



ANGEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAMPLE PAPER

PERIODIC TEST – I SESSION 2023 – 24

CLASS – VIII

TIME : 2 HRS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

M.M:40

General instructions.

(a) Section – A Reading Skills	10
(b) Section – B Writing Skills	05
(c) Section – C Grammar	10
(d) Section – D Literature Textbook	15
Total	40

SECTION – A (READING)

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1. Read the following passage and answer the following questions:

- (1) On July 11, 1987, the world population touched five billion. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) resolved to observe this day every year as World Population Day, to sensitise nations against this ticking time bomb.
- (2) A major fallout of the population explosion is poverty. While the available resources remain the same, the number of people dependent on it increases enormously. The gulf between the haves and the have-nots widens, and poverty increases.
- (3) Education becomes a privilege that poor people cannot afford and they have to start working at menial jobs to make two ends meet. But if only they could also learn to read and write! Education may not ensure a job at a multinational company. But it will certainly improve the standard of living of people by opening up a world of opportunities for them. With education, the importance of issues like sanitation and personal hygiene are also understood and appreciated better. With education, they will also understand the need for family planning and preventive healthcare.
- (4) What can students do to make the World Population Day meaningful? They could organise awareness generating activities in schools and colleges, for a start.

Nandini Ram; The Hindu (Abridged)

Write the option you consider the most appropriate.

1. 'Ticking time bomb' refers to
(a) world population (c) UNFPA
(b) increasing population (d) explosion
2. According to the author poverty increases as a result of
(a) lack of education (c) over-dependence on resources
(b) decrease of resources (d) gap between the rich and the poor
3. Many people are not educated because they
(a) have no time (c) have to work
(b) have no money (d) have no interest in studies
4. Which of the following statements is true in the context of the passage?
(a) Education means getting a highly paying job (c) Education develops an interest in reading
(b) Education leads to greater awareness (d) Education is a way of earning money
5. Preventive healthcare means
(a) cleanliness in personal life and surroundings (c) ensuring that one does not fall ill
(b) going to the doctor regularly (d) exercise and proper diet

Answer the following questions as briefly as possible.

1. How does increase in population leads to increase in poverty?
2. What makes education an unaffordable privilege for some?
3. List the three ways in which education will improve the standard of living.
4. What can the young do to make the World Population Day meaningful?
5. Which word in the passage means the same as "result or consequence"?

SECTION – B (WRITING)

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2. You are Rohan / Ria. Your brother Pranav was out when his friend Sumit called up to inform your brother that there is no music class tomorrow. Write a message to inform him about this in about 50 words.

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

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4. Do as directed.

- (a) The foolish crow tried to be the peacock. (identify the subject and predicate)

(b) Please buy me a school bag. (circle the indirect object and underline the direct object)

(c) She looks beautiful in her blue dress. (circle the complement)

(d) What on earth are you doing? (identify the type of sentence)

(e) To confess one's guilt is difficult. (underline the phrase and tell the type)

(f) These walls need whitewashing. (underline and tell the type of adjective)

(g) I did _____ lot of work today. (fill with article)

(h) The sun shone brightly. (transitive/intransitive)

(i) They dare not _____ the karate kid. (challenge) (fill with infinitive)

(j) _____ a puzzle is time consuming. (fill with gerund)

SECTION – D (LITERATURE)

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5. Give meanings _____

(3x1=3)

(a) fables

(b) amrit

(c) burden

6. Answer the following questions:

(4x3=12)

(a) What do these lines from the text 'Who Ate the Sun' mean: 'People tend to take its regular journey through the sky for granted'?

(b) Do you think legends and folktales help us in any way?

(c) Write the names of the exotic animals and musical instruments mentioned in the poem, 'The Tartary'.

(d) Describe the carriage of the poet in the poem 'Tartary'.

7. Write True or False.

(4)

(a) In Chinese, 'Shih' means to eat.

(b) King Vikram was a very rude man.

(c) Tartary was famous for its wealth.

(d) Bhimbetka is a famous world Heritage Site.