

Periodic Test 1

Class VII Subject - ENGLISH M.M.-40 DURATION - 90MIN

SECTION - A(READING 10M)

Q 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :(5M)

A Smile

Smile, what a simple and innocuous word! But how meaningful and powerful it is! Smile means more than it appears to the viewer. The word 'smile' reminds me of Mona Lisa's enigmatic smile. A smile on the face can be ironical or genial, pleasing or contemptuous. But here we are concerned with a genial and healthy smile that unarms even the most hostile. When one is depressed or in pensive mood, faced with a gruelling or painful situation, it is the smile only that unloads the tension weighing on the head of a person. It is the enlightened individual only who will give genuine expression to a genial smile for he has learnt to count the blessings that God has bestowed on him; tons of favours that he has done to him; innumerable gifts that he has showered on him bounteously.

Each day brings a new hope; a new message and a new life. I admire every sunrise and I try my best to fit in the most during the hours ahead. Do you know why? Because I have learnt to count the blessings bestowed upon me by God and I smile fiery arguments with a friend, heated tempers, a lost match, an unnecessary conflict over trifles-how come that I am still alive? I smile. That was the top secret of my life but now it is an open secret. Do you know why I smile? Yes, I count my blessings.

All's a symphony and a song, when the smile comes along. When you feel discouraged thinking that all is lost, count your blessings. The frown will be replaced by a pleasing smile.

On the basis of the reading of the above passage choose the correct options:

a) The writer describes the smile as:

- i) charming. ii) a joyous expression.
- iii) a happy response. iv) meaningful and powerful.

b) It is an enlightened person who gives a genuine and genial smile because:

- i) he is aware of its significance.
- ii) he is blessed with it
- iii) he is thankful for God's blessings bestowed upon him.
- iv) he is intelligent.

c) The word 'smile' reminds the writer of:

- i) an ironical face.
- ii) Monalisa.
- iii) an enigmatic person.
- iv) an enlightened individual.

d) Find a word in the given passage which means the same as 'small':

- i) genial
- ii) gruelling
- iii) trifle
- iv) bestowed

e) Find a word in the given passage which is antonym of the word 'curse':

- (i) frown
- (ii) blessing
- (iii) symphony
- (iv) conflict

Q.2. Read the passage and answer the following questions -(5m)

Chandrayaan-3 is India's ambitious and successful lunar mission. Chandrayaan-3 lander stands about 2 meters tall and has a mass of just over 1,700 kg. Following in the footsteps of its predecessors, Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2, Chandrayaan-3 mission was launched on 14th July 2023 from India's main space port Satish Dhawan Space Centre Second Launch Pad in Andhra Pradesh. After circulating around the orbit of Earth, it transferred to a lunar orbit and emerged as a focus of national pride and global interest. The spacecraft entered lunar orbit on 5th August, 2023 and lander touched down near the lunar South Pole on 23rd August, 2023.

Chandrayaan-3 is expected to remain functional for two weeks, running a series of experiments to study the mineral composition of the South Pole of the lunar surface. The lunar South Pole is a region with water ice, or frozen water that could be a source of oxygen, fuel and water.

1. When was Chandrayaan-3 launched?

2. Complete the following sentence

Chandrayaan-3 lander stands about..... tall and has a mass of just over

3. What does the writer mean by 'Lunar South Pole'?

4. What does the word 'ambitious' mean in the context of the passage?

- (a) Unimportant
- (b) Modest
- (c) Aspiring

(d) Simple

5. What is the primary purpose of Chandrayaan-3's experiments?

(a) To study the atmosphere of the moon

(b) To study the mineral composition of the lunar South Pole

(c) To communicate with aliens

(d) To explore the entire lunar surface

SECTION-B(GRAMMAR & WRITING 15m)

Q.3 You are Sumit/sanjana, student of class 7th in Doon International School Uttarakhand. Write an application to the principal, requesting for the permission to take online classes from home.
5 MARKS

Q.4. Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option. (1x5=5)

a. I this work.(done/did)

b. The man going to Delhi.(has/have/is)

c. They.....to Lucknow yeaserday. (Reach/Reached)

d. The clock is the wall. (on/in)

e) The horse jumpedthe well. (into/onto)

Q.5. Your school is going to organise a book donation fair for underprivileged students.Draft a notice for the same being a secretary member of Literary Club.(5m)

SECTION - C LITERATURE (15m)

Q.6 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct option. (1X5=5 marks)

“...when it toils so hard to reach and cling,and tumbles every time”.

But up the insect went once more,

Ah me!’tis an anxious minute;

He’s only a foot from his cobweb door,

Oh say, will he lose or win it?

l) Choose the correct option to complete the analogy.

Toil:hard:::

A) Roll: tumble B) tumble: circle

C) Compress : roll D) jump: tumble

ii) List any two characteristics of the spider highlighted in the line, 'But up the insect went once more'.

iii) Choose the correct option -

The expression 'Ah me!' in the extract indicates a sense of.....

A) Happiness b) Stress

c) relief D) loneliness

iv) Find the synonym of 'strongly attached' from the extract.

v) Name the poem and the poet.

Q.7. Answer any five of the given questions in 20-30 words. (5*2=10M)

Q .1.How did the river know so much about Jahnavi?

Q 2. Why should Jahnavi follow the River's advice?

Q.3. How does the spider inspire us to overcome despair and not give up?

Q.4. How does the author encourage people to approach their everyday sensory experiences?

Q.5. How can we say that Polynesia was a good trainer of animal language?

Q.6. Which character trait of the funny man was most appealing to you?
Why?