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Subject	English Core	Marks	50	Teacher's Sign	

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT – I [2021-22]

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

1 The question paper is divided into two sections

Section A : 25 Marks

Section B : 25 Marks

2 All the questions are compulsory

3 Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

4 Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

SECTION A : Reading

Q 1 Read the passage given below carefully

12 Marks

1 The Mastermind quiz is billed as a “battle of minds”. This battle is fought in two halves. In the first, each of four participants faces a barrage of questions, for two minutes, on any topic of his or her choice. In the second round, the questions are on [general knowledge](#). There are two points for each correct answer and zero for wrong answers and passes. In the event of a tie, the person who has passed fewer questions wins.

2 Questions can be bizarre, but they are answered none the less. “It absolutely amazes you that these guys know so much. In KBC, it used to be, that this guy knows so little,” says Basu after the show. Siddhartha Basu was the director of Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC).

3 This year’s Mastermind final was won by Ramanand Janardhana, a 22 year-old software engineer from Pune. Janardhana had Agatha Christie’s ‘Tommy and Tupence’ novels as his specialist topic. He even knew that Tommy used asofoetida to create a stink in his room.

4 There are, of course, all sorts of quizzers. The diary-toting, Manorama yearbook, wielding variety will typically prepare for a contest by ‘studying’. He knows that the best questions, the ones that get the ‘wah-wahs’, are always repeated. He is a solid quizzer, because he knows the obvious.

5 There is the other kind, like Janardhana, who claim they do nothing extra to prepare for quizzes. They read the papers and magazines, watch TV, and become quizzers because they enjoy the test of recall

6 It was a test the nation took when KBC fever was at its height. But long before KBC, there were quiz societies across the country, in places from Guwahati to Gandhinagar. Kolkata was the hub of the game; quizzing in India began here in 1967. Even now, the majority of quizzers are

7 Quizzing is big in school and college festivals. It’s the ‘literary’ highlight of all fests. There are even professional quizzers, who, like mercenaries, play for money and the thrill of the game. They represent various organisations at different times. from Kolkata. Of the four 2002 Mastermind finalists, two were from that city.

8 Most quizzers grow out of active quizzing after college. Some, the really hardcore devotees of the game, keep at it. “I don’t get tired of quizzing,” says Pinaki Prasad Roy, a Mastermind finalist. “I get excited.” Roy is a 46-year old finance professional from Kolkata, and has been a quizzer for three decades.

9 Curiosity is the most essential quality for a quizzer. A fantastic memory and instant recall help. And for Mastermind at least, the choice of specialist subject is critical. In this year’s event, Janardhana took an unassailable lead in the specialist round itself.

A. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: 6

1 The Mastermind quiz is called a ‘battle of minds’ because.....

- (a) it is a duel of wits
- (b) the participants are the most intelligent persons
- (c) the participants face a shower of questions

(d) the mind is on the anvil

2The participants in the quiz seem ‘masterminds’ because.....

- (a) they seem to know so little
- (b) they have very polished manner
- (c) they show lot of self confidence
- (d) they seem to know so much

3Ramanand Janardhana won as.....

- (a) he had mastery over the specialist topic
- (b) he had gone through the quiz columns in magazines
- (c) he had chinks in his memory/recall
- (d) he knew all the often repeated questions asked by quizmasters

4 The studious quizzers are called ‘solid’ quizzers because.....

- (a) they prepare expected questions
- (b) they know the obvious
- (c) they bank on general awareness
- (d) they enjoy the test of recall

5 The quality most essential for a quizzers is.....

- (a) love of learning
- (b) mathematical accuracy
- (c) curiosity to know
- (d) comprehensive learning

6 The word ‘mercenaries’ in para 7 means.....

- (a) those who seek mercy
- (b) those who work on machines
- (c) those who are lively and quick
- (d) those who fight for money

B. Answer the following questions in brief: 6

7. Why did Ramanand Janardhana win mastermind final?

8. Who are called solid quizzers? Why?

9. Which is the most essential quality of a quizzers?

10. How is Kolkata associated with quizzing game?

11. Find the words from the passage which are similar in meaning to these words.

- (a) Those who fight for money (para 7)
- (b) Enthusiasts (para 8)

2 Read the extract given below

(4 Marks)

“ Although we shared the same room , my grandmother no longer came to the school with me.

