**SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

**PERIODIC TEST – III [2023-24]**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Class : IX Max. Marks: 30**

**Date: 19.12.2023 Reading time: 8:30 to 8:40 am**

**No. of sides: 4 Writing Time: 8:40 to 09:40 am**

**General Instructions:**

• All Questions are compulsory.

• The Question Paper has 3 Sections.

• Section A (Reading) is for 7 marks.

• Section B (Writing and Grammar) is for 8 marks.

• Section C (Literature) is for 15 marks.

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**SECTION A (READING)**

**Read the following text.**

1. A large majority of the elderly in India does not get long-term and palliative care,

revealed a study conducted for the United Nations. The survey of more than 10,000

respondents across Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern and Central India during

May-June 2018, showed that 62.1% of the elderly did not get such care. More than

half of these people, 52.4%, said they primarily need traditional family support,

says a study by Age well Research and Advocacy Centre.

2. Older people in India often face problems such as disability, restricted mobility,

loneliness, poverty and lack of awareness on accessing old-term care. With a fast-

growing population of older people, the ever increasing gap between generations

and the fast and demanding lifestyle of young people, for a majority of older

people, life is still a struggle for independence.

3. “According to 64% of elderly respondents, loneliness, marginalization and isolation

are the most critical issues faced by bedridden, elderly patients as they cannot visit,

meet or interact with their relatives, friends and neighbours,” said Himanshu Rath,

founder of Agewell Foundation.

4. The elderly have to compromise and make adjustments in their lifestyle according

to the wishes of the younger members of their families to ensure they are cared for,

the study revealed. It highlighted that 67.6% of the elderly being taken care of their

family members have to look after the children of the families. They have to

perform tasks such as babysitting in return for proper care and support.

5.“Around 73.7% said they have to take care of the house and other properties of their

younger members to ensure long-term and palliative care in old age”, the study

report said. “Over 75% of respondents have to limit their personal social

interactions as their family members tell them to do so, otherwise their family

members can avoid providing their basic needs of food and medicines.” Most

elderly respondents (68.5%) said breaking up of the joint family system is one of

the biggest factors for the challenges they face in getting long-term palliative care.

6. Healthcare equipment such as wheelchairs, relief material such as adult diapers and

care-giving service should be provided on a regular basis to destitute older people,

who are bedridden and suffering from acute mobility issues, the report said.

“Though providing long-term and palliative care to older persons comes in the

purview of family responsibilities in India, it is observed that older persons, who

are financially independent, have a high net worth or hold property entitlements,

are treated comparatively well by their family members,” said Rath.

7. “Managing home care for the elderly is a massive challenge as multiple service

provider-nursing agencies, physiotherapists and medical suppliers-are small scale

and unorganized and, therefore, provide incomplete care,” he said. “In India, health

insurance coverage is essentially limited to hospitalization. The concept of geriatric

care has remained a neglected area of medicine so far in the country.”

**Answer the following questions, based on given passage. (7 marks)**

**i) Select the option that displays the reason behind financially independent**

**elderly being better off. 1**

(a) They are seen as one to be revered.

(b) They are treated with much more care and respect.

(c) They have money to meet their financial needs.

(d) They have medical expenses.

**ii) According to the passage, what do you think is the primary need of all the**

**elderly people in India? 1**

**iii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.**

**According to the study, long-term and palliative care comes under the purview**

**of \_\_\_\_\_. 1**

(a) government responsibilities

(b) liabilities

(c) social responsibilities

**iv) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for stating that older**

**people who live with family are no better. It is so because: 1**

(a) they have additional burden of responsibility

(b) they have no one who loves or cares for them

(c) they also suffer from loneliness

(d) All of the above

**v) State whether the given statement is TRUE or FALSE. 1**

In order to get proper care and support, old people have to adjust their lifestyle

as per the wishes of their children.

**vi**) **List two essential requirements for older people suffering from mobility**

**issues. 2**

**SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING)**

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

i. Report the dialogue between a student and a teacher by completing the sentence.

Student : Please explain it again.

Teacher : Acid reacts with a base to form salt.

In response to a student’s request to explain that again, the teacher

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option to complete the following:

Dressing up for his office party, Rohan mumbled, “Does this tie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

my shirt?”

a) go with b) go along c) go well d) go for

iii. Select the word that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the

following line, from the headlines of a news report.

TWO CHILDREN ESCAPE NARROW AFTER A FIRE BREAKS

OUT IN A MALL.

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| **OPTION** | **ERROR** | **CORRECTION** |
| a) | children | child |
| b) | breaks | break |
| c) | escape | escapes |
| d) | narrow | narrowly |

iv. He said to his friend, “Please wait for me.”

Write this in indirect speech by choosing the correct option.

a) He told his friend to wait for him.

b) He requested his friend to wait for him.

c) He said to his friend to wait for him.

d) He requested his friend to that he should wait for him.

**III. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100 words on the topic ‘THE HOUSE**

**OF MY DREAMS’, taking the help of the inputs given. (4marks)**

Spacious property -- front yard --- beautiful garden – play area -swimming pool-

Jacuzzi – toy room.

**SECTION C (LITERATURE TEXT BOOKS) 15 M**

**IV. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. (1 x 3 =3)**

It takes much time to kill a tree,

Not a simple jab of the knife

Will do it. It has grown

Slowly consuming the earth,

Rising out of it, feeding

Upon its crust, absorbing

Years of sunlight, air, water,

And out of its leprous hide

Sprouting leaves.

i. Name the poem and the poet.

ii. What is the poetic device used by the poet when he says ‘leprous hide’?

a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Alliteration d) Personification

iii. What did the tree need, to grow?

**V. Answer the following questions in 40 to 50 words. (2 x 3 =6)**

i. How is Maria Sharapova’s personality a mix of contrasts?

ii. How did the sight of the last leaf affect Johnsy?

iii. ‘They have eyes like ours’. What similarity does the poet find in the eyes of

people all over the world?

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

Why was Santosh Yadav not content with the traditional way of life? What path

did she choose and why?

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