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# INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR TERM II EXAMINATION (2022-2023) ENGLISH

CLASS: VIII MAX.MARKS:80 DATE: 09/03/2023 TIME: 3HOURS

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

This paper consists of three sections.

Section A Reading Skills (20 marks)
 Section B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (22 marks)
 Section C Literature (38 marks)

All sections are compulsory.

• Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

#### **SECTION A -READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)**

### 1. Read the passage given below.

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- 1. There are many types of dietary antioxidants, and coffee is a very good source of some of them. According to a new study, the steaming cup of coffee can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.
- 2. Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer. But Sandra Vinson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilised in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the food and beverages studies, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.
- 3. Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease according to some recently published studies.
- 4. The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains. Certain groups should be careful about drinking coffee. Not much is known about the effect of coffee on children, and caffeine could be harmful to expecting mothers. Too much caffeine can also cause anxiety in people with panic or anxiety disorder.

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

i. Fill in the blank by selecting	ng the correct option.
Based on serving size,	has the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages
A. Dates	B. Cranberries
C. Tea and milk	D. Coffee
ii. What can beat fruits and	vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants?

- iii. According to dietitian Sandra Vinson, the benefits of coffee ultimately depend on:
  - A. how it is relished

- B. how they are absorbed and utilised in the body
- C. how they are served and consumed
- D. whether it keeps us alert and awake
- iv. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE.

Coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries.

- v. What is the correct order of the information given below, as per the passage?
- I. Antioxidants are linked to a number of health benefits.
- II. One should consume coffee in moderation.
- III. Decaf versions of coffee provide antioxidants levels.
- IV. Dates have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size.

A. III, I, IV, II

B. III, IV, I, II

C. III, I, II, IV

D. II, I, IV, III

- vi. Excessive consumption of caffeine may cause \_\_\_\_\_ in people.
  - A. liver and colon cancer

B. type 2 diabetes

C. Parkinson's disease

- D. anxiety disorder
- vii. Substitute the word 'vigilant' with ONE WORD similar in meaning from para3.
- viii. List any two benefits of antioxidants.
- ix. What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee?
- x. Besides keeping us alert and awake, coffee provides us protection against
- I. liver and colon cancer

II. stomach ache

III. type 2 diabetes

IV. lung diseases

A. I and II

B. II and III

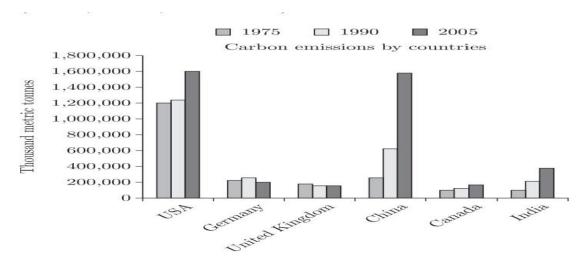
C. I and IV

D. I and III

# 2. Read the passage given below.

(10)

- 1. The Greenhouse Effect is the Earth's natural process of trapping gasses in the atmosphere in order to warm the Earth. Greenhouse gases such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon dioxide have been recognized as the prime cause of global climate change, which has received significant global attention. Among these gases, carbon dioxide is considered as the prominent gas which motivated researchers to explore carbon reduction and mitigation strategies
- 2. The chart given below provides information about the amount of carbon emissions in different countries during three different years (1975, 1990, and 2005).



- 3. The bar chart compares the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere of six countries, including two of them coming from emerging nations, for three decades starting from 1975 until 2005.
- 4. As an overall assessment, it can clearly be seen that only Germany and United Kingdom managed to reduce the carbon emissions compared to the other countries.
- 5. USA, being the number one polluter of all, emitted 1,200,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and this count increased to 1,300,000 and 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1990 and 2005 respectively. In contrast, the carbon emissions of China was nearly 300,000 thousand metric tonnes in 1975 and it rose by nearly 100% in 1990 and surged dramatically to just below 1,600,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005. In terms of the percentage increase, China, which emerged as a powerful economy, was the largest contributor in carbon emissions of all.
- 6. The figures for Germany and the United Kingdom remained relatively stable throughout the period of time, and so were for Canada until 1990. The carbon dioxide emissions in India increased exponentially from around 100,000 in 1975 to just below 400,000 thousand metric tonnes in 2005.

Based on your unde	erstanding of the passa	ge, answer the ques	tions given below.				
i. The	is the Earth's natural process in order to keep the Earth warm.						
ii. Write the names	of any two gases response	onsible for global clir	nate change.				
iii. According to the	passage, which country	is the greatest pollu	ıter?				
A. India	B. China	C. US	D. Germany				
iv. Which country w	as the largest contribut	or in carbon emissio	ns in the year 2005 in terms of				
percentage incre	ase?						
v. Which country ha	is the lowest emission o	of CO <sub>2</sub> in the graph?					
A. Germany	B. United Kingdom	C. Canada	D. China				
vi. Which country ha	as observed a dramatic	rise over the years in	າ CO₂ emission?				
A. India	B. China	C. USA	D. Germany				
vii. The data given in the graph compares the amount of emission of							
A. nitrogen	B. carbon dioxide	C. oxygen	D. sulphar dioxide				
viii. As per the graph	h, which country had th	e same level of CO <sub>2</sub>	emission in 1990 and 2005?				
ix. State whether th	e following statement i	s TRUE or FALSE.					
Germany has no	t been able to reduce tl	heir CO₂ emission sig	nificantly.				
x. Which of the follo	owing countries reporte	d gradual growth in	reduction of global CO₂ emission?				
A. Germany and India		B. USA and China					
C. The United Kingdom and USA		D. Germany and the United Kingdom					
SEC	CTION B: GRAMMAR AI	ND CREATIVE WRITI	NG SKILLS (22 MARKS)				
3. Do as directed. A	ttempt <u>ANY TWELVE</u> o	f the following ques	tions. (12)				
i. Complete the sen	itence with appropriate	question tag.					
He can't drive	?						
ii. Fill in the blank b	y using suitable verb (ir	nfinitive/gerund) give	en in the bracket.				
l will try	(learn)my reading	speed during summ	er vacation.				
iii. Fill in the blank v	with the gerund form of	given verb .					
good sleep is very important for good health (get)							

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, ,		or, is my best friend. w the first aircraft, we	aro Amoricans	
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A. a and b	B. a and c	C. c and d	D. c and b	
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•	•	te by using a suitable	verb.	
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A. will buy	•	C. will be buying	• •	
	•		e adverbial type mentioned.	
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J	J	e into passive voice.		
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			the word given in the brack	ket.
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		verbial clause used ir		
_		n, she gave an excelle	·	
-	-	sing the appropriate		
The bird	from branch	n to branch, looking fo	or food.	
A. hope	B. hoped	C. hopped	D. hopping	
· ·		_	n from given options.	
Could you	on my p	et when I go to buy s	ome grocery?	
A. see eye to eye	e B. keep an eye	e C. apple of eye	D eagle eye	
xiii. Change the se	ntence into the o	comparative structure	2.	
If you practice y	our sum, they w	vill become easier.		
xiv. Choose the plu	ıral form of 'focı	us' from given options	S.	
A. focusus	B. focuses	C. focuos	D.focal	
4. Attempt ANY O	NE of the follow	ing questions.		(5)
i. You are Anirudh/	Avantika Roy, th	e secretary of 'SAMA	RPAN CLUB' of Vishwa Vidh	yalay,
Dehradun. You al	ong with some f	riends were touched	by the plight of children livi	ng in a slum
and wish to make	e a difference in t	their lives by lessenin	g their sufferings. You decid	e to raise fund
for this purpose.	Write a notice, in	n 50 words, making a	n appeal for generous dona	tion.
	0	R		
ii. Write a paragrap	oh on 'Forest: A F	Precious Gift of Natur	e' in 60-80 words.	
5. Attempt ANY ONE	of the following	g questions in 100- 1	20 words.	(5)

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i. Neha attended a seminar on harmful effects of watching TV on Children's health. Keeping the given

information in mind, Neha writes an article for the school magazine on the 'Harms of TV Viewing'.

