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Cycle Test-2
Class: VIII
Sub: English

Marks: 20
Time :45mins.

1. This Question paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.

2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions

Section A: Reading

1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions

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Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

I. Choose the right option. (1 X 5 = 5)

- 1) Marie had a brilliant mind and a _____ personality. ①
a) humorous b) strange c) blithe d) envious
- 2) _____ she remembered their joy together. ③
a) despondently b) happily c) irefully d) quietly
- 3) Which is the university mentioned in the passage? ①
- 4) In which subject did Marie got her doctorate? ①
- 5) What is the noun form of 'treat'? ③

OR

Read the passage given below and answer the questions

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge

1. Which word in the passage means 'Holiness of life'?
2. Why did Ferdinand Magellan lost the king's favor ?
3. 'Terrestrial'-write down the meaning.
4. The Strait of All Saints today, known as-----
5. Which word from the following means 'amicable'?
a) rude b) unfriendly c) friendly d) impolite
6. The opposite of 'minor' is-----
a) major b) small c) low d) little

Section B: Writing and Grammar

2 Read the following sentences and follow the commands, mentioned in brackets. (Any4)

1. He always carried his little puppy with him everywhere. (Identify the tense of the underlined verb.) X
2. I wish we ____ (go) to Disney World. (use the correct form of the verb given in bracket)
3. Sumita can sing well but she is very shy. (underline the modal verb) (1)
4. They had been sleeping when we arrived home. (Identify the tense of the underlined verb) (1)
5. Tonight, we ____ (prepare) for our entrance test. (rewrite the sentence with future continuous form of the verb given in bracket) (1)

Attempt ANY ONE :

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Write a paragraph on 'Importance of exercise'.

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Write an e-mail to your neighbour Manish/Manisha, requesting him/her to look after your indoor plants as you are going out of the city for a week. Tell him/her how obliged you will be and thank him/her for doing this chore for you.

Section C: Literature

4. Read the extract given below and attempt ANY THREE by answering the questions (Any 3)

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When the jet sprang into the sky,
It was clear why the city
had developed the way it had,
seeing it scaled six inches to the mile.
There seemed an inevitability
About what on ground had looked haphazard,
unplanned and without style
When the jet sprang into the sky. (3)

1. Who is the poet of the poem "Geography Lesson"?
(A) Rabindranath Tagore (B) T.S. Eliot (C) Satyajit Ray (D) Zulfikar Ghose
2. The word 'sprang' means....
(A) threw (B) spread (C) went up (D) expanded
3. The word 'scaled' refers to? (A) spotted (B) like a scale (C) measured (D) scored
4. What does the poet describe??
(A) The scene of a city (B) The scene of a tower (C) the scene of a garden (D) the scene of a fair

OR

When the Kanyakumari Express pulled in at Chennai Central, it took Velu some time to get off. When he finally stood on the platform, his legs felt wobbly, as if he was still on a moving train
"Oy, out of the way!" A porter went by with a loaded trolley. Velu jumped aside.

1. Mention the name of the station, the Kanyakumari Express pulled in.
(A) Chennai Central (B) Mumbai Central (C) Kanyakumari St. (D) Kalyan Junction
2. The word 'wobbly' means....
(A) steady (B) unsteady (C) calm (D) firm
3. Who went with the loaded trolley?
(A) Ticket Checker (B) porter (C) Velu (D) A passenger
4. The passage reveals that Velu was travelling alone?
(A) True (B) false

5. Answer any one of the following questions in 40 to 50 words

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1. What lesson of Geography did the poet learn when he flew above his city?
2. i) Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion? (2)
ii) What were the warning signs that both Tilly and her mother saw?

6. Answer any one of the following questions in 40 to 50 words.

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1. Velu stood on the platform but he felt "as if he was still on a moving train." Why? (2)
2. The Giant saw a most wonderful sight. What did he see?

7. Answer any one of the following questions in 100 to 120 words

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1. When he felt the earthquake, do you think Ignacious immediately worried about a tsunami? Give reasons (3)
2. Who did the Giant love most? Why?