



ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER

PERIODIC TEST – I SESSION 2024 – 25 CLASS – X CODE – 184

TIME : 2 HRS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH LNG & LIT.

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General Instruction.

- (a) Section A comprises of 1 question carrying 10 marks
- (b) Section B comprises of 2 questions carrying 6 and 9 marks
- (c) Section C comprises of 4 questions carrying 4,3,4 and 4 marks.

SECTION – A (READING)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (10x1=10)

- 1 Mountains have always been held in great awe by mankind. They have been a challenge to humans. Those brave among us have always wanted to conquer them. You see, the more incredible the mountains, the greater the thrill – a challenge to the bravery of the human race. Climbing mountains is an experience that is hard to put into words. You are in a beautiful environment and, when you reach the top, you feel incredible. But you also have to climb down, which is when most accidents happen – people are tired, it gets dark, it's harder. So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports along with being challenging and risky for the climber.
- 2 Without any perceived risk, there can't be a feeling that any significant challenge has been surmounted. Fair, but we have to bear in mind that mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation. The enthusiasts must develop in themselves the spirit of adventure, willingness to undertake hardships and risks, extraordinary powers of perseverance, endurance, and keenness of purpose before climbing a mountain. They should also know how to handle the mountaineering equipment. Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. This could very well be the lifeline up there. It helps inculcate and hone survival instincts that allow the climber to negotiate perilous situations. There are numerous institutes in India and abroad that offer such training.
- 3 Mountain climbers are unanimous in agreeing that the unpredictable weather is what they fear the most. There may be sunshine one moment and a snowstorm the other. At higher altitudes, snow is a regular feature and being decisive about setting up camps or proceeding further is crucial. The icy sheets after ice storms make walking treacherous, while the powdery snow makes a mountaineer sink deep into the snow. Up there, where the intention is to embrace Nature's wonder, one realises that it cannot be done without facing its formidable glory. A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.
- 4 Summitting mountains carries its own health risks such as oxygen and altitude sickness problems, frost bites, swelling of hands and feet, fluid collection in brain or lungs and exhaustion. Yet, the gratification mountaineers feel from mastering something that is so frightening, urges them to undertake these endeavours. We may think that the mountaineers are fearless, experts say, "Not at all. It's fear that keeps

them so intrigued with such arduous journeys." Impulse and brazenness can be deadly foes. In the words of the Indian mountaineer, Bachendri Pal, "The biggest risk ... is to not to take the risk at all. Remember that." (444 words)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

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- (i) Why does the writer say that mountains inspire 'awe' in humans? (Paragraph 1) 1
 - (a) They present us with opportunities for exciting sports.
 - (b) They evoke the wish in us, to master them.
 - (c) They inspire in us, deeds of valour.
 - (d) They represent peace and calm, to us.
- (ii) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below: 1
The more incredible the mountains—the greater the thrill (Paragraph 1)
 - (a) The higher the stamina—the lower the food intake
 - (b) The more you laugh—the lesser your illness
 - (c) The smaller the car—the bigger the advantage
 - (d) The heavier the luggage—the higher the penalty

- (iii) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following: **1**
So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports (Paragraph 1)
 (a) doubt (b) caution (c) conviction (d) denial
- (iv) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 1. **1**

Opinion	Reason
	Best experienced rather than described

- (v) The writer compares training to penance in the line —
Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. (Paragraph 2)
 State 1 point of similarity between training and penance. **1**
- (vi) Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that “mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation”. (Paragraph 2)
 1. 2.
- (vii) What connect does the writer draw out between unpredictable weather and setting up of camps? (Paragraph 3) **1**
- (viii) The writer says, “A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of nature.” (Paragraph 3)
 Select the reason the mountaineer is respectful to the forces of nature, up in the mountains. **1**
 (a) survival (b) experience (c) tradition (d) directive
- (ix) Supply 1 point to justify the following:
While mountain climbing, an impulsive mountaineer is either disaster-prone or as good as dead. 1
- (x) Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the feeling of exhilaration on reaching a summit, that the mountain-climbers experience. **1**
 (a) Achievement of a seemingly impossible feat
 (b) Spectacular panoramic view
 (c) Application of the inculcated survival instincts
 (d) Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment

SECTION – B (GRAMMAR AND WRITING)

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2. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option.

(6)

- (a) Ms. Wessels is late. He may ___ his train.
 (i) have missed (ii) miss (iii) have been missing (iv) be missing
- (b) Sir Tim Berners – Lec, who invented the world wide web ___ to spot train as a child.
 (i) love (ii) loved (iii) have loved (d) was loving
- (c) For centuries poetry ___ one of the most popular forms of Literature.
 (i) was (ii) were (iii) is (iv) has been
- (d) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of verb given in brackets.
 (i) Neither my brother nor I ___ going to school these days
 (ii) One of my teachers _____ to my town. (belong)
 (iii) In Japan, the cars ___ very fast. (run)

3. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times Newspaper, highlighting increasing technological addiction among the youth.

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SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

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4. Attempt the following questions in 40 -60 words.

(4)

- (a) Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter as ‘God’?
 (b) Why did Mrs.Pumphrey suffer in the absence of Tricky?
 (c) Explain : “Of a day I had rued”.
 (d) For Robert Frost what do ‘fire’ and “ice’ stand for ?

5. Answer the following questions in 60-90 words.

(3)

- (a) What kind of a person do you think the narrator, a veterinary surgeon, is? Would you say he is tactful as well as full of common sense?
 (b) The following Sunday, at daybreak, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place the mail.

- (i) Who is 'he' in this extract? (ii) To whom did 'he' write a letter? (iii) What did 'he' write in the letter?
(c) In what mood was the poet before falling of snow on him? What do you understand by 'Dust' of 'Snow'?

6. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words.

(a) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

(4)

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

(i) The above stanza debates whether the world will end in _____

(ii) Both the elements mentioned in the first stanza have one similarity i.e. both can _____ .

(iii) The poet favours those who believe that fire would cause final destruction. (True/False)

(iv) The word that rhymes with 'fire' is _____

(b) Write the brief character sketch of Mrs. Pumphrey.

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