

NAVY CHILDREN SCHOOL, MUMBAI

PERIODIC TEST -3 (2021-22)

STD: IX

MARKS: 40

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 1 1/2 HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt all questions. The question paper is divided into two sections.
 2. All the answers should be correctly numbered as given in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
 3. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions given below.
 4. Adhere to the word limit given with each question.
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SECTION - A READING

8 Marks

I. Read the passage given below:

(8 marks)

1. The macaw is the most colourful bird of the world's three hundred and forty parrot species. Its exotically coloured plumage mesmerises collectors from all over the world. Native to the Americas, macaws inhabit the tropical rainforests stretching from Central Mexico to Northern Argentina. They especially flourish in the rainforests of South Eastern Peru, bordering the Amazon basin.

2. Each morning, the clay cliffs at Peru's Tambopata River are besieged with a riot of colours. With such an abundant supply of food at their disposal, it is indeed peculiar that the macaws eat the clay! The clay probably fortifies them with salts and minerals, deficient in their largely vegetarian diet. Some of the seeds that the macaws devour contain toxic compounds and the clay, acting as a detoxifying agent, counters any ill-effects.

3. Hunting and intense development projects, causing deforestation and pollution have seen the Latin American macaws dwindle in numbers. The remote and impenetrable jungles have protected the Peruvian macaws; they are vulnerable to certain pressures. The macaws have low reproduction rates due to the shortage of ideal nests in the cavities of trees. Of the few macaws born, a few survive into adulthood. This is because macaw parents feed older nestlings first, causing the younger siblings to die from undernourishment. Scientists have solved the housing problem by building artificial nests using durable plastic pipes called PVC. The exterior of the pipes is scrubbed with a steel brush to simulate the texture of the tree trunks.

4. The Peruvian government has curtailed poaching by outlawing the exports of its tropical birds, and by establishing reserves like the Manu National Park. This wildlife haven is a sanctuary to a plethora of animals and plants. In such havens, the macaws will undoubtedly thrive. (291 words)

A. After reading the passage answer any EIGHT the following questions:

- (a) Which species does the macaw belong to?
- (b) What is peculiar about macaws' eating habits?
- (c) What is the reason of low reproduction rate of macaws?
- (d) What initiative has the Peruvian government taken?

B. Complete the following sentences:

- (e) Macaws are native to the _____.
- (f) The clay probably fortifies them with salts and _____.
- (g) _____ have seen the Latin American macaws dwindle in number.
- (h) The macaws have low reproduction rates due to the shortage of _____.
- (i) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'exceptionally'. (Para1)
- (j) Find a word from the passage that is not the meaning of 'impassable'. (Para 3)

SECTION - B GRAMMAR And WRITING (8Marks)

Grammar

II. Answer any FOUR of the following sentences.

For statements 1,2 and 3-from the list of options given below choose the correct option.

1. Tim was very upset yesterday because he _____ that he _____ his wallet.

- (a) had realised / lost
- (b) realised / had lost
- (c) realises / loses
- (d) has realised / lost

2. He asked me _____ questions every _____ minutes.

- (a) the number of / other
- (b) less / a few
- (c) many / one another
- (d) a number of / few

3. The shopkeeper says, "Prices are shooting up alarmingly."

- (a) The shopkeeper says that prices are shooting up alarmingly.
- (b) The shopkeeper said that prices are shooting up alarmingly.

(c) The shopkeeper says that prices were shooting up alarmingly.

(d) The shopkeeper tells that prices will be shooting up alarmingly.

Do as directed.

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb that agrees with the subject.

4. The police _____ not released any information about the case.

5. Many a man _____ succumbed to his temptation.

6. I said to her, "Didn't I tell you yesterday to be careful?" (Change it into Reported Speech)

Ans. _____.

III. Writing

A. You recently visited the 24th Crafts Mela at Suraj Kund, Faridabad. It was Mini India assembled at one place. Using the hints, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there.

Hints: • More than 20 states of India represented • Rajasthan—the theme state • Participation of foreign countries • cultural programmes, dances at 'Chaupal' and 'Rangmanch' • Food courts catering all kinds of foods • arts and handicraft from the awarded artisans.

OR

B. You were walking on the road when you saw some boys pelting stones at a puppy. You saved the puppy from the bullies and took it to an animal shelter. Write a diary entry about the incident. Describe the following:

SECTION - C LITERATURE -24 Marks

IV. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions- (4x1=4)

A. It is the human earth that we defile.

Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence

Of air that is everywhere our own,

Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

(a) What harm do we cause to the earth and how?

(b) Why is 'the innocence' outraged?

(c) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?

(d) Name the poetic device in this stanza.

OR

B. For the next two days, Prashant sat huddled with his friend's family in the open on the rooftop. They froze in the cold and incessant rain; the rain water washed away Prashant's tears.

(a) What happened to Prashant and his friend's family while they sat in the open on the rooftop?

(b) What thought flashed through Prashant's mind?

(c) Where had Prashant gone?

(e) Find a word from the passage which is similar in meaning to 'continuous'.

V. Answer the following Questions in 20-30 words: (3x2=6)

(Any 3)

Q1. What were the two ailments of Johnsy?

Q2. In which manner does the poet say a tree can be uprooted?

Q3. What was the role of Maria's father in shaping her career in Tennis?

Q4. How did George and Harris pack pies and salt?

VI. Answer the following Questions in 40-50 words: (3x3=9)

(Any 3)

Q1. Why do Prashant and other volunteers resist the plan to set up institutions for orphans and widows?

Q2. Where does the strength of the tree lie? Why is it referred to as 'the source'? Why is the source most sensitive one?

Q3. What were the factors that led to "the rapid ascent" of Maria Sharapova in a fiercely competitive world of tennis?

Q4. Describe the incident related to the butter in the story. (Packing)

VII. Answer the following Question in 100-120 words: (1x5=5)

(Any 1)

Q1. How was the life of Johnsy saved from pneumonia, depression and loneliness?

Q2. How was Santosh a kind of girl different from other girls?

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