

PERIODICAL TEST III (2018-19)
ENGLISH

Class: IX

Marks: 40
Time: 1.30hr

General instructions:

- 1-This Question Paper comprises of 3 sections A,B & C
- 2-All questions are compulsory.
- 3-Marks are included against each question.

SECTION A (READING)

(I) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x8=8

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq km. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides the 300 km. wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery-white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and at sunset, when the colour of the sky changes to golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two days stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guest house of a tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after the book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttarakhand is the abode of Gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (a) Where is Kausani situated ?
- (b) What is the most striking aspect of Kausani ?
- (c) Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani ?
- (d) How did Kausani influence Sumitranandan Pant ?
- (e) When does the view of peaks become so memorable ?
- (f) How can we say that Gandhiji was greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani ?
- (g) What makes Kausani a calm and quiet place ?
- (h) Why is Kausani's guest house of the tea estate known as 'Anashakti Ashram' ?

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

'My younger sister was playing hide and seek with me. I saw her hiding behind the dressing mirror. When I tried to find her she was inside the mirror and not behind it. I was scared and confused.....' Develop a story using the given lines in 100– 120 words **8**

OR

Keeping in view the given clues, write a paragraph on increasing accidents in about 100-150 words. Take help from the given clues:

Hints: Road traffic accidents..... Loss of motion and family.....1.2 millions killed each year preventable road safety rules.....be late than ever.

The underlined words in the following passage have not been used appropriately. Write the answers in your answersheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. **3**

IT sector is witnessing (a) boom in contemporary times. Success (b)..... be difficult. If one fails (c)..... keep himself updated (d).....the technical innovation. Today IT training (e)..... beyond the confines of media(f).....entertainment industry.

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| (a) i- a | ii-the | iii- an | iv- only |
| (b) i-is | ii-will | iii- may | iv- was |
| (c) i-to | ii-of | iii- for | iv- on |
| (d) i-to | ii-of | iii-with | iv- for |
| (e) i-has crossed | ii- crossed | iii- is crossing | iv- will cross |

The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number. **3**

Incorrect

Correct

You will have your hair cut very short in the (a) -----

first month. After that you might grow it (b)-----

longer but it shall never touch your collar. (c)-----

Your uniform should be neat but clean too. (d)-----

A student is expect to be neat and clean. (e)-----

A good student alklways wore clean clothes. (f)-----

(III)Rearrange words to form meaningful sentences: 3

- 1-world/buy/entire/the/feels/can/he/rich/person/a
- 2-it/great/was/for/a/achievement/him
- 3-no longer/most of/go to/the people/the theatre

SECTION C (LITT. AND LONG READING TEXT)

(V)Read the extract given below and answer the following : 3

Little Maria had not yet celebrated her tenth birthday when she was packed off to train in the United States. That trip to Florida with her father Yuri launched her on the path to success and stardom. But it also required heart – wrenching two – year separation from her mother Yelena. The latter was compelled to stay back in Siberia because of visa restrictions . The nine year- old girl had already learnt an important lesson in life that tennis excellence would only come at a price.

Comprehension Questions

1. For the training of which game had Maria been sent to the United States ?
2. Why could Maria’s mother not accompany her to the United States ?
3. What important lesson had Maria learnt early in life ?
4. Which word in the passage means the opposite of ‘failure’?

Or

(VI) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 3

Then good Saint Peter grew angry,
For he was hungry and faint ;
And surely such a woman
Was enough to provoke a saint.

Questions :

- [a] Why did a good saint like St. Peter grow angry ?
- [b] Was such a woman enough to provoke a saint ? How ?
- [c] Find a word from the passage which means : 'incite' .

(VII) Answer the following questions: 4X2=8

- 1-Where had Prashant gone on 27th October, 1999 ? why ?
- 2-Why did Jerome have to re-open the packed bag ?
- 3- What is Johnsy's illness ? What can cure her, the medicine or willingness ?
- 4-How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki ?
- 5-Why did Jerome have to re-open the packed bag ?
- 6- Bruno once got paralysis. Why? How was he treated

(VIII) Answer the following question in briefly 4

- 1-Write a brief character –sketch of Maria Saharapova ?

OR

What are the immediate needs of the victims of a natural calamity ? How did Prashant fulfill them ?

