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Periodic Test – II (2026-27)

Subject – English

Class - X

Time: 1.5 hours

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Instructions

- The Question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A:	Reading Comprehension	10 Marks
Section B:	Writing	10 Marks
Section C:	Grammar	5 Mar
Section D:	Literature/Text Books	15 Marks
Total		40 Marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated against each question.

Section – A (Reading)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (5marks)

The Vanishing Rainforests

Rainforests once covered 14% of the Earth's land surface; now they cover only about 6%. Experts estimate that the last remaining rainforests could be consumed in less than 40 years. Rainforests are home to more than half of the world's plant and animal species. Despite their importance, these ecosystems are rapidly disappearing due to deforestation, agriculture, and climate change.

One of the primary reasons for rainforest destruction is the demand for land. As populations grow, forests are cleared to create space for farming, cattle grazing, and urban expansion. This not only disrupts biodiversity but also contributes to climate change. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, and cutting them down releases this greenhouse gas back into the atmosphere.

Moreover, many indigenous tribes depend on rainforests for their livelihoods and cultural identity. Their displacement not only affects them but also leads to the loss of ancient knowledge about the medicinal uses of rainforest plants—many of which are yet to be studied or documented by modern science.

Preserving rainforests is not just an environmental concern—it is a matter of human survival. Without urgent global cooperation and sustainable development strategies, the consequences of rainforest loss will be irreversible.

A. Choose and write the correct option:

1. What is one major cause of rainforest destruction mentioned in the passage?

- a) Overpopulation of animal species
- b) Frequent natural disasters
- c) Expansion for agricultural and urban use
- d) Decline in tourism

2. How does deforestation contribute to climate change?

- a) By cooling the Earth's surface
- b) By releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere
- c) By increasing rainfall
- d) By reflecting sunlight

3. What is the significance of indigenous tribes in rainforest conservation?

- a) They help build industries in rainforests
- b) They teach modern farming techniques
- c) They possess knowledge about medicinal plants
- d) They promote tourism

B. Answer the following questions:

1. Explain how the destruction of rainforests affects biodiversity and human communities.
2. Suggest two ways in which individuals or governments can help protect rainforests.

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

The Mask We Wear

*We smile and laugh, yet deep inside, A
storm of thoughts we often hide. The
world may see a cheerful face,
But miss the silent, inner space.*

*We wear a mask from day to night,
To shield our truth from others' sight.
Afraid to show what lies beneath—
The doubts, the scars, the pain, the grief.*

*But in the stillness, hearts may find A
kindred soul, a gentle mind.
For those who dare to drop disguise,
Will see the world through honest eyes.*

A. Choose and write the correct option:

1. What is the 'mask' referred to in the poem?
 - a) A literal covering for the face
 - b) A costume worn during festivals
 - c) The false persona people show to others
 - d) A protective gear from pollution
2. According to the poem, what often remains hidden behind smiles?
 - a) Excitement and energy
 - b) Thoughts and emotions
 - c) Dreams and desires
 - d) Songs and stories
3. What message does the poet convey in the last stanza?
 - a) It's important to remain silent
 - b) Life is full of mysteries
 - c) True connection comes from honesty
 - d) We should never trust anyone

B. Answer the following questions:

1. How does the poet use imagery to describe the difference between appearance and reality?
2. Do you think people should always express their true emotions? Give reasons for your answer based on the poem.

Section – B (Writing)

Q3. You are Aryan / Ayesha, a student of Class 10 at Green Valley Public School, Jaipur. You are deeply concerned about the growing problem of noise pollution in your city due to constant honking, loudspeakers, and construction work. Write a letter to the Editor of *The Jaipur Times*, highlighting the issue, its harmful effects, and suggesting measures to control it. (5 marks)

Q4. The following bar graph shows the number of road accidents reported in a city over four consecutive months. Study the graph carefully and write an analytical paragraph in about 100–120 words. (5 marks)



Section – C (Grammar)

Q5. Read the following passage. There are four words missing. Identify the missing words and write them along with the word that comes before and after each omitted word. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

It important to note that success does not come overnight. It requires patience hard work, and consistency. Students often get discouraged they do not see immediate results, but they must remember every step forward counts. Even failures are part the learning process.

Q6. Complete the passage by filling in the blanks with the most appropriate words: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

The world today (1) _____ (face) serious environmental problems. One of the biggest threats is plastic pollution, which harms wildlife and pollutes water bodies. If we do not act (2) _____, the damage may become irreversible. Every individual has (3) _____ role to play in reducing plastic use. Awareness and small lifestyle changes (4) _____ help protect the planet.

Q7. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$ mark)

1. achieve / dedication / impossible / without / the / is / goal

2. rushed / hospital / to / the / injured / immediately / was / the / man

Section – D (Literature)

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given below. (1 × 3 = 3 mark)

“That day had come about through the unimaginable sacrifices of thousands of my people, people whose suffering and courage can never be counted or repaid. I felt that day, as I have on so many other days, that I was simply the sum of all those African patriots who had gone before me. That long and noble line ended and now began again with me. I was pained that I was not able to thank them and that they were not able to see what their sacrifices had wrought.”

1. What does Mandela mean by "the unimaginable sacrifices"?
 - a) Donations by foreign nations
 - b) Military attacks and invasions
 - c) Great personal and collective suffering of his people
 - d) Mandela's own hardships in prison

2. What does the phrase “I was simply the sum of all those African patriots” suggest?
 - a) Mandela was the only leader in history
 - b) He considered himself greater than others
 - c) He represented the collective spirit and struggle of many freedom fighters
 - d) He didn't respect earlier leaders

3. What is Mandela's emotional response in the extract?
 - a) Indifference and pride
 - b) Joy and satisfaction
 - c) Gratitude and sorrow
 - d) Confusion and guilt

4. Why did Mandela feel pained on that day?
 - a) Because the ceremony was too long

- b) Because his family was not present
- c) Because his fellow patriots could not witness the success of their struggle
- d) Because he lost the election

Q9. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2×4=8 marks)

1. Why did the postmaster decide to help Lencho?
2. Can you say how 10 May is an 'autumn day' in South Africa?
3. Why is he tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?
4. What does the hemlock tree symbolize in the poem? How can we make the wind our friend, according to the poet 'Dust of Snow'?
5. How does the poem 'Fire and Ice' reflect human emotions?

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words. (1×4=4 marks)

1. How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?
2. Why does the postmaster send money to Lencho? Why does he sign the letter 'God'?