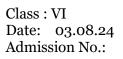


# **BK BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION**

#### SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS SENIOR SECONDARY CO-ED DAY CUM BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

#### PRE-MID TERM EXAMINATION (2024-25)

ENGLISH



#### **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)

In the dense jungles of the Amazon rainforest, a unique ecosystem thrives with a diversity unmatched anywhere else on the planet. This vast green expanse is home to millions of species, many of which remain undiscovered. The Amazon rainforest plays a crucial role in regulating the Earth's climate by absorbing vast amounts of carbon dioxide. Unfortunately, deforestation poses a severe threat to this vital resource. Each year, large swathes of the forest are cleared for agriculture, logging, and mining, which not only endangers countless species but also contributes to climate change.

Efforts to conserve the Amazon are underway, involving both local communities and international organizations. Initiatives include sustainable farming practices, reforestation projects, and the establishment of protected areas. By working together, humanity can ensure the survival of the Amazon rainforest and the myriad forms of life it supports.

# Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What is the primary role of the Amazon rainforest in regulating the Earth's climate?

**Ans:** The Amazon rainforest plays a crucial role in regulating the Earth's climate by absorbing vast amounts of carbon dioxide.

2. List three activities that lead to the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest.

Ans: Agriculture

Logging Mining

3. Why is the Amazon rainforest considered a unique ecosystem?

**Ans:** The Amazon rainforest is considered a unique ecosystem because it has a diversity unmatched anywhere else on the planet and is home to millions of species, many of which remain undiscovered.

4. What are some of the conservation efforts mentioned in the passage?

Ans: Sustainable farming practices

Reforestation projects

Establishment of protected areas

5. How does deforestation of the Amazon rainforest contribute to climate change?

**Ans:** Deforestation of the Amazon rainforest contributes to climate change by reducing the number of trees that can absorb carbon dioxide, thus increasing the amount of this greenhouse gas in the atmosphere.



Duration : 1 Hr Max. Marks : 25 Roll No.: 6. Who is involved in the efforts to conserve the Amazon rainforest?

**Ans:** Both local communities and international organizations are involved in the efforts to conserve the Amazon rainforest.

7. What is the potential impact of successful conservation efforts on the Amazon rainforest?

**Ans:** Successful conservation efforts can ensure the survival of the Amazon rainforest and the myriad forms of life it supports.

# **SECTION B: GRAMMAR (4 marks)**

# II. Identify the subject in the sentences given below: (4X1=4)

- 1. Next month, my grandfather is coming from Japan.
- 2. Hockey is played in every part of this continent.
- 3. At the weekend my father works at a tennis club.
- 4. The ozone hole over Antarctica is getting bigger with each passing moment.

# SECTION C: WRITING (7 marks)

## III. A. Diary Writing

(3)

(4)

Write a diary entry about your first day at a new school.

## Answer:

Diary Entry - July 8, 2024

Dear Diary,

Today was my first day at my new school. I felt very nervous at first. We had a welcome assembly, and I met my teacher, Ms. Kapoor. She is nice. At recess, I met a new friend named Aisha. She showed me around and we played tag. By the end of the day, I felt much better. I think I will like it here.

# Love,

Priya

# B. Poster Making

Design a poster on "Save Water"

# SECTION D: LITERATURE (7 marks)

# IV. Answer the following questions: (3X1=3)

- How did 'the mountain that ate people' get its name?
  Answer: The mountain got the name because the old people who were left there by their families often met their deaths at the hands of the cold, the rain or wild animals.
- What is the meaning of 'jubilant' Ans: Extremely happy
- Which Japanese city did the typhoon affect?
  Ans: The typhoon affected the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

# V. Answer the following questions: - (2X2=4)

1. What was the reaction of the scholars to Dr Yamano's methods? Answer: Dr Yamano's combination of internal and external treatment was unheard of at the time and at first, others scholars and specialists ignored his efforts.

2. Why did the feudal Lord revoke the decree?

**Answer:** The feudal Lord revoked his decree he realized that the old are wise and should be valued members of the society.

# <u>THE END</u>