DEVAMATHA CMI PUBLIC SCHOOL
PERIODIC TEST - I 2017-2018

Std.VIII   **ENGLISH**   Marks : 40

Time : $1\frac{1}{2}$ h.

Section A - Reading

I   Read the passage given below and answer the following questions :   (1x5=5)

Patriotism is an old concept, as old perhaps as the earliest of human civilisation. But all through the history of mankind, it has been narrowly understood. Today people have begun to realise that patriotism is an essential part of haman instinct. Patriotism has its negative sides particularly when it exceeds its proper bounds. People who think their own country to be the best and are blind to its weakness are not patriots at all.

We are the members of a large human family and so cannot neglect our duties and responsibilties towards it. Our love for the country should be conditioned by respect for the whole community. Narrow prejudice can do nothing except to bring misfortune. In trying to overlook others' interest in the modern world, we harm our own.

Patriotism should be tempered with reason so that it may not be an evil.

1.   Today what is the belief of people regarding patriotism ?

2.   Narrow prejudice always bring _____

3.   When does patriotism become an evil ?

4.   Which word in the passage means opposite to 'Positive'?

5.   Pick out the word from the passage which has the synonym 'bias'.

Section B - Writing

II.   Write a letter to your friend describing the Award Day Ceremony of your school.   (5)

Section C - Grammar

1II.   Rearrange the word to form complete and meaningful sentences :   (1x1=1)

1.   the / flowers / grow / everywhere / beautiful / forests / in.

IV.   Choose the correct word from the brackets and fill in the blanks :   ($\frac{1}{2}$ x2=1)

1.   He writes_____ poetry (excellent, excellently)

2.   Mirza's story is an _____ one. (interesting, interested)

V.   Rewrite the following sentences so that a Comparative is used instead of

a Superlative or a Superlative instead of a Comparative :   (1x2=2)

1.   Kavitha is better than any other girl in the class.

2.   America is the richest country in the world.

VI   Fill in the blanks with correct Degree of Adjective: ($^1/_2$x4=2)

    1.   The pears are _____ than the plums. (hard)

    2.   Chinese is _____ than English (difficult).

    3.   The Pyramids of Giza are the _____ of all the wonders of the
world. (wonderful)

    4.   My brother's handwriting is _____ than mine. (bad)

VII.   Fill in the blanks using Abstract Noun: ($^1/_2$x1=$^1/_2$)

    1.   There is no end to his _____ (wicked)

VIII. Complete the sentence using appropriate Collective Noun.   ($^1/_2$x1=$^1/_2$)

    1. A long _____ of steps led to the top of the tower.

IX   Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles Put 'X' if no Article is needed :   ($^1/_2$x2=1)

    1. My daughter is learning to play _____ violin at her school.

    2. He likes to play _____ volleyball.

X   Choose the correct Verb from the brackets to fill in the blanks :   ($^1/_2$x2=1)

    1. Neither the conductor nor the musicians _____ very good. (was, were)

    2. Our music band _____ and composes its own songs. (write, writes)

XI.   Rewrite the sentence changing the subject and verb from singular to plural
or vice versa.   (1x1=1)

    1. The clock was stricking twelve when we finally went to bed .

Section D – Literature

XII   Give meaning for the words given below: ($^1/_2$x2=1)

    1. Upstart

    2. Subdue.

XIII Give two Synonyms for the given words: (1x1=1)

    1. Brewing

XIV. Give the Antonym for the words given below: (½x2=1)

    1. Dethroned

    2. Outbreak

XV   Frame a meaningful sentence using the given word :   (1x1=1)

    1. Scorned

XVI   Quote from memory (first 8 lines) :   (4)

    "A silly young ....
.... on a tree'';

XVII. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (2)

Macavity, Macavity, there's no one like Macavity

He's broken every human law, he breaks

the law of gravity.

His power of levitation would make a fakir stare,

And when you reach the scence of crime

- Macavity's not there !

1. Who is the poet of the above lines ?

2. How does he break Newton's law of gravity ?

XVIII. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each :

1. What is Connie's Christmas present? Why is it the best Christmas present in the world? (2)

2. What are the two different ideas about why so few animals were killed in the Tsunami ? (2)

3. In what ways did the British officers exploit Indians ? (2)

4. What is the poet trying to bring out about human beings, the earth and learning in 'Geography Lesson' ? (2)

5. Why does Velu find the huts strange ? (1)

6. Why was it still winter in one corner of the garden ? (1)

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