

# PT4/ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2022-23

## ENGLISH

Time - 3 hrs.

Class – VIII (Set-A)

M.M. – 80

Name of the student \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Date - 16.02.2023 (Thursday)

### SECTION A-READING (15 MARKS)

**Q 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it. 1x5=5**

“My god, it speaks” uttered the Emperor of Brazil and the receiver of the Telephone slipped from his hand and banged on the ground. At the other end Alexander Graham Bell was still on line.

The incident goes back to 1876 when at an exhibition in Philadelphia (USA), Alexander Graham Bell was giving a demonstration of his invention. This strange instrument known as Telephone was to revolutionise life in the years to come.

Bell was born at Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a teacher and, was dedicated to the noble cause of teaching the deaf and the dumb. Due to reserve illness, Bell was sent to Canada in 1870, where too he got engaged in helping the dumb-deaf to hear and speak. Thereafter, he shifted to the USA but continued with his work by opening a school for deaf and dumb.

Bell was fond of scientific inventions and was ever engaged in making some machines in his spare time. While at Boston, he tried to communicate through metal wire. His companion in this work was Watson. One day while experimenting with his instrument, Bell spoke to Watson standing at a distance, Watson was taken by a pleasant surprise as he had heard Bell clearly through his instrument. The instrument was a success and Bell patented it.

Graham Bell had some sterling qualities of head and heart. Apart from being an artist, he was a kind human being, ready to help the needy. He established an institution for the deaf and dumb children. He died in 1922 in Canada. The entire northern America paid him a tribute by hanging up their telephones for a while during his funeral.

#### **Questions -**

- I. What according to the passage was the contribution of invention of telephone?
  - a) Interaction between two persons at some distance was not possible.
  - b) Rich people were able to communicate with others.
  - c) Graham Bell could converse with Watson regarding invention through telephone.
  - d) It revolutionised human life.
- II. Which of the following made Bell to invent telephone?
  - a) His activity of teaching.
  - b) His service to the blind and orphans.
  - c) His keen interest in scientific inventions.
  - d) Encouragement received from Watson.
- III. The teaching activity undertaken by Bell was considered ‘noble’ particularly because \_\_\_\_
  - a) he was teaching the physically under-privileged persons.
  - b) there was nobody else in the field of education.
  - c) he was not accepting any salary for that job.
  - d) he was a very famous scientist of his times.
- IV. The words uttered by the Emperor of Brazil suggest that he was extremely
  - a) angry
  - b) insulted
  - c) surprised
  - d) agitated

- V. Find a word from the passage which means-  
*to change something radically or fundamentally*  
a) Revolutionise            b) Engage            c) Communicate    d) Establish

**Q2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it.            10**

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 favour. 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.

**Questions:**

- I. Complete the statements.            (1x2=2)  
a) The 16<sup>th</sup> century was \_\_\_\_\_.  
b) \_\_\_\_\_ Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal.
- II. Answer the following questions.            (2x2=4)  
a) Why was Ferdinand Magellan dismissed?  
b) What did Magellan want to prove?
- III. Choose the correct word from the options which means            (1)  
*a very steep rock or cliff, especially a tall one*  
a) quagmire            b) topography            c) precipice
- IV. The antonym of the word **deserted** is            (1)  
a) Desolated            b) Abandoned            c) Restored
- V. How did Magellan die? Who completed the journey to Spain?            (2)

**SECTION - B (WRITING - 15 marks)**

**Q3 (A)** You are a news reporter of The Times of India. You have witnessed a terrible road accident. **Write a newspaper report in 100 words** giving the details of the incident. **(5)**

**Hints:** Reckless driving- Bike accident-Rider (26) Dead-2 injured, 1 dead- Bike destroyed- Ceased- Police investigation.

**OR**

**(B)** Your school is celebrating Silver Jubilee this year. To invite the guests and parents design a poster for your school that can be added in the invitation card. Use images as well as verbal medium to convey the information in **50-60 words**.

**Q.4 Develop an interesting story using the given hints. Give a suitable title and moral to it. (Word limit 120) (5)**

**(A)** Rich man ..... plans to give a feast to his friends ..... all dishes are prepared except fish as it is unavailable ..... declares reward for anyone who would get fish ..... poor fisherman catches a big fish and brings it ..... gatekeeper refuses to let him enter the house unless he agrees to give him half the reward ..... fisherman thinks of a plan ..... instead of the reward he asks the rich man for 100 lashes on his back ..... gives 50 lashes to the gatekeeper..... moral.

