

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sitapur

Periodic Test 1 2023-24

SUBJECT: English

CLASS: X

TIME: 1.30 Hours

MARKS: 40

General Instructions:

- All Questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated against each question.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Part A: Reading: 10 marks,

Part B: Writing & Grammar: 10 marks

Part C: Literature: 20 marks

(A) Reading

Read the passage given below:

1. **Red Cross: How Hope Evolved** On June 24, 1859, Emperors Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I engaged in the Battle of Solferino, commanding a combined total of about 270,000 troops onto the field for a single day of battle. Nearly 40,000 were either dead, injured, or missing, many of whom were simply left to die on the battlefield. Later, spectators crowded the fields, looking for loved ones, searching for items they could sell, or simply taking in the horrors of the battle. A Swiss businessman and social activist Jean Henri Dunant, who was traveling in Solferino witnessed all this. Jean Henri Dunant witnessed the atrocities of war as well as the countries not prepared or equipped to ease the suffering of those who had been injured in the Battle of Solferino. Dunant organized a group of volunteers to help bring water and food to the injured, to assist with medical treatment, or write letters to the families of those who were dying and he urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. After that moment, he wrote the book, *A Memory of Solferino*, which urged the public to create an organization which would assist the wounded, regardless of which side they fought for during times of war. His writing inspired countless others to rally behind him in the creation of the International Federation of the Red Cross. The modern-day Red Cross began by devoting itself largely to disaster relief and epidemic treatment. This effort continues to this day. One of the easiest ways you can help the Red Cross is to make sure you are able to donate blood and make an appointment at the Red Cross website. But, donating blood isn't the only way you can help out—the Red Cross also encourages donating your time if you can. This is what the Red Cross wants everyone to know.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions.

a. How many soldiers fought in the battle of Solferino on June 24?

- i. 270,000 ii. 40,000 iii. 230,000 iv. 23,000

b. What is the correct order of the information given below:

I. Dunant organised a camp of volunteers. II. Emperor Napoleon III and Franz Joseph I fought a battle.

III. The book 'A Memory of Solferino' was written. IV. Dunant travelled in Solferino.

- (i) IV, III, II, I (ii) I, II, III, IV (iii) II, I, IV, III (iv) II, IV, I, III

c. The writer of 'A Memory of Solferino' was:

- i. Emperor Napoleon III ii. Franz Joseph I iii. Jean Henri Dunant iv. International Red Cross

d. The modern day Red Cross does not deal with:

- i. Blood donation ii. Disaster Relief iii. Epidemic Treatment iv. Writing a book

e. The most appropriate sub-heading to para 2 of the passage is:

- i. How International Federation of Red Cross Evolved! ii. Functions of Red Cross

- iii. The Contributions of Jean Henri Dunant iv. The Battle of Solferino

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are

'money rich and time poor' are increasingly looking for unique experiences --a phenomenon being called the emergence of the 'experience economy'. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction.

A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A Page 4 of 15 2 high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India

The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

1. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

From paragraph 1, we can infer that the _____ and _____ of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the 'money rich and time poor' tourists.

1. distinctiveness 2. conventionality 3. diversity 4. uniformity
5. modernity

A. 1 & 3 B. 2 & 4 C. 2 & 5 D. 1 & 4

2. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

Travellers advocating the 'experience economy' seek a holiday package with _____

- A. grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.
B. a wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.
C. places and cities to buy things from and opportunities to spend money.
D. cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.

3. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

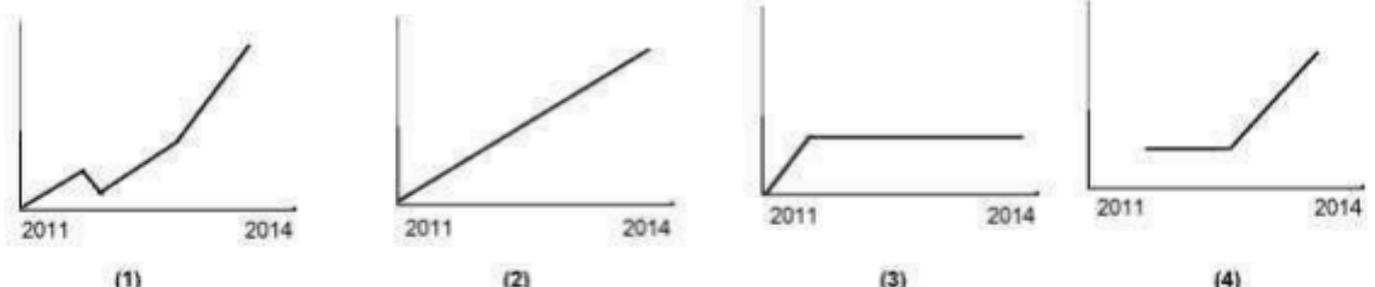
The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed _____ results.

- A. expected B. encouraging C. inconsistent D. questionable

4. Select the chart that appropriately represents the trend of foreign tourist travels in the

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- A. Option 1 B. Option 2 C. Option 3 D. Option 4

5. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to

information in the text.

1 Full Speed Ahead!
2 Ups and Downs
3 Cause for Concern

(A)

1 Winds of Change
2 Numbers Don't Lie
3 Time for Action

(B)

1 Inspecting Trends
2 Statistically Speaking
3 Let's Investigate

(C)

1 Cause & Effect
2 Dynamic Data
3 Dependable Facts

(D)

Writing & Grammar Section

(5 MARKS)

3. As Armaan Khan, the School Literary Captain of Ujjwal Academy, Old City, Kildarabad, you believe that languages can help bridge regional divides and promote unity. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, suggesting the introduction of an online regional language learning programme managed and run by student councils and language clubs in the city. The programme aims to help residents who have recently relocated to a new region in picking up the local language organically. Share the importance and Note- Passengers will not reach the airport late in order to avoid a fine equivalent to 5% of the basic fare. 8 of 13 credibility of such a programme and suggest a feasible way to execute it along with possible activities

OR

You are Sunidhi Prakash, the Vice Captain of Brilliant Vidyalaya, Barra, Kanpur. You have recently noticed several posters around your school premises conveying a hazardous message:

Lose weight in just a month!

"A WONDER DIET comes to your rescue ...

A privilege available for only a few!"

Write a letter to the Editor of The DWA, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by such advertising. Propose the implementation of "Wholesome Lunch Month" in schools as an idea to address such practices, mention the advantages and share suggestions to foster healthy eating routines and develop positive body image among youngsters.

4. Choose the correct option in the following questions: (5x1+5)

a. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an online update.

The climate control comment by an activist _____ on social media yesterday.

A. blow up B. blew up C. is blown D. will be blown

b. Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the patient's reply correctly.

Doctor: Do you feel down from time-to-time Mr. Gopalan?

Patient: Yes, I do not stay in a good mood.

The doctor, while trying to figure out his patient's ailment, asked about his well-being, to which, the patient affirmed _____.

c. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:

As I was standing on the dock, looking out at the lake for the last time, a feeling of emptiness _____ over me like darkness.

A. will wash B. had washed C. will have washed D. washed

d. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare.

_____ WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!!

A. WILL B. MAY C. NEED D. CAN

e. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Latha

and her father.

Father: Why ask so many questions, Latha?

Latha: I believe that if you don't know the answer, keep asking till you do!

Father asked Latha the reason for the many questions she was asking. Latha exclaimed

good-humouredly that in event of not knowing the answer one should _____

.A. keep asking till one does. B. kept asking till one does. C. keep asking till one do. D. kept on to ask till one do.

Section C- Literature-

Q 5- Answer any SEVEN of the given questions in 30-40 words each.

7X2= 14 Marks

- A- How does the tiger make his presence felt in the village?
- B- Validate the given statement with reference to baby seagull's fear.
- C- Why did Lencho say the raindrops were like 'new coins'?'.
- D- What 'Twin obligations' does Mandela mention?
- E- Why does Mrs Pumphrey think the dog's recovery is "a triumph of surgery"?
- F- Why does not Anil hand the thief over to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is Anil different from such employers?
- G- What does Courage mean to Mandela
- H- Hari Singh did not board the express and returned to Anil. Why did he return?
- I- Why does Anne want to keep a diary?

Q 6- Answer any ONE of the following questions.

1X6 = 6 marks

- A- The postmaster represents such people who still believe in helping others mention those values of the postmaster which you would like to emulate in yourself. Write in 100-120 words.

OR

Looking back at the story, when do you think Ausable thought up his plan for getting rid of Max? Do you think he had worked out his plan in detail right from the beginning? Or did he make up a plan taking advantage of events as they happened?

