** SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

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

**SUBJECT – English**

**Class: 7 Marks: 50**

**Date: 22/12/2023 Reading Time: 8:30 to 8:45 am Number of printed sides: 5 Writing Time: 8:45 to 10:45 am**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

* Read the questions properly and answer them carefully
* This paper consists of three sections: -
* Section A (Reading) - 14 marks
* Section B (Writing & Grammar) - 12 marks
* Section C (Literature) - 24 marks
* Attempt all questions adhering to the word limit.

**SECTION A (READING) (14 Marks)**

**I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x8=8)**

1. Nepal, a small, mountainous country tucked between Indian and China, may seem completely foreign to many Americans. Cows walk down busy streets unharmed, 24 different languages are spoken and people eat 2 meals of rice and lentils every day. Nepali holidays, many of which are related to the Hindu religion, can seem especially bizarre to Americans unfamiliar with the culture. However, if we look beyond how others celebrate to consider the things they are celebrating, we find surprising similarities to our own culture.
2. The biggest holiday in Nepal is Dashain, a ten-day festival for the Hindu goddess Durga that takes place in September or October. According to Hindu beliefs, Durga defeated the evil demons of the world. To thank the goddess, people visit temples in her honor and sacrifice goats and sheep as offerings. Throughout the year, most Nepalis do not eat much meat because it is expensive, but Dashain is a time to enjoy meat every day. Children fly colorful, homemade kites during Dashain. People also construct enormous bamboo swings on street corners and in parks. Every evening people gather at these swings and take turns swinging. Nepalis say that by swinging people can relieve the earth of their weight, if only for a few minutes out of the year.Dashain is a time for people to eat good food, relax and enjoy themselves.
3. Aside from eating and enjoying themselves, during Dashain, people also receive blessings from their elders. Schools and offices shut down so people can travel to be with their families.
4. Re-uniting with family reminds people of the kindness, respect and forgiveness. People also clean and decorate their homes for Dashain and like many holidays in the United States it is a time for shopping. Children and adults alike get new clothes for the occasion. People express appreciation for all that they have while looking forward to good fortune and peace in the year to come.

1. According to the passage, Hindus believe that the goddess Durga \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) sacrifices goats and sheep c) visits temples

b) defeated the evil demons of the world d) enjoys meat everyday

2. As used in paragraph 1, ‘**bizarre’** most nearly means:

a) believable b) unknown c) awkward d) strong

3. Both the colorful kites and bamboo swings are used as examples of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) ways people relax and enjoy themselves during Dashain

b) things people honor and reflect on during Dashain

c) offerings to the goddess Durga

d) ways people re-unite with family during Dashain

4. What is the similarity between the holidays in United States and Nepal?

a) It is summer c) It is time to be indoors

b) It is time for shopping d) It is time to travel

5. During Dashain you can see a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) bamboo swings and colorful kites c) temples

b) paintings and pictures d) flowers blooming

6. The people in Nepal celebrate the festival called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a ten-day celebration for the

Hindu goddess Durga.

a) Holi b) Dashain c) Diwali d) Dhanteras

7. Write the synonyms of the following from the passage:

i. close (para 3) ii. generosity (para 4)

8. Write the antonyms of the following from the passage:

i. burden (para 2) ii. cheap (para 2)

**II. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below. (1x6=6)**

Live thy Life Autumn changed

Young and old, Sobered hued

Like yon oak, Gold again

Bright in spring, All his leaves

Living gold; Fall’n at length

Summer rich Look he stands,

And then Trunk and bough

Naked Strength

1. The main idea of the poem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) To live your life like an oak. c) To be tall.

b) To look old and ugly d) To understand the seasons.

2. ‘**Gold**’ refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) the rays of the sun c) the flowers that bloom

b) the season of autumn d) the dry, fallen leaves

3. The adjective of ‘**rich**’ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the superlative form.

a) richer b) more rich c) richest d) most rich

4. ‘**He**’ is referred to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) season b) the young man c) the old man d) the oak

5. The antonym of the word ‘**dull’** from the poem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. The season autumn in the poem makes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) leaves wither c) changes the colour of the leaves

b) grows fresh leaves d) leaves fall

**SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR (12 Marks)**

**III. Write a formal letter to your Principal seeking permission for a re-examination as you were unwell during your exam. (4)**

**IV. Complete the following tasks as directed: (8)**

1. **Convert to reported speech**: “We had a big argument”, said Abhishek. (1)
2. **Fill in the blank using the correct form of the word in the bracket for the given sentence**: The patient told the doctor that he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (suffer) from severe (1) stomach pain and requested him to prescribe medicine.
3. **Fill in with a suitable preposition**: (1) The river Thames flows \_\_\_\_\_\_ London a) on b) through c) over d) under
4. **Choose the correct option** : (1) ‘A picture is worth a thousand words’. This means that: - a.Ignorance is bliss b.Strike while the iron is hot c.Seeing something is better for learning than having it described d. Knowledge is power
5. **Choose a sentence which has a conjunction**  (1) a. He was tired, so he went to bed early. b. Ramu picked up vegetables, fruits, books from the market. c. My baby sister never cries for milk. d. He is allergic to cats.
6. **Complete the given sentence by filling the blank with the correct option: (1)** He has the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to drive all day and still attend a party. a) capable b) capability c) enable d) enablility
7. **Choose the correct option and fill in the blank:** (1) Lord Vishnu is called \_\_\_\_\_\_ different names. a)by b) for c) to d) from
8. You are a student in St. Mary’s School and you are requesting the Principal to (1) organize some extracurricular activities in the school. The salutation for such letters would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C (LITERATURE) (24 )**

**5.** **Read the extracts given below and answer the following:**  **(3+3=6)**

**A. *He sprinkled a pinch of ashes on it and lo! It sprouted blossoms until it became a cloud of pink blooms which perfumed the air. The news of this filled the village and everyone ran out to see the wonder. The covetous couple also heard the story and gathered up the ashes.***

1. Who has been referred as ‘ he’ in the above lines?
2. The kind old farmer. b.)The jealous neighbor.

c) The daimio. d) The thief.

1. In the given lines what has been burnt down to form the ashes ?
2. The dog. b) The pine tree. c) The cherry tree. d) The mortar and the mill.
3. Find the synonym of ‘**surprise**’ in the given lines :
4. pinch b) sprinkled c) blooms d) wonder

B. ***He got out the ladder from the garden shed.***

***It slipped. He landed in the flower bed.***

***“Never mind”, said dad, brushing the dirt off***

***his hair and his face and his trousers and his shirt.***

1. Write the rhyme scheme of the above extract.
2. What happens after the poet’s father falls off the ladder?
3. He gives up.
4. He gets up and goes to take rest.
5. He gets up and plans for another trick.
6. He cries with pain.
7. Dad was planning to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. bring the tree down c) bring the cat down
9. cut the branch d) clean the ladder

**6. Answer the following in 20 to 30 words. (2 x 5 =10 )**

1. What do trees make mothers and fathers say?

2. Why did the author order so many pairs of boots? Did he really need them?

3. What is strange about Mr. Nath’s Sundays?

4. What do you think the talking fan was demanding?

5. Why did the wise old bird say “Chandni is the winner”?

**7. Answer the following in 50-60 words. (2x4 =8)**

1. How did the spirit of the dog help the farmer first? How did it help him next?

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