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**VISHWA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DWARKA**

**PERIODIC TEST – II (TERM-I)**

CLASS: IX

TIME: 1 hr 30 min

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

DATE: 15/9/2017

MM: 50

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. All the questions in each section are compulsory.
2. Attempt questions in sequence as far as practicable.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.
5. Handwriting should be fair and legible. Avoid cutting and overwriting.
6. The question paper contains 9 questions and 3 printed pages.

**Section A- Reading (12 marks)**

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (12)

1. The causes why youngsters take to drugs is not far to seek. Curiosity, a pleasure 'kick' or intoxication, lack of parental control, too much pocket money are some of them. Sometimes youngsters take to drugs to gain acceptance in a group, to belong. It could also be a reaction to neglect – a need to be noticed or a total defiance against authority. It may also be due to deep psychological need within a youngster to prove himself. Sometimes the reasons run deeper. Escape from pressures, social or economic, emotional frustration; lack of recreational facilities resulting in boredom drive people to take to drugs.

2. Sometimes youngsters fall prey to 'pushes' – people who regularly supply drugs and are constantly looking for new victims. Drug pushes then coerce their victims into theft and all kinds of anti-social activities, frightening, but true.

3. "Just this once" is a popular justification for persons attracted to drugs. The user convinces himself that he will not get addicted. But as this dangerous experiment with drugs continues, he becomes totally dependent on them. At first he uses drugs occasionally but then with time the user needs more and more of the drug to experience the same effects. Drug becomes central to the users' thoughts, emotions and activities. The body becomes so used to the drug that it functions normally only if the drug is present.

4. The user becomes alienated from family and friends. He becomes more and more withdrawn and uncommunicative. To support his habit, he needs money. He is caught in a vicious circle and goes to any length to procure money – borrowing, stealing, lying. The user is reduced to be shadow of his former self. The user experiences loss of weight and physical stamina. Soon drugs gain control over the user's body, his mind – his life.

5. The addict starts living only to take drugs. Drug abuse when practised by adolescents leads to poor attendance at school/college, decline in academic performance, loss of interest in game and other extra-curricular activities, sudden unexplained temper tantrums, preference for solitude long hours in bathroom, erratic behaviour and confused thoughts.

Now answer the following questions:

(2x4=8)

- (a)
1. Who are drug pushers?
  2. What effect does the drug have on the body of the user?
  3. What does the drug addict do to procure money for drugs?
  4. What impact does the drug abuse have on the adolescents?

(b) Which words in the passage mean the same as:

(1x4=4)

1. disappointment (para 1)
2. detached/lonely (para 4)
3. strength (para 4)
4. not regular/ever-changing (para 5)

### Section B- Writing & Grammar (18 marks)

Q2. You wanted to go the Himalayan base camp for mountaineering but were not allowed by your parents due to the risk involved. This year your Physical Education Teacher was able to convince your parents and they have given their permission. You are thrilled. Express your feelings in about 100-200 words by writing a page in your diary. (6)

Q3. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: (1x3=3)

Rahul : Will you come to my house tomorrow?

Raj : Is there something special.

Rahul : Yes, my brother is throwing a party.

Rahul asked Raj \_\_\_\_\_ . Raj enquired \_\_\_\_\_ . Rahul replied in positive and said \_\_\_\_\_ .

Q4. Fill up the blanks with correct form of verb. (1x6=6)

(a) Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) not only beautiful and fragrant, they are often also edible. Indians \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (has) always \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (relish) eating flowers and one of the delicacies of Bengali cuisine is fritters made of pumpkin flowers. Another flower widely \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) in the North-East is the banana flower.

(b) It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) since last night, and it \_\_\_\_\_ (look) as if it may rain for the rest of the day.

Q5. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences. (1x3=3)

- (a) are located / the Arctic and the Antarctica / at the / of the earth / poles
- (b) the / at both / atmosphere / is / cold / these places / very
- (c) experiences / it / solar exposure / extreme / periods

**Section C- Reader (20 marks)**

Q6. Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow: (1x3=3)

No nightingale did ever chant  
More welcome notes to weary bands  
of Travellers in some shady haunt.  
Among Arabian sands.

- (a) Whose song has been compared to the nightingale's song?
- (b) In what way is the 'nightingale's song' a welcome song?
- (c) What does 'weary bands' mean?

Or

That was a month ago and now I have only one thought, that is to get the wretched  
place off my hands. I would sacrifice it at any price

- (a) Who is the speaker of the given lines?
- (b) Which place is referred to as 'wretched'?
- (c) Why does the speaker call the place wretched?

Q7. Answer the following in 40 to 50 words (any 2) (3x2=6)

- (a) What significant role had been played by Duke in Chuck Hooper's life?
- (b) Describe the two roads that the poet comes across in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. Which road does the speaker choose?
- (c) What are the probable themes of the song sung by the solitary reaper?

Q8. Attempt any one in about 80 to 100 words. (4)

Charles Hooper's life is a source of inspiration for normal people as it is for the physically challenged ones. Do you agree? What values can be learnt from his life?

Or

Imagine you are Jeanne, Gaston's wife. You come to know about Gaston's dishonest deal. Write a letter to Juliette revealing the truth and requesting her to cancel the deal with Gaston and to sign a fresh deal with Mrs Al Smith.

Q9. Answer any one in about 120-150 words (7)

What was the cause of enmity between Lilliput and Blefuscu? How did Gulliver help Lilliput against Blefuscu?

Or

Give a character sketch of The Emperor of Lilliput.

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