I used to go to an English school in a motor bus. There were no dogs in the streets and she took to feeding sparrows in the courtyard of our city house. As the years rolled by we saw less of each other. For some time she continued to wake me up and get me ready for the school.

When I came back she would ask me what the teacher had taught me. I would tell her English words and little things of western science and learning, the law of gravity. Archimedes Principle, the world being round, etc. This made her unhappy

- (i) **What changes occurred in the relationship of the author and his grandmother in the city?**
- a. Grandmother didn't accompany him to school.
 - b. She couldn't help him with his studies.
 - c. She was unhappy with the things being taught to him in school.
 - d. All of the above.
- (ii) **Why was grandmother unhappy with author's new school?**
- a. It wasn't attached to temple
 - b. She couldn't help the author in his studies anymore
 - c. It was very far away
 - d. None of the above
- (iii) **The phrase 'rolled by' in the extract means?**
- a. reduced
 - b. came
 - c. passed
 - d. appeared
- (iv) **These lines are taken from :**
- a. Birth
 - b. Laburnum Top
 - c. A photograph
 - d. The Portrait of a lady

3 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (4 Marks)

**The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling.
Each one holding one of my mother's hands
And she the big girl – some twelve years or so.**

a) The cardboard shows the pictures of.....

- (a) two schoolgirls
- (b) two real sisters
- (c) two neighbors
- (d) poetess' mother and her cousins

b) The big girl here refers to.....

- (a) the eldest cousin of the mother
- (b) the tallest girl
- (c) the poetess' mother
- (d) the heaviest of the girls

c) **What figure of speech is used in the 1st line of the extract**

- (a) Alliteration
- (b) Metaphor
- (c) Allusion
- (d) Simile

d) **Who is the poet of the poem**

- (a) William Wordsworth
- (b) John Keats
- (c) Kamala Das
- (d) Shirley Toulson

4. Attempt any five questions from the following:

(5 Marks)

a. What was the common link of friendship between the author and his grandmother in the city given in the chapter “ The Portrait of a Lady “ ?

- i) They went to school together.
- ii) She helped him in his studies.
- iii) They shared a room
- iv) They fed the birds together

b. The poem “ A photograph also explores o sense of loss that the poet’s mother felt.

This loss was

- i) The loss of her childhood and its memories
- ii) loss of her cousins
- iii) Loss of her youth
- iv) Non of these

c. The poem ‘A Photograph” discusses about the mother in.....

- i) two phases
- ii) three phases
- iii) four phases
- iv) one phase

d What is the theme of the poem “ A Photograph”?

- i) It is a tribute to poet’s mother
- ii) It is an autobiography of poet’s mother.
- iii) It is about a photograph
- iv) It is about the poet’s childhood

e “A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart ” What does this reveal about

John Byro as a person ?

- i) He is a suspicious man.
- ii) He believes in hearsay
- iii) He is a man of good heart.
- iv) He is not a suspicious man.

f. How long was the journey planned by the narrator in the chapter “ We’re not Afraid To Die.....’ ?

- i) three years
- ii) four years
- iii) four months
- iv) three months

SECTION B :

[25 MARKS]

**5 You are Secretary of the History Club of PUNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.
Draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing students of a proposed visit to
some important historical sites in your city.**

[3 Marks]

- 6 You want to sell your newly purchased car. Draft a suitable advertisement [3 Marks] in not more than 50 words to be inserted in the classified columns of 'The Economic Times' giving all necessary details. You are Sumedh , 247, Moti. Nagar, Bangalore.
- 7 You are Navin / Naina of Carolbaug Nagar ,New Delhi. The 60 –feet-wide main [5 Marks] road in Carolbaug Market remains congested throughout the day because of massive encroachments on both sides of the road causing a lot of inconvenience to pedestrians especially children and women. Write a letter to the Editor of National Daily requesting him to highlight the problems faced by the residents giving concrete suggestions for improving the situation



SECTION C

8 Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

[9 Marks]

- (a) What is the significance of sparrows in grandmothers life ?
- (b) What is the significance of sparrows in grandmothers life ?
- (c) “And of this circumstance thus nothing to say at all. Its silence silences” says the poetess’s in ‘A Photograph. What is she referring to?

9Answer the following questions in 120- 150 words.

[5 Marks]

Comment on the role of Aram the narrator in the story “The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse “