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PERIODIC TEST II (2024-25)

ENGLISH MS

Class: VII
Date:
Admission No.:

Duration: 1 Hr
Max. Marks: 25
Roll No.:

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING, GRAMMAR, WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (7 marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (7X1=7)

The Importance of Honesty

Honesty is not merely a virtue, but the very foundation of trust and integrity. In all walks of life—whether in personal relationships, professional environments, or public life—honesty serves as a crucial pillar. It is the quality that ensures that others can rely on a person's words and actions. However, true honesty is more than just telling the truth—it involves transparency, sincerity, and the courage to admit mistakes, even when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable.

In today's world, the temptation to lie or hide the truth is often strong. People may deceive others for personal gain or to avoid the consequences of their actions. While dishonesty may provide short-term advantages, it often leads to long-term harm. Trust, once broken, is difficult to rebuild, and relationships based on lies are often fragile and unreliable.

An honest person, on the other hand, does not fear the consequences of truth. They are not afraid to admit their faults, take responsibility, and learn from their mistakes. This kind of honesty, though difficult at times, fosters respect and strengthens relationships. Moreover, it allows individuals to live with peace of mind, knowing that they have acted with integrity.

Though it may not always lead to immediate rewards, honesty brings enduring benefits. It ensures that we are seen as reliable, trustworthy, and authentic, which can lead to lasting success—whether in personal growth, relationships, or career.

Questions:

1. **Which of the following best describes the role of honesty in relationships, as per the passage?**
 - a) Honesty is an optional trait in relationships
 - b) Honesty helps build trust and strengthens connections**
 - c) Honesty is often inconvenient and should be avoided
 - d) Honesty is valuable only in professional environments

2. **What does the passage suggest about people who are dishonest?**
 - a) They quickly gain trust and respect from others
 - b) They avoid difficult situations by lying
 - c) They may experience temporary benefits but face long-term consequences
 - d) They always experience immediate success and rewards
3. **Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a quality of honesty in the passage?**
 - a) Transparency
 - b) The ability to avoid mistakes
 - c) Sincerity
 - d) Courage to admit faults
4. **What is the main argument against dishonesty presented in the passage?**
 - a) Dishonesty leads to success and prosperity
 - b) Dishonesty is a natural human trait
 - c) Dishonesty destroys trust and damages relationships in the long run
 - d) Dishonesty can be beneficial in the short term but has no lasting effects
5. **How does the passage describe the consequences of broken trust?**
Broken trust is difficult to rebuild, and relationships based on lies are fragile and unreliable.
6. **What are the benefits of honesty, according to the passage?**
Honesty brings enduring benefits such as reliability, trustworthiness, peace of mind, and lasting success.
7. **An honest person does not fear the consequences of truth and takes responsibility for their actions. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.**
Yes, I agree because taking responsibility for one's actions and being truthful helps build trust. People are more likely to respect someone who admits mistakes rather than hiding them, as it shows strength of character. Dishonesty, however, can lead to more problems in the future.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (4 marks)

II. Choose the correct option and fill in the blanks:

(4X1=4)

1. "She spoke to the audience in a _____ tone, ensuring that everyone could hear clearly from the back of the room."
 - a) loud
 - b) loudly
 - c) loudness
 - d) more loudly
2. "_____ of the people at the party were from out of town, but they all seemed to enjoy themselves."
 - a) Most
 - b) Much
 - c) Few
 - d) Many
3. "The artist's _____ painting was displayed in the museum, attracting numerous visitors who admired its intricate details."
 - a) large
 - b) larger
 - c) largest
 - d) largest possible
4. "_____ student in the class has a unique perspective on the subject, making every discussion more interesting."
 - a) All
 - b) Most
 - c) Each
 - d) Some

SECTION C: WRITING (4 marks)

III. Choose any ONE of the following writing skill:

A. Write an essay on the topic, "The Importance of Reading Books in about 100-120 words.

Introduction (1 Mark)

Body (2 Marks)

Conclusion (1 Mark)

OR

B. Email Writing :

You recently attended a workshop on environmental conservation in your school. You found the session informative and would like to share what you learned with a friend. Write an email to your friend explaining the key points of the workshop and why you think it's important to protect the environment.

Introduction (1 Mark)

Content (2 Marks)

Conclusion (1 Mark)

SECTION D: LITERATURE (10 marks)

IV. Answer the question in short: - (3X1=3)

1. What will not change once you have slept on an island?

Your name or your identity will not change once you have slept on an island

2. Why did Kedar Babu look gloomy?

Kedar Babu looked gloomy because his hookah was broken into several pieces.

3. What did the girl wish to do?

The girl wished to ring the temple bell.

V. Answer the following questions: - (2x2=4)

1. "If once you have ever slept on an island, what would be your experience?"

Write a brief response describing your experience if you had the chance to sleep on an island. You should mention:

*How the island environment would make you feel and what aspects of the experience would you find interesting or challenging.

If I ever slept on an island, I imagine it would be a peaceful and refreshing experience. The sound of the waves and the cool breeze would help me relax, but the isolation might also feel a little unsettling at times. Still, the beauty of nature would make it an unforgettable adventure.

2. "In the lesson 'The Bell', why did the girl say 'we are all equal in the eyes of god'?"

In the lesson "The Bell", the girl says "We are all equal in the eyes of God" to emphasize the idea that all people, regardless of their social status or background, should be treated equally. She also wanted to state her right to ring the temple bell.

VI Answer the following in brief any ONE (1x3=3)

1. What did she do after seeing the Namboodiri women praying? What did Kelu Nair do?

Answer: When she saw the Namboodiri women praying, she edged her way towards them, ignored Kelu Nair's shocked whispers of protest and went towards the main altar of the temple. She was the golden vision of the deity and suddenly reached up and rang the temple bell. Kelu Nair was shocked beyond disbelief at what the Namboodiri women and men would say. Thereafter, Kelu Nair dragged her away.

2. "How does living on an island change a person according to the poem 'If Once You Have Slept on an Island'? Explain with examples from the poem."

Living on an island changes a person gradually, as the sights and sounds of the sea, such as the waves, sea gulls, and passing ships, stay in their mind. The poet shows that while daily life may appear unchanged, the island's influence slowly transforms the person, leaving them with a lasting connection to the place. Over time, these experiences become part of who they are, even if they don't realize the changes.

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