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PERIODIC TEST 2 2025-26

ENGLISH

Class: IX
Date: 10.11.25
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

General Instructions:

1. The question paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION - A READING

(7 Marks)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

The Rise of Eco-Friendly Travel

In recent years, travel has transformed from being a leisure pursuit to a thoughtful activity shaped by environmental concerns. More and more people now seek ways to explore the world without harming it. This growing awareness has given rise to a movement called eco-friendly travel or sustainable tourism.

Eco-friendly travellers make conscious choices—from staying in hotels that recycle water and energy to avoiding plastic bottles and supporting local artisans. Such small steps reduce the negative impact of tourism while strengthening local economies. In places like Sikkim and Kerala, several initiatives have shown that responsible travel can protect both natural and cultural heritage.

One key aspect of sustainable travel is minimizing the carbon footprint. Travellers are encouraged to travel by train instead of airplanes for shorter distances, participate in tree-planting drives, and respect biodiversity by not disturbing wildlife or littering trekking routes. Even digital practices, like using e-tickets instead of printed copies, contribute to this green mission.

However, sustainability is not only about preserving the environment—it is also about enriching human experiences. When tourists engage with local communities, listen to indigenous stories, and learn from traditional lifestyles, travel becomes a bridge of understanding rather than a mere checklist of destinations.

As eco-friendly travel gains momentum, it offers a hopeful vision of tourism's future—one where people and the planet thrive together. Choosing such responsible ways of exploring ensures that the beauty we enjoy today will remain for generations to come.

I. Answer the following questions

1. The passage suggests that eco-friendly travel is more than avoiding pollution. Explain what deeper values it promotes among travellers.
2. Why is sustainable travel considered a bridge between people and the planet? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

3. Identify and explain two initiatives mentioned in the passage that demonstrate how local actions contribute to global environmental goals.
4. Choose the option that best captures the author's tone in the passage:
 - a) Critical and doubtful
 - b) Optimistic and persuasive
 - c) Neutral and informative
 - d) Humorous and casual
5. What does the phrase "small actions can create a significant impact" imply in the context of responsible travel?
6. Find from the passage:
One word meaning "to make smaller or lessen."
7. Based on your understanding of the passage, evaluate how eco-friendly travel could influence the future of global tourism. Write your answer in 30–40 words.

SECTION B- WRITING & GRAMMAR (11 Marks)

II. You are a resident of your area. Recently, there have been frequent power cuts affecting daily life and studies. Write a formal letter to the Editor of a local newspaper, highlighting the problem and requesting immediate action from the authorities. 3M

III. Write an article on "The Importance of Saving Water and Energy" for your school magazine. 4M

IV. Do as directed

4M

1. Rearrange the following words to form a meaningful sentence:
 - a. local communities / support / travellers / should / and / respect / nature
 - b. energy consumption / reduce / to / all / must / efforts / make
2. Join the following sentences using a suitable connector:
 - a. She was tired. She continued to work.
3. Fill in the blank with an appropriate connector:
 - a. I will call you _____ I reach home.

SECTION C – LITERATURE (7 marks)

V. Attempt **ANY TWO** of the four questions given below, within 30-43 words each. **2x2 = 4**

1. What is meant by the phrase "bubble reputation" in the soldier's stage?
2. How does the poet describe the consequences of not taking care of teeth?
3. Why did Mrs. Bramble and others decide to keep Mr. Bramble's profession as a boxer a secret from Harold?

VI. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the questions given below.

1x3=3

1. What regrets does the poet express in "Oh, I Wish I'd Looked after Me Teeth"? How does the humorous tone affect the way the message is conveyed?
2. How does the story "Keeping It from Harold" highlight the theme of parental concern and the gap between appearance and reality? Explain with reference to the characters' actions and feelings in the story.

*****All the Best *****