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PERIODIC TEST-I 2023-25 (SET –1)  
CLASS -VIII SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Time-1.30 Hrs.

M.M-40

General Instructions-

Section -A- Reading 10 Marks

Section -B- Grammar & Writing 14 marks

Section -C- Literature 16 Marks

SECTION -A- READING

Q1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 1x10=10

For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favourite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavours. But I always get coffee flavour. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think. Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavours: strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate- but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavours.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavours. Actually, the only Disco flavour I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of Twinkle ice cream for \$4.50. That's only two weeks allowance for me.

(i) According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it:

I. Is all natural                      II. IS made in Bolivia                      III. Comes on many flavours

(a) I only                      (b) I and III only                      (c) II and III only                      (d) I, II and III

(a) is relatively inexpensive    (b) has bubblegum in it    (c) is made in Bolivia    (d) is okay

(iii) According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different from Go?

I. Randolph Farms has many different flavours and Goodies does not.

II. Randolph Farms use all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.

III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.

(a)I only      (b)I and II only      (c)II and III only      (d)I,II and III

(iv)According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?

(a)Cheap ingredient (b)expensive price (c)Mediocre quality (d)Lack of flavours

(v)How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?

(a)\$2.25      (b)\$4.50      (c)\$9.00      (d)Not enough information is provided

(vi)How many weeks would it take for the author to save enough money to buy two cartons of Twinkle ice cream?

(a)1 week      (b)2 weeks      (c)3 weeks      (d)4 weeks

(vii)The word 'allowance' in the last para refers to:

(a)Permission (b)Pocket money (c)Rent (d)Fare

(viii)Given are the information included in the passage, which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?

(a)Each manufacturer has its strengths and weaknesses.

(b)The best manufacturers are the ones with the most flavours.

(c)Goodies is certainly not the best manufacturer, as they only have three flavours.

(d)Each manufacturer is good for different reasons.

(ix)Choose the word which differs from the other three in the group.

(a) Inexpensive (b)not expensive (c)cheap (d)lavish

(x) What are the similarities between Randolph Farms and Goodies ice cream.

(a)similar in flavour (b)different in flavour (c) use natural ingredients

(d)smooth, refreshing and creamy taste.

#### SECTION – B- GRAMMAR & WRITING

Q2.Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs in the bracket.

1x3=3

(a)He \_\_\_\_\_(play) for India last year.

(b)When I met Renu, she \_\_\_\_\_(wait) at the bus stop.

(c)Tom \_\_\_\_\_(feel) sleepy after having a good lunch.

Q3.Fill in the blanks using correct option: (A,An,The)

1x3=3

(a)Rajan is a student. When he finishes his studies, he wants to be \_\_\_\_\_journalist.

(b) He swam to \_\_\_\_\_island that was not far away.

(c) The universe has more stars than all \_\_\_\_\_grains of sand on the world's beaches combined.

Q4. Read the given inputs and write a paragraph on the 'Importance of trees' in about 100 words.

Inputs: important for survival -----oxygen-----life giving-----food----material for building house ---

Checks rainfall-----stops soil erosion -----home for animals -----medicines--- reduce air pollution -----climate change -----biodiversity etc. 4 marks

Q5. Read the given hints and write down a story in about 100 to 120 words. Also write its moral and a suitable title for it. 4 marks

Hints: Son falls into bad company – disobeys his parents -loses interest in studies – father decides to -bring them to right -path- gives him few apples-places a rotten apple among the good ones- after few days the -good apples also become rotten-son understands-decides to change themselves- becomes good.

#### SECTION-C- LITERATURE

Q6. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: 1x4=4

At last by starvation and famine made me bold,  
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,  
Away he set off to a miserly ant,  
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

- (a)What was the condition of the cricket?
- (b)Who did he go to for help?
- (c)What did he request him?
- (d)What would happen if he got no help?

Q7. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 20 to 30 words. 3x3=9

- (a)Why was the letter written and what was the wonderful thing that had happened?
- (b)Why did the author go to Bridport?
- (c)What was the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw?
- (d)What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?

Q8. How did the two armies celebrate the Christmas Eve? 3

OR

What does the poet mean when he says that 'some crickets have two legs'? Explain it.