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**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

**PERIODIC TEST - II (2023-24)**

**SUBJECT – English**

**Class: X Marks: 30**

**Date: 08/8/2023 Reading Time: 8:20 to 8:30 am Number of printed sides: 4 Writing Time: 8:30 to 9:30 am**

**Instructions:**

• **All Questions are compulsory.**

**• The Question Paper has 3 Sections.**

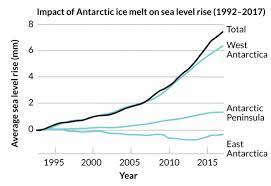
**• Section A (Reading) is for 6 marks.**

**• Section B (Writing and Grammar) is for 9 marks.**

**• Section C (Literature) is for 15 marks.**

**SECTION A (READING)**

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully.**



1. Even though Antarctica is the world’s

most remote and desolate continent,

the damaging effects of human activity have

reached this distant and pristine place.

2.  Antarctica is owned by no one, and 43

nations are joined in an agreement which

allows it to be used only for science and

tourism. Yet these activities are already so

intensive that they may soon pose a threat

to the environment It is also feared that the agreements may not withstand pressures to exploit the

continent’s mineral resources including gold, platinum and oil. Of equal concern is the possibility

of shipping accidents due to the influx of ships into the Southern Ocean which could lead to

devastating oil spills. With this in mind, the U.K. is leading an effort to introduce a new

‘Antarctic Code’ for shipping.

3. Perhaps the most worrying threat to Antarctic wildlife comes from the atmosphere. Air pollution

has triggered the appearance of a vast hole in the ozone which blocks out the sun’s

harmful ultraviolet radiation. The plankton in the sea, on which many fish depend, may also be

killed off. This is a real cry for help.

4. Global warming could have an even more devastating effect. Average temperatures in Antarctica

have risen to 2.5°C in the last 50 years, and the Ice sheet is melting more rapidly than scientists

anticipated. Large chunks of ice are now actually breaking off or ‘calving’ to create icebergs like

those in the Arctic. disrupting penguins’ breeding grounds in the process. The huge Larsen B Ice

Shelf-a 200 metre thick sheet of floating ice as big as Jamaica, recently broke up. shocking

scientists, who had not thought it would happen so soon. A 2018 study estimated that ice loss

across the entire continent was 43 giga tonnes per year on average during the period from 1992 to

2002 but accelerated to an average of 220 giga tonnes per year during the five years from 2012 to

2017. The total contribution to sea level rise has been estimated as 8 mm to 14 mm of sea level

rise.

**Based on the above passage, answer the questions that follow: (1 x 6 = 6)**

i) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your

understanding of paragraph 4.

The statement that the breeding grounds of the penguins are getting disrupted in Antarctica due

to disruption by icebergs is a/an\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fact / opinion) because it is a/an

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/ objective detail)

ii) Based on the environmental changes, which two concerns are scientists worried about?

iii) Select the option that correctly displays what ‘**pristine**’ signifies. (Refer paragraph 1)

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a) A and C b) B and D c) A, C and E d) C and E

iv) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the analysis of the climate changes happening

in Antarctica as mentioned in the passage?

a) Global warming is a real threat to the world.

b) The ozone layer becoming a sieve is a reality.

c) The sea plankton and penguins are suffering.

d) Ice is melting and the sea levels are rising.

v) Infer one benefit and one drawback of having Antarctica under co-ownership of 43 countries.

Answer in about 40 words only.

vi) Choose the word which means the same as ‘remain unaffected by’. (Paragraph 2)

a) code b) withstand c) exploit d) prevent

**SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

Q2. You are Ria/Ranjit Kumar. You want to bring to light the parking problem faced by the people in

residential colonies. Write a letter to the Editor of ‘The Daily Express’, drawing attention to the

problem and what measures can be taken to rectify it. Your address is #22-B, Mandakini

Apartments, New Delhi. **( 5 Marks)**

Hints : congested space - bad condition of roads in market place - narrow roads –

public parking facility, private vehicles in house garage – strict action – wrong parking

**Q3. Attempt the following questions: (1 x 4 = 4)**

**i) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option to complete the statement given below.**

It is an indisputable fact that the world \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ too far with the innovation of new

technologies such as mobile phones.

a) will be going b) might be gone c) has gone d) will have gone

ii) Report the dialogue between an interviewer and an interviewee by completing the sentence.

Interviewer: How long have you been working in ABC Company?

Ganesh : It’s been three years since I joined that company sir.

On being asked how long he had been working in ABC Company, Ganesh replied

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that company.

iii) Identify the error on the hoarding of a doctor’s clinic and supply the correction for the following:

For a personal appointment, visit Monday to Sunday accept during lunch hours between

1 pm and 3 pm.

Use the given format for your response.

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iv) Change the voice of the following sentence. Choose the correct option.

I have invited all of my friends to my party.

All of my friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) are invited to my party. b) have been invited to my party.

c) had been invited to my party. d) were invited to my party.

**Q4. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow, by choosing the correct**

**option. (1 x 3 = 3)**

**What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,**

**What, what is he to do? I saw it go**

**Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then**

**Merrily over — there it is in the water!**

**i) The extract suggests that the poet is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

a) a parent recounting the incident b) an onlooker observing

c) the boy talking about himself d) imagining the incident

**ii) The poet seems to have indicated the merry bouncing of the ball to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

a) create a sense of rhythm in these lines.

b) support the happiness of the experience of playing.

c) contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.

d) indicate the cheerful mood of the boy.

**iii) Choose the situation that corresponds to the emotion behind the exclamation mark in**

**the poem.**

a) Hey! Hey! That’s no way to dispose off the garbage. Have you no community sense?

Please put it in the bin.

b) I knew it! I knew he’ll fare well in his auditions for ‘Young Chef’. Now, we prepare for the

semi-finals.

c) I don’t know where I have placed my ID Card. Let me check the bag once more.

Ah, finally!

d) I’ve been trying to call mom for the past 20 minutes and can’t get through. I don’t know

how ………. Aarrgh! Again!

**Q5. Answer the following in 30 to 40 words. ( 2 x 3 = 6)**

i) In the statement, ‘ I turned to look for my friend in the black aeroplane, but the sky was

empty’, why does the author refer to a stranger as ‘my friend’?

ii) How does Leslie Norris point to the cruelty of animals in the poem “ A Tiger in the Zoo”?

iii) Why does Hari Singh not have any friends and why did he change his name every

month?

**Q6. Answer the following question in 100 to 120 words. (6 x 1 = 6)**

“There is freedom when you conquer fear and fear should not be allowed to cripple

one’s faculty and thinking ability.” Elaborate this statement, taking examples from

‘His First Flight’.

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