



# ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

## SAMPLE PAPER

PERIODIC TEST – I SESSION 2025 - 26

CLASS – IX

TIME : 1 hr. : 30 min.

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

M.M = 40

### General Instructions :-

- (a) All the questions are compulsory.
- (b) Attempt all sections in the same sequence as given in paper.
- (c) All the questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

This question paper is divided into three sections.

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|---------|-----|---------------------|------|
| Section | – A | Reading             | (10) |
| Section | – B | Writing and Grammar | (10) |
| Section | – C | Literature          | (20) |

### SECTION – A (READING)

[10]

#### 1. Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow:

(a) Floods are not new to India and this sub-continent, but in recent years the problem has received much greater attention perhaps largely because it has led to much greater damage than in the past. Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time or support infrastructure in place by which damage can be minimised. This is particularly true in the case of flash floods resulting from sudden and excessively heavy rain.

(b) In the case of India flooding is very much a function of the seasonal nature of our rainfall. The monsoons are spread over a short period during the year and often bring a concentrated volume of rain, which cannot be absorbed by the Earth and finds outlet only in the form of streams that join up with our major river systems. One major factor that could lead to a higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change which happens due to increased concentration of greenhouse gases. It could happen that the Indian subcontinent witnesses and suffers the effects of a significantly changed pattern of monsoons. One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration, but far more intensive.

(c) At the local level also human actions have heightened the danger of flood through the cutting of trees in the mountains as well as in the plains. In the case of India, the ecological damage through deforestation of the Himalayas has led to large-scale erosion of the mountain slopes and high levels of siltation. This leads to deposition of silt on the river beds in the plains and hence spill over of water whenever the volume in the river reaches a certain level. With siltation on the river beds, flooding occurs even at very shallow water levels. The vulnerability of the population has increased substantially because of population pressures, symbolised, for instance, by the stubborn and perhaps helpless settling of slum dwellers on the banks of the river Yamuna in Delhi, which is merely a trickle most of the year, but bursting its banks during the monsoons as has been the case this year.

(d) Flood forecasting is critical to minimising the damage from floods. It is for this reason that the Central Water Commission has set up a network of forecasting stations, which cover the most

important flood prone inter state rivers in the country. These stations produce forecasts that are used to alert the public to mobilise various official agencies so that they take both preventive as well as relief measures whenever required. However, even in cases where forecasts have been timely and generally accurate, people have often been reluctant to move away, because in most cases they lack the means and physical options for moving away from a danger zone to a one that is relatively safe.

In the case of flash floods, forecasts are difficult to make, and often the time available for relief is very short

**Answer the following questions based on the above passage.**

- (i) What will be the most appropriate title for the passage? (1)
- (ii) Deforestation of the Himalayas has led to ..... (1)
  - (a) large-scale erosions
  - (b) physical movement of people
- (iii) What is the result of deforestation of the Himalayas in India? (2)
- (iv) The worst hit people are the slum dwellers because (1)
  - (a) they are stubborn and helpless.
  - (b) they do not have means to move away quickly.
  - (c) they have concentrated in large numbers,
  - (d) they have settled on the banks of the rivers.
- (v) State whether the following statement is True or False. (1)
 

Flash floods are caused by intermittent rains.
- (vi) Which of the following things cause climate change? (1)
  - (a) Increased concentration of greenhouse gases
  - (b) Explosion of nuclear devices
  - (c) Ecological damage caused by humans
  - (d) Significantly changed pattern of monsoons
  - (e) Ecological damage caused by humans
- (vii) What structure was set up by the Central Water Commission? Why? (2)
- (viii) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given. (1)
 

..... word in the passage is the opposite of 'minor'.

  - (a) Greater
  - (b) Maximum
  - (c) Major
  - (d) Heightened

### **SECTION – B ( CREATIVE WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**

**[10]**

1. You found a collared cat wandering near your home. It was searching for food and looked scared. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about it and what you did to help it. (5)

2. Choose the correct form of verb given in brackets. (1x5=5)

- (a) I don't have much time for relaxation these days. I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn/learning) French.
- (b) When we arrived at the Bank, we sent that something strange \_\_\_\_\_ (happened/had happened).
- (c) If we had a little more capital it \_\_\_\_\_ (will/would) be much easier to start a business.
- (d) Don't disturb your brother. He \_\_\_\_\_ (thinks/is thinking) about a serious problem.
- (e) He \_\_\_\_\_ (is deserving /deserves) to win the gold medal. He is by far the best competitor.

### **SECTION – C (LITERATURE)**

**[20]**

3. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow: (5x1=5)

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back.

**(a) On 'that morning,' the poet found that the leaves on both the roads were :**

- (i) black              (ii) untrodden              (iii) green              (iv) scattered

**(b) the poet decided:**

- (i) never to walk on the first road              (ii) to reserve the first road for future  
(iii) never to walk on the second road              (iv) never to use the second road

**(c) The narrator cannot come back because :**

- (i) he does not want to              (ii) he will be led from one path to another  
(iii) he will move to a distant land              (iv) he will reach his destination

**(d) The poet.... If he should ever take the first road :**

- (i) doubted              (ii) asked              (iii) enquired              (iv) confirmed

**(e) "..... way leads on to way" implies that once a choice is made, there is :**

- (i) always a chance to retreat              (ii) time to undo the choice  
(iii) an end to the road.              (iv) no looking back

**5. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:** (5x1=5)

Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether. They had once taken Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month because the history sector had blanked out completely. So, she said to Tommy, "Why would anyone write about school?"

**(a) Why did Margie hope that the teacher would be away altogether?**

- (i) she hated being taught by the teacher.              (ii) she did not have any respect for the teacher.  
(iii) her teacher had been very strict.              (iv) she has been scolded by the teacher.

**(b) In Margie's opinion, school was**

- (i) an appropriate subject for writing a book.              (ii) not at all a subject to be written about.  
(iii) an interesting subject for her.              (iv) a subject that she wanted to write about again and again.

**(c) That "the history sector had blanked out" implies that the**

- (i) history teacher had lost all consciousness              (ii) teacher was no longer interested in teaching  
(iii) teacher had gone out of order with its words disappearing  
(iv) teacher has suffered an utter loss of memory

**(d) Who amongst the following is the writer of the story?**

- (i) Issac Asimov              (ii) Robert Frost              (iii) Jerome K Jerome              (iv) None of these

**(e) If the teacher had been taken away, Margie would have been ...**

- (i) sad              (ii) bored              (iii) happy              (iv) frustrated

**6. Answer any 3 of the following questions in 40 - 50 words.** (3x3=6)

**(a)** What was wrong with Margie's mechanical teacher? Who set it right? How?

**(b)** Who was Ron Forbes? What role did he play in Evelyn's journey to success?

**(c)** How did Bismillah Khan popularized 'shehnai'?

**(d)** Who saved the child at the shrine? Why?

**(e)** What sort of relationship did Toto and Nana have?

**7. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 -150 words: (4 marks)**

What dilemma did the speaker have in Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken"? How does he resolve it? How does he ultimately feel about his decision?

**OR**

How did the child enjoy his journey from his home till the time he reached the fair?