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A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

PERIODIC TEST II- 2025-26
ENGLISH-MS

Class: VIII
Date: 11.11.25
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections: READING, GRAMMAR, WRITING and LITERATURE. 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS

1. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(7 Marks)

Social media platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat are popular among teenagers. While these platforms can be fun and a way to stay connected, they can also negatively affect self-esteem. Many teens compare themselves to the edited and filtered lives they see online. They may feel their own lives are not as exciting, beautiful, or successful.

Studies show that spending too much time on social media can lead to feelings of anxiety, sadness, or loneliness. Teenagers might start to measure their self-worth based on likes, comments, or followers. This can make them forget their real talents, achievements, and the people who truly care about them.

However, not all effects of social media are bad. When used wisely, it can be a place to learn, express creativity, and raise awareness about important issues. The key is to use social media in moderation and not let it define one's value.

It is important for young people to understand that what they see online is often not the full picture. Everyone has challenges—even if they're hidden behind perfect photos.

I. What is the main idea of the passage?

(1)

- A) Social media should be banned. B) Social media always helps people
C) Social media can both help and hurt self-esteem. D) Social media is only for adults

II. What do teenagers often compare themselves to on social media?

(1)

Answer: They compare themselves to the edited and artificial lives they see online.

III. Why do teens sometimes feel bad after using social media?

(1)

- A) They get bored. B) They lose internet connection
C) They compare themselves to perfect-looking posts. D) They see too many ads

IV. Find out the word from the passage that means 'not real or natural' (used to describe images or appearances).

(1)

Answer:- Filtered.

V. What is a positive use of social media mentioned in the passage?

(1)

- A) Playing games all night. B) Learning and spreading awareness
C) Taking selfies. D) Watching random videos.

VI. What does the passage suggest about the “perfect photos” people post online? (1)

Answer: The passage suggests that “perfect photos” often hide real-life challenges and do not show the full picture.

VII. What is one reason the passage gives for why people should be careful with social media? (1)

- A) It is expensive. B) It can waste mobile data
C) It may cause people to forget their real worth D) It has too many advertisements

SECTION B- GRAMMAR (4 marks)

2. Choose the correct verb (Gerund/Infinitive) and fill in the blanks. (1x2=2)

I. I enjoy _____ (read) adventure stories.(to read/reading)

II. He forgot _____ (lock) the door.(to lock/locking)

3. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence (1x2=2)

I. If it rains tomorrow, we _____ the picnic.(had cancelled/will cancel)

II. If I had a million dollars, I _____ a new house. (Would buy/will buy)

SECTION C-WRITING SKILL (4 marks)

4. Write **any one** of the following:

I. Write a formal letter to the Principal of your school requesting permission to attend a three-day educational camp organized by a science club.

Ans:-To

The Principal,

ABC Public School,

City Name.

Subject: Permission to attend educational science camp

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am a student of Class VIII and wish to attend a three-day educational camp organized by the Young Scientists Club from 2nd to 4th October. It will enhance my knowledge and exposure in science. Kindly grant me permission to attend the camp.

Thank you.

Yours obediently,

XYZ

OR

II. Write a short story (100–120 words) based on the following opening line (Title and moral are mandatory)

It was a cold and stormy night when I heard a knock on the door..."

You may use the hints:

Who was at the door? What happened next?

What problem did they face? How did it end?

Ans:-

The Unexpected Visitor

It was a cold and stormy night when I heard a knock on the door. At first, I was scared—who could it be at this hour? I opened the door slowly and saw a small, shivering puppy on the doorstep. It looked lost and hungry. I brought it inside, dried its fur, and gave it some food.

The next morning, my parents helped me put up posters around the neighborhood to find its owner. Two days later, a little boy came running, tears in his eyes—he had been searching for his puppy everywhere. His smile when he saw it warmed my heart.

Moral:-A small act of kindness can bring great happiness.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

(10 marks)

(1x3=3)

5. Answer in one word/sentence.

I. Who was the first witness in Darnay's Trial?

Gabelle was the first witness in Darnay's Trial

II. What does the phrase “crying wolf” mean?

It means a pleading call of a wolf.

III. Where was the second office of Tellson's bank situated?

London.

6. Answer any 2 of the following questions in about 40-50 words.

(2x2=4)

I. What helped Charles Darnay escape punishment?

His own perseverance, his wife's love, Dr. Manette's efforts, Gabelle and Lorry's witness helped Charles Darnay escape punishment.

II. What lessons have you received from "The Cry of the Wolf"?

The story teaches us not to lie or raise false alarms. Constantly lying can lead people to stop believing us, and in a real emergency, no one may come to help—just like the boy who cried wolf and was ignored when the danger was real.

III. How is the Character of Dr. Manette important in "Problems of Charles Darnay"?

Dr. Manette plays a key role as both Darnay's father-in-law and a respected former prisoner of the Bastille. His past experiences in prison make him sympathetic to Darnay's suffering and help influence others to support Darnay during his difficult times.

7. Answer any 1 of the following questions in about 60-80 words:

(1x3=3)

I. What do you know about endangered species of animals? Give example and elaborate.

Endangered species are animals that are at risk of becoming extinct due to habitat loss, hunting, pollution, or climate change. When a species is endangered, its population is very low and needs protection. For example, the Bengal tiger is an endangered species due to poaching and deforestation. Governments and wildlife organizations have created protected areas and conservation programs to save such species. It is important to protect endangered animals to maintain balance in nature and preserve biodiversity.

II. What major problems did Charles Darnay face, and how did he overcome them?

Ans:-Charles Darnay faced several major problems, including being accused of treason in England and later being imprisoned during the French Revolution. In both cases, he risked execution. He overcame these challenges with the help of people who loved and believed in him—such as Sydney Carton, who sacrificed his life for him, and Dr. Manette, who used his influence to defend him in France. Darnay's courage and the loyalty of others helped save him.

*****ALL THE BEST*****