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## PERIODIC ASSESSMENT – I [21-22]

### GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

- 1 This paper is divided into two parts; A and B .All questions are compulsory.
- 2 Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary .  
Read these instructions carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### **PART A READING**

**25 Marks  
10 Marks**

Q.1 Read the passage given below :

1. After water, tea is the most popular beverage in the world. Its popularity has survived thousands of years and has played an important role in many cultures. It is enjoyed both hot and cold, as a refreshing drink, as part of a ceremony, or as a tonic for improved health.
2. The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today, from remote Ladakh in India to Buckingham Palace in London, tea is synonymous with cheer. It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on a perfect cup of tea. Though for tea drinkers the brew is addictive, the preferred method of preparation and taste differ from person to person and region to region. From traditional black teas, to the newer, and extraordinarily healthy white teas, and recognizable flavoured teas such as Earl Grey, to exotic blends such as Rooibos Love, there is a flavour and a blend for everyone. Today many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. An innovation is the tea-bag that is easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways of brewing tea. Green tea is popular in China and the Far East.
3. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. It is an olive-coloured liquid served in porcelain cups. In Morocco, green tea is infused with freshly plucked mint.
4. Some scientists believe tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride.
5. Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhoea. Tea is also said to have antioxidants that fight cancer and also has anti-ageing properties that fight the free radicals in our bodies. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood.
6. A welcome thought for inveterate tea drinkers. Tea is the new apple-a-day to keep the doctor away!

**7.1 Read the questions given below and write the option you consider the most appropriate for any six. (1 x 6 = 6)**

(a) Tea is believed to have been introduced to Europe by the:

- i. Chinese.
- ii. Japanese.
- iii. Moroccans.
- iv. Dutch.

b) "Tea is synonymous with cheer" means:

- i. a cup of tea is always welcome.
- ii. a cup of tea makes people happy.
- iii. a cup of tea is good for health.
- iv. a cup of tea can be found in any part of the world.

(c) A new and convenient way of making tea is:

- i. without adding milk or sugar.
- ii. by adding mint leaves.
- iii. by boiling tea leaves.
- iv. by using tea bags.

(d) The tea ceremony is a way of greeting guests in:

- i. Morocco.
- ii. China.
- iii. the Far East.
- iv. Japan.

e) The fluorides in tea are useful in preventing:

- i. headaches.
- ii. cancer.
- iii. tooth decay.
- iv. heart problems.

(f) An inveterate tea drinker is one who:

- i. hates drinking tea.
- ii. loves drinking tea.
- iii. is addicted to tea drinking.
- iv. has never tasted tea in his/her life.

(g) The antioxidants present in tea make it a beneficial drink for patients suffering from:

- i. headaches.
- ii. tooth decay.
- iii. flu.
- iv. Cancer

**7.2 Find ( any four ) words in the passage that mean the opposite of the following: (1 x 4 = 4 )**

- (a) central (para 2): .....
- (b) unconventional (para 3): .....
- (c) available ( para 2)
- (d) welcome ( para 6)

### LITERATURE

Q.2 Read the extracts given below and attempt any one by answering the questions that follow : ( 1 × 4= 4)

With a satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys, exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen

- (a) What happened to the rain suddenly?
- (b) 'The frozen pearls' refers to which thing in the paragraph.
- (c) Find the similar meaning-of 'contented' in the paragraph.
- (d) Find from the passage a word which means 'to take after'.

OR

I tried to sound severe: "Now ! really mean this. If you don't cut his food right down and give him more exercise he is going to be really ill. You must harden your heart and keep him on a very strict diet".

- (a) Why did the speaker try to sound severe?
- (b) For whom was the advice given and why?
- (c) Find the word in the extract which is a synonym of the word 'serious'.
- (d) What is the antonym of 'hardened'?

Q.3 Read the extracts given below and attempt any one by answering the questions that follow : ( 1 × 4= 4)

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree

- (a) Where did the crow sit ?
- (b) We can say that the poet was .....
- (c) How did the crow change the poet's mood ?
- (d) What fell off from a hemlock tree ?

### GRAMMAR

Q 4 Fill in the blanks the by choosing the correct options given below: ( 1 × 4= 4)

(i) Every employee \_\_\_\_\_ consider himself as a part of team.

- (a) need                      (b) had to                      (c) needs to                      (d) had

(ii) Mumbai is \_\_\_\_\_ than most other cities in India .

- (a) richer                      (b) richest                      (c) rich                      (d) very rich

(iii) She \_\_\_\_\_ her homework at this time tomorrow .

- (a) will done                      (b) is done                      (c) will be doing                      (d) will have do

(iv) The dog \_\_\_\_\_ when he is angry

- (a) bark                      (b) barks                      (c) barked                      (d) is barking

Q 5 Read the comic strip and complete the passage given blow. Write the correct answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence: (1× 3=3 )



Mrs.Pickle told Mrs.Weaklythat she had told Rodney that (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an emotional commitment from him. At this Mrs. Weakly asked her what (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs.Pickle replied that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) (a) She wanted  
(b) She had wanted  
(c) She has wanted  
(d) She have wanted

- (ii) (a) he said  
(b) did he say  
(c) had he said  
(d) he had said

- (iii) (a) he had started crying  
(b) he stared crying  
(c) he starts crying  
(d) he cried

**PART B  
WRITING**

**(25Marks )**

**Q6. Attempt any one of the following in 100-120 words**

**( 5 Marks)**

You are Akshay / Akshita , Rampur road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When you go on road, you see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and drive their vehicle recklessly which sometimes leads to road rage . Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advising people to following rules while driving vehicles.

**OR**

It was raining heavily, the street lights had gone off and I was returning..... Complete the story in about 150-200 words, providing an appropriate title to it.

**LITERATURE**

Q 7 Answer the questions in 20-30 words :

**( 2×2 = 4)**

(A) Who was Lencho ? What were his main problems?

(B) How will fire destroy the whole world ?

Q 8 Answer any one questions in 40-50 words each ,from (A) and (B) respectively

**( 3×2 = 6)**

(A) Why and how did postmaster help Lencho ?

What does the fire and ice stand for ? What is the general opinion about the world

(B) Why was Mr. Harriot attempted to keep Trikki as a permanent guest?

Q 9 Answer any one questions in 100-120 words

**( 5 Marks)**

(A) Which moral lesson do you learn from The lesson “ Dust of snow”

(B) Lencho addresses the post office employees as a ‘bunch of crooks’, why ? Give reasons in support of your answer.

Q 10 Answer the question in 100-120 words

**( 5 Marks)**

(A) Excess of everything is bad. Comment in the wake of Mrs Pumphrey’s love for Trikki.

**OR**

(B) What treatment was given to Trikki by Dr. Harriot ?