



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT I (2024-25)

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (CODE- 184)

CLASS-IX

Time: - 1.5 Hours

Maximum Marks - 40

General instructions:

1. 15 minutes prior time allotted for Q-paper reading
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Q. No	SECTION A – READING SKILLS	8
1	Read the passage given below:	8
	<p>(1) Unusually hot weather events lasting several days are often referred to as heatwaves. Currently, they are one of the most dangerous environmental threats and can have enormous effects on all aspects of life, including individual and public health, food security, and the economy.</p> <p>(2) The observed effects of global warming, with climate change being the main driver, are also affecting extreme heat events, which are increasing in frequency, magnitude, duration, and measured temperatures. Whereby most land regions will certainly be affected in the future.</p> <p>(3) Without human influence on climate change, some recent heat events most likely would not have occurred. It is estimated that heatwaves at least doubled due to human influence and currently occur twice per decade. Until the early 2000s, they occurred only twice per century. Marine heatwaves have also occurred twice as frequently since the 1980s.</p> <p>(4) The resulting impacts pose one of the most serious global health challenges of the 21st century and put many people at risk. In the decade prior to 2017, more than 166,000 people died worldwide as a result of extreme heat. A study found that 37% of heat-related deaths are due to anthropogenic climate change. From 2000 to 2016, about 125 million people more have been affected by heatwaves.</p> <p>(5) Low-income countries in particular, which lack response, adaptation, or preparedness capacity, face the most severe health risks. Studies of past heatwaves have shown their harmful effect on human health. Heatwaves, in the USA in 1995, in Europe in 2003, in South-East Australia in 2009, in the Russian Federation in 2010, in the United Kingdom (UK) in 2019, and in Canada in 2021 resulted in the deaths of many thousands of people. The extreme heat wave of 2003, for example, claimed 14,800 lives over nine extremely hot days in France alone, 20 times more than the 1995 Chicago heat wave. For regions already exposed to extreme heat, it must be assumed that a further increase in temperature will lead to conditions that are no longer viable for humans. The urban heat island effect contributes to the predicted accumulations of heatwaves, especially in cities with growing populations, mainly affecting developing countries.</p> <p>(6) Although the relationship between heat and health is difficult to determine due to the multitude of influences, some risk factors have been identified. For example, pre-existing conditions such as cardiovascular or respiratory disease increase the risk of the harmful effects of extreme heat. Older people are also more at risk. Certain working conditions additionally contribute to higher vulnerability to heat events, such as heavy physical labor or working outdoors. Social status may also contribute to increased vulnerability, such as poor housing or homelessness. Crop failures caused by heatwaves will certainly have an impact on societies worldwide.</p>	

	<p>Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.</p> <p>i. What is identified as the reason behind the observed effects of global warming? a) Heatwaves b) Climate change c) Urbanization d) Industrial pollution</p> <p>ii. How advancements in technology might help mitigate the adverse effects of heatwaves on public health and safety, beyond what is discussed in the passage? a) Development of more efficient cooling systems b) Implementation of early warning systems c) Use of drones for heat mapping d) All of the above</p> <p>iii. Which word from the passage (paragraph 6) is a suitable antonym to 'handful'?</p> <p>iv. Heatwaves are increasing in frequency, magnitude, duration, and measured temperatures due to human influence on _____.</p> <p>v. 'A study found that 37% of heat-related deaths are due to anthropogenic climate change.' In not more than 40 words, explain the given statement.</p> <p>vi. 'The observed effects of global warming, with climate change being the main driver...' In what sense has the word 'driver' been used in the above passage? a) a chauffeur b) a device or part of a circuit c) a factor which causes a particular phenomenon to happen d) a golf club used for driving from the tee</p> <p>vii. State how history has shown the negative impact of heat waves on human health.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>						
	SECTION B- GRAMMAR	5						
II	Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.	0.5x10=5						
	<p>i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. Nowadays he _____ his umbrella to school because of the extreme heat. (a) carry (b) will carry (c) carries (d) carried</p> <p>ii. Choose the correct verb that agrees with the subject, in the following sentence. The committee _____ examining the details of this deal. a. Is b. Are c. Had d. Should</p> <p>iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. The news _____ (seems/seem) more and more depressing every day.</p> <p>iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: In cities across the country, people is revolting against the new government for the government have been quite inefficient. Use the following format to write the answer.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Sl no.</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Error</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Correction</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl no.	Error	Correction	a.			
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	<p>b.</p> <p>v. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct tense wherever required. The courtiers had been jealous of the new court jester, who is the new favourite of the king.</p> <p>vi. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option: Samaira _____ when we arrived at the party. (a) had already left (b) has already left (c) have already left (d) was already left</p> <p>vii. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. I _____(eat) all of the pizza when you arrived.</p> <p>viii. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable form of the word in the bracket. No matter how unconventional they get, they _____ (repeat) what others before them have done.</p> <p>ix. Choose the correct option from the bracket to complete the sentence. Most of the _____ (person/persons) are reliable.</p> <p>x. Change the following sentence using the most appropriate subject-verb combination. Playing on harmonium and singing are quiet easy.</p> <p>xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Sumita and Neetu. Sumita: Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift? Neetu: That is a lovely thought, but I don't want anything. Sumita asked Neetu since the next day was her birthday, what she wanted as a gift. Neetu replied that it was a lovely thought but _____. (a) she do not want anything. (b) she did not wanted anything. (c) she did not want anything. (d) she wants something</p> <p>xii. Fill in the blank with the correct verb. The meeting _____ have finished by 2'clock.</p>	
	SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS	10
III.	Attempt BOTH A and B given below.	5
	<p>A. Today while coming to school you happened to get caught in a massive traffic jam due to a VIP movement. You noticed an ambulance stuck in the traffic with a critical patient not able to make through the congestion. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings regarding this experience within 120-150 words.</p> <p>B. Use the following cues along with your own information in order to write a descriptive paragraph (within 120-150 words) about Sundar Pichai, the present CEO of Google.</p> <p>(Cues: displayed an interest in technology and an extraordinary memory, especially for telephone numbers -began career as materials engineer- joined Google in 2004- Pichai added Android to the list of Google products- became CEO in 2015- born in Madurai in 1972, India- family- mother(stenographer), father (electrical engineer)- met his wife in IIT Kharagpur, he was awarded a scholarship to study at Stanford University- In December 2019 he also was named CEO of Alphabet)</p>	5
	SECTION C - LITERATURE	17
IV.	Reference to the context	5
1.	Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.	5

