DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, SAMASTIPUR

1ˢᵗ Periodic Test : 2024-25

CLASS – VIII

Time: 1 Hr.   **<u>English</u>**   F.M: 20

<u>*I. Read the passage and answer the following questions.*</u>   [5]

Be like a flower. One must try to become like a flower : open, frank, equal, generous and kind. So you know what it means?

A flower is open to all that surrounds it: nature, light, the rays of the sun, the wind etc. It exerts a spontaneous influence on all that is around it. It radiates joy and beauty.

It is frank. It hides nothing of its beauty and lets its fragrance flow frankly out of itself. What is within and what is in its depths, it lets it come out so that everyone can see it.

It is equal: it has no preferences. Everyone can enjoy its beauty and its perfume without rivalry. It is equal and same for everybody. There is no difference, or anything whatsoever.

Then generous without reserve or restriction, it gives away the mysterious beauty and the very own perfume of nature. It sacrifices itself entirely for our pleasure, even its life its sacrifices to express this beauty and the secret of the things gathered within itself.

And then kind: it has such tenderness, it is so sweet, so close to us, so loving. Its presence fills us with joy. It is always cheerful and happy.

Happy is he who can exchange his qualities with the real qualities of the flowers. Try to cultivate in yourself their refined qualities.

1. A flower is compared _____
    a) with all living things   b) with human beings
    c) with girls   d) with a child

2. A flower is open to all because _____
    a) it influences all   b)it radiates joy
    c) it spreads its beauty to all   d)all of these

3. The refined qualities of flower are:
    a) fragrance and beauty   b) generosity and kindness
    c) equality and attractiveness   d) frankness and honesty

4. The writer talks about _____
    a) Rose flower   b) Lotus flower
    c) Lily flower   d) all flowers

5. A spontaneous influence means
    a)a slow influence   b)A quicker influence
    c)naturally created influence   d)a casual influence

<u>*II. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of Tense:*</u>

    1. He _____(watches/is watching) TV most evening.   [1/2]

    2. Riya _____(works/ worked) as a Lab assistant in this Path Lab.   [1/2]

<u>*III. Convert the following sentence from Direct to Indirect Speech:*</u>   [1]

My Geography Teacher said, "The tropic of cancer is twenty three and half degree north of the equator ".

IV. *Answer the following question in about 30-40 words.* [2]

1. 'A genius is someone with any exceptional ability.' What was Grandma's ability? What was exceptional about it?

V. *Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words.*

[3×2=6]

1. 'The outcome was different '. What was the outcome? What was it different from? What was the immediate result of that outcome?

2. The king helped the Hermit in digging beds. He even slept on the floor of the hut and lived like a simple man in Hermit's hut. What lesson we learnt from this?

VI. *Answer any one of the following questions in about 80-100 words.* [5]

"The most necessary thing is to do good because without good, there would be nothing to do."Justify this statement in the context of the story "Three Questions" by Leo Tolstoy.

OR

Ruskin Bond's poem "Granny's Tree Climbing" poetically describes his Granny's love for trees and nature. Explain.

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