions : 2x4=8M
- a. What does the writer imply by saying 'some people are lucky'?
b. Why do we have such an aversion to ageing?
c. What is meant by 'Grey Power'?
d. Why is retirement considered a time of freedom?

- 2.2 Do as directed: 1x4=
- a. Which word in para 4 means 'liberal'? 4M
- i) noble
ii) generous
iii) gentle
iv) simple
- b. Which word in para 4 means the same as 'wealthy'?
- i) rich
ii) superior
iii) well off
iv) intelligent
- c. Many senior citizens see retirement-----.
- d. As people grow older-----

- SECTION (B) WRITING AND GRAMMAR** 30 M
- Q.3 (a) You are Anita/Ankush, a student of class IX. You have been selected for the school cricket team. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry in 100 – 150 words using the hints given in the box below: 8 M

Selected for school team- will play in tournament – dream coming true- father recognised my talent – presented an MTS bicycle

OR

(b) Write an article on the environmental challenges that the world is facing in about 100-150 words. Imagine yourself to be Vandana/Rohit. You may include the points given in the box below along with your own ideas:

Air ,water and soil pollution----global warming----smoke from factories, burning of fossil fuels etc.-----hazardous impact----- remedial actions required----- spreading awareness
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- Q.4 Based on the outline given below, write an interesting story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title: 10 M

Dark night-quiet jungle-sounds of footsteps-following footprints trail-reached lonely house-hidden behind trees-entered-shocked to see.

OR

Complete the following story in about 150-200 words and give a suitable title to it:-

I was walking alone near the sea beach, when suddenly I heard someone sobbing.....

- Q.5 Fill in the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4= 4M

Rivers are considered holy (i)___India but they are hardly treated

(ii)_____respect. All kind of dust and filth find (iii)_____way into the rivers. If we have to treat and purify the water (iv)_____drinking it, how can the fish survive in such water?

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| (i) (a) of | (b) after | (c) in | (d) at |
| (ii) (a) as | (b) for | (c) in | (d) with |
| (iii) (a) my | (b) its | (c) his | (d) your |
| (iv) (a) for | (b) in | (c) with | (d) before |

- Q.6 The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it in your answer- sheet. 1X4
=4M

	Word Before	Missing Word	Word After
Making a cartoon an art that	cartoon	is	an
requires a combination hard work,	(a)
training a sense of humour.	(b)
Cartoonists say the cartoons that	(c)
make us laugh most are time taking.	(d)

- Q.7 Rearrange the following words or phrases into meaningful sentences : 1X4
=4M
- is the negative outcome /obesity/changing lifestyle/socio-economic status/of/improving/and/our.
 - more/unhealthy food/more/we eat/and/nowadays,
 - suffer/physical/obese children/mental/and/from/problems/both
 - eating habits/schools/healthy/must provide/that promotes/an environment.

SECTION C (LITERATURE) 30 MARKS

- Q.8 a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 1X4
=4M

He won't do what you tell him.
So, come. let's build strong homes,
Let's joint the doors firmly.
Practice to firm the body.
Make the heart steadfast.
Do this, and the wind will be friends with us.

- What does the poet ask the people to do?
- What will happen after doing that?
- How should we keep our heart?
- Find the synonym of the word 'unmoved' from the above stanza.

OR

- b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only.

The headmaster once told his father that what Einstein chose a profession would not matter, because “he’ll never make a success at anything.” Einstein began learning to play the violin at the age of six, because his mother wanted him to.

- a) Who said ‘Albert would never make a success at anything?’
- b) Should he have said such words to him?
- c) At what age did Einstein begin learning to play the violin?
- d) What did Einstein’s mother want him to become?

Q.9 a) Answer the following questions (Any three) in about 30-40 words: 3X2
=6M

- 1) Who decided to improve on the quality of the 'Pungi'? Did he succeed in his endeavour?
- 2) In what ways did Kezia’s grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?
- 3) Where was Margie’s school? Did she have any classmates?
- 4) What pleasure does one gain from the rain falling on the roof?

b) Answer the following questions (Any two) in about 30-40 words: 2X2
=4M

- 1) When does the disciple remember the words of his Guru?
- 2) When the Swallow died, what unusual thing happened?
- 3) How did the child react when there was no sign of his parents?

Q.10 Attempt any one out of the two long answer type questions in 100-150 words: 8M
A fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express your views with reference to 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction.

OR

What do you learn about APJ. Abdul Kalam’s family from the lesson “My Childhood”?

Q.11 Attempt any one out of the two long answer type questions in 100-150 words: 8M

a) How was Toto an expensive deal for grandfather?

OR

b) How did the guru manage to save his disciple’s life? What does it reveal about the King and his minister?