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STD : XII

MID TERM TEST 2024-25

DURATION : 1 hour

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE – I

Max Marks : 20

INSTRUCTIONS:

- i) The question paper is divided into four Sections – A, B, C, and D. All Questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of the questions clearly.
- iv) Questions 4,5,6,7 & 8 have four alternatives and only one of them is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- v) Questions 9 & 14 have an internal choice.
- vi) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- vii) Figures to the right indicate marks.

SECTION – A (Reading Skills)

Read the following passage carefully:

Climate change refers to alterations in the Earth's climate patterns that can persist for several decades to centuries. These changes are driven by various factors known as forcing mechanisms, which can be either external or internal. Climate change represents one of the most critical global challenges of our time, driven by a complex interplay of factors, including carbon emissions, volcanic eruptions, and solar radiation. However, it's the impact of human activities, particularly fossil fuel combustion, deforestation, and vehicular pollution, that has significantly accelerated this phenomenon. These activities have resulted in more frequent and severe extreme weather events, posing a grave threat to the planet's biodiversity.

Forests, which play a vital role in carbon absorption, are facing the risk of mass extinctions. The Polar Regions, crucial for regulating Earth's climate, are particularly vulnerable, with many species at the brink of extinction. Erratic rainfall patterns have led to catastrophic events like floods and droughts, disrupting water systems and impacting communities. Various species, from polar bears struggling to find food due to melting ice caps to tigers facing habitat loss, are in jeopardy due to changing climates.

To address this monumental challenge, immediate and concerted efforts are paramount. It involves reducing carbon emissions through transitioning to cleaner energy sources, promoting sustainable practices in agriculture and land use, and adhering to international agreements such as the Paris Agreement. Individuals, communities, governments, and businesses all have roles to play in combatting climate change. [Raising awareness, adopting greener technologies, and advocating for responsible policies are crucial steps towards mitigating the impact of climate change.] The preservation of Earth's climate is not just an environmental imperative but a collective responsibility that requires global cooperation to ensure a sustainable and habitable future for generations to come.

(words: 288) (Source: LearnInsta)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer questions 1,2&3 briefly in 10 – 15 words each and questions 4,5,6&7 by choosing the best alternative from those provided.

- (1) What are the factors that influence climatic changes? (1 mk)
(2) Describe the effect of erratic rainfall? (1 mk)
(3) What measures can be taken to combat climatic change? (1 mk)

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below:

(4) _____ (1 mk)

- frequent and severe extreme weather events.
- Raising awareness, adopting greener technologies, and advocating for responsible policies.
- including carbon emissions, volcanic eruptions, and solar radiation.
- with many species at the brink of extinction.

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below:

(5) **Vulnerable** (1 mk)

- Durable
- Powerful
- Indomitable
- Helpless

(6) **Jeopardy** (1 mk)

- danger
- assurance
- safety
- protection

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below:

(7) **A battle.** (1 mk)

- Combat
- emission
- Climate
- Biodiversity

(8) **A renewable energy source** (1 mk)

- sustainable
- imperative
- mitigating
- catastrophic

SECTION – B (Writing Skills)

Attempt any one of the following:

(3 mk)

(9) You are Nikita/ Nihal Dessai, the Sports Secretary of DCM Higher Secondary School, Ponda. Your Institution is organizing an Inter- Class Chess Tournament. Draft a notice inviting students to participate in the tournament giving all the required information. (about 30 to 40 words)

OR

(9) You are Naresh/ Neema Gawas, General Manager of Grand Hilton Resort, Mobor. You wish to appoint a Receptionist at the hotel. Draft an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper giving all the relevant details. (about 30 to 40 words)

SECTION – C (Grammar)

Rewrite the following sentence according to the instruction given in the bracket. (1 mk)

10. She _____ speak multiple languages very well.

(Insert Modal Auxiliary of 'Ability')

SECTION – D (Textual)

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in about 10-15 words each:-

Break O break open till they break the town
And show the children to green fields, and make their world
Run azure on gold sands.

11. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line.

(1 mk)

12. What does the poet want for the slum children?

(1 mk)

Answer the following questions in 25-30 words:-

(2 mks)

13. What things tempted Franz to keep away from school?

OR

13. How do the children lose the brightness of their eyes?

Answer any one of the following questions in about 50-60 words:-

(4 mks)

14. Describe the corridor that led to the " Third Level". Why did Charley find it odd?

14. How did the Tiger King meet his end? What is ironical about his death?