- TV viewing is harmful to eyes.
- TV viewing affects the child's mind.
- Children lose interest in studies because they spend a good deal of time in front of TV.
- TV viewing encourages consumerism as many advertisements are targeted at children

OR

ii. A lot of garbage is thrown on the main road near the bus stop outside your colony causing bad smell. It becomes worse when it rains. Write a letter to the editor, The Hindustan Times, New Delhi to draw the attention of concerned authorities towards unhygienic conditions outside your colony. You are Peeyush/Pallavi of B- 2, Sector 13, Dwarka, New Delhi.

## **SECTION C-LITERATURE**

## 6. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions.

(4)

"Why, this bond is forfeit!

And lawfully by this Shylock may claim

A pound of flesh, to be by him cut off

Nearest the merchant's heart. Be merciful.

Take thrice thy money; bid me tear the bond."

- i. How does the bond forfeit?
  - A. Shylock made changes in the bond.
- B. Antonio was unable to pay back the debt.
- C. Antonio returned him Ducats.
- D. Bassanio paid back the loan.
- ii. Whom did Portia appeal to show mercy?
  - A. The Duke
- B. Bassanio
- C. Antonio
- D. Shylock

- iii. What was mentioned in the bond?
- iv. Why did Portia say that mercy is 'twice bless'd'?
- v. 'The Quality of Mercy' is a part of which play of William Shakespeare.

#### 7. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions.

(4)

"To each the boulders that have fallen to each.

And some are loaves and some so nearly ball:

We have to use a spell to make them balance;

'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!"

i. What kind of wall is being mended in the poem?

A. a stone wall

B. a wooden fence

C. a dense hedge separation

D. a wall made of granite and marble boulder

ii. Why does the speaker need to use a spell?

A. to show magic

B. to prepare loaves

C. to fix stones back in wall

D. he is a magician

iii. This question contains an Assertion(A) followed by Reason(R). Read the question carefully and answer on the basis of the given options.

Assertion: The neighbors rebuild the wall in the summer.

Reason: It was just another kind of outdoor game.

- A. Both, A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both, A and R, are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- C. A is true but R is False
- D. A is false but R is true.
- iv. Why does the poet find it difficult to rebuild the wall?
- v. Identify the poetic device used in line two.

### 8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 40-50 words each.

- i. How did the king disguise his inability to command the stars and other planets to obey him? Did he really believe that he could command them to obey? (The Little Prince)
- ii. 'Violence cannot last forever', the master advised the tiger, and so he should alter his behavior. Describe how he explained this to the tiger? (A Tiger in School)
- iii. How did Nick and Joe find money to buy their Mother's day gift? (Half A gift)
- iv. Who do you think the listeners are? Why was the traveller disappointed as he left the place? (The Listeners)
- v. How did the Postmaster's family become a part of Ratan's life? (The Postmaster)

## 9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (6)

- i. It is said that striving for something despite all odds may be difficult, but not impossible. Explain this in relation to 'The Man on the Train'.
- ii. Every parent desire to see his or her child succeed and outshine in all walks of life. This can be achieved with strong will, determination and conviction. Discuss with reference to the poem 'Mother to Son'.
- iii. Is it crucial to accurately assess oneself? How important are self-awareness and self-knowledge to our lives? Write with reference to 'The Little Prince'.

#### 10. Answer ANY TWO of following questions in about 80-100 words.

(8)

(12)

- i. According to the speaker, there is no need for a wall between the two farms. Why? (Mending Wall)
- ii. How does the speaker in the court try to convince Shylock that mercy is twice blessed and is a divine quality?
- lii. The mosquito was a self-willed bumbler. Explain. (The Louse and the Mosquito)

# 11. Write the meaning of ANY TWO of the given words and frame meaningful sentences. (4)

i. yelp ii. abandon iii. confiscate

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