** SINDHI HIGH SCHOOL, HEBBAL**

**I -PERIODIC TEST (2022-23)**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**Class VIII Max Marks: 30**

**Date: 4-08-2022 Reading Time: 8:00 to 8:10 am**

**No. of sides: 3 Writing Time: 8:10 to 9:10 am**

**General 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 8 marks.

• Section C (Literature) is for 16 marks

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**SECTION – A (READING) (6)**

**I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: 6**

1. General knowledge has immense significance. It is the most essential tool for success. Test of general knowledge is a common practice. Yet most of the time we evade it and indulge in confused, inappropriate and ineffective readings leading us nowhere.

2. We keep away from absorbing information, be it specific or general. The reason being that, we are not trained to collect information and store it in an organised way. Therefore, when we need information we are not able to trace it though it is in our notes or files. We become people of no consequence. We do not benefit for all the labour we indulged in gathering information we thought “useful”. But if we want to achieve the desired results, we have to develop a system of storing and arranging the knowledge and recalling it at the right time desired.

3. Let us remember, information is no use unless we are able to retrieve it. Regular reading helps in building a sound general knowledge bank. It needs determination and effort.

4. We require to develop a passion for reading. If you do not, you surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.

**a) Answer the following by choosing the most appropriate option: (1X4=4)**

1. General knowledge is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tool for success.

a) Most needy (b) needy (c) required (d) most important

2. People do not absorb information because they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. not stored in an organization
2. not stored organically
3. not stored in an organized way
4. not trained to collect them.

3. ‘Determination’means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. resolute (b) resolved (c)resolution (d) purpose

4. People often indulge in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_reading.

1. efficient and improper
2. improper and ineffective
3. inefficient and confusion
4. confused and appropriate

**B. Answer the following in one sentence (2)**

1. What should we do to get the desired results of our labour?

2. What is the importance of regular reading?

**Part-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (8)**

2. You are Mohan/Mohini. You experienced a small vibration while elsewhere in your state, you hear a while later, there was an earthquake elsewhere. Write a letter to your friend expressing your thoughts on natural calamities. **(4)**

3. There is an error in each line in the following passage. Find the error and provide the answer. The first one has been done for you**: (1/2 X 4 =2)**

Healthy eating **are** an important **is**

requirement. Good eating habit are (a) ------------

not about strict diets, staying (b) -----------

thinner or stopping oneself (c)------------

of eating the food one loves. (d)------------

**Fill in the blanks with suitable words: (1/2 X 4=2)**

1. Mukna Kangjei is (a) \_**a\_\_\_** very popular game in Manipur. It enjoyed (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_ royal patronage in (c) \_\_\_\_\_ olden days. Manipur is known for several games that developed over (d) \_\_\_\_\_ period of time. It is (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_ indigenous game.

**Part-C (LITERATURE) (16)**

1. **Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow: (2X2=4)**
2. “I think this is how we should resolve this war.”
3. Hans Wolf wished to resolve the war through\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) a cricket match (b) a football match (c) a friendly talk (d) sharing marzipans.

1. Hans Wolf wished to do so because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. no one wins c) no one becomes widows
3. no one loses d) no one dies

b) “But tell me, dear cricket, did you lay nothing by

When the weather was warm?” Quoth the cricket “Not I!”

1. How did the cricket spend his time during summer?

During summer the cricket \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a) had a great heart (b) danced all day (c) sang all day and night (d) ate mouthful of grains all day

1. The figure of speech used in these lines is \_\_\_\_
2. simile (b) metaphor (c) alliteration (d) pun
3. **Answer the following in not more than 30 words: (2X3=6)**
4. What do we learn about people like the cricket through the poem ‘Ant and the Cricket’?
5. What is Connie’s Christmas present? Why is it “the best Christmas present in the world?
6. Write a few lines on Jim Macpherson.
7. **Answer the following in about 50 words each: (3X2=6)**
8. Compare the principle of ants with the nature of cricket. What happened to the cricket in the end?
9. ‘Enemies become friends during festivals’. Justify this statement with reference to the lesson ‘The Best Christmas Present In The World’.

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