**OR**

**(B)** It was a bright night. People, cheerful and gaily dressed, strolled around the fair, enjoying the sound of the drums that are usually played during the festival. Bonny .....

**Q5. Write ANY ONE letter from choices given below. (120 words) (5)**

**(A) Write a letter** to your mother telling her how you saved the life of a drowning child.

**(B)** You are Shashank / Sushma, the Head Boy/Head Girl of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jamshedpur. Your school is planning a trip to the Meteorological Department in your area. **Write a letter** of permission to the In-charge of the department enquiring about your visit.

**SECTION C- GRAMMAR (20 marks)**

**Q6. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. (1x2=2)**

(a) in life / books / passport / are a / for success

(b) asked / the nearest / he / bookstore / about / him

**Q7. Edit the following passage. There is one error in each line. Find the error and write in the correct column. The first one has been done. (1/2x4=2)**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
The minarets of Siddi Bashir's mosque in Allahabad is unique.	<b>is</b>	<b>are</b>
They are 20 metre high and each minaret		
have three stories with carved stone balconies. The amazing	a. _____	_____
thing of these minarets what is joined with each other	b. _____	_____
with a flat terrace in that when the top portion of one minaret	c. _____	_____
is shook the vibrations travel to the second minaret and that	d. _____	_____
one too starts swaying back and forth.		

**Q8. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. (1x3=3)**

- (i) I lit the fire at 6 in the morning and when Peter came in, it \_\_\_\_ still \_\_\_\_ brightly.  
a) is burning                      b) was burning                      c) will be burning
- (ii) Jeff \_\_\_\_ our bank manager at the moment. He has been here for three years.  
a) is                                      b) was                                      c) will be
- (iii) My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ the same pullover the whole winter. I think he loves it.  
a) have been wearing    b) has been wearing    c) had been wearing.

**Q9 (A) Identify the underlined phrase. (1x2=2)**

- (i) The girl with brown hair is my daughter.  
a) Noun phrase                      b) Verb phrase                      c) Adjective Phrase
- (ii) The manager spoke in an unpleasant manner.  
a) Adjective phrase    b) Adverb phrase    c) Noun phrase

**(B) Underline the dependent clause and state its type. (1x2=2)**

- (i) Piya has to decide which subjects she wants to take up in college.  
a) Noun clause                      b) Adjective clause                      c) Adverb clause
- (ii) I will be back home in an hour unless there is heavy traffic.  
a) Noun clause                      b) Adjective clause                      c) Adverb clause

**Q10 (A) Read the sentences to identify them as simple, compound and complex. (1x2=2)**

- (i) I often wonder how you are getting on.  
a) Simple                                      b) Compound                                      c) Complex
- (ii) Sara and Sally went to the park to meet their friends.  
a) Simple                                      b) Compound                                      c) Complex

**(B) Read the given sentences carefully. Identify whether the sentence is in First, Second or Third conditional. (1x2=2)**

- (i) If he had dropped the vase, it would have broken.  
a) First conditional    b) Second conditional    c) Third conditional
- (ii) They would go by bus if they didn't have a car.  
a) First conditional    b) Second conditional    c) Third conditional

**Q11 (A) Change into Indirect speech. (1x3=3)**

- (i) Rahul said, 'I have repaired all the leaking taps in the house.'
- (ii) Mother said to the baker, 'Is the cake that I ordered yesterday ready?'
- (iii) Joanna said, 'Two plus two is four.'

**(B) Complete the sentences with the correct conditionals. (1x2=2)**

- (i) If I don't go to Anu's party tonight, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Henry could have reached office on time \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION D –LITERATURE (30 marks)**

**Q12 (A) Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions by selecting the appropriate options. (1x3=3)**

'I graduated from the Ballarat College of Advanced Education near Melbourne in Australia in 1975 as a Master Brewer in Malting and Brewing.'

- (i) Who is 'I' referred to here?  
 a) Kiran                                      b) Beza                                      c) Leela
- (ii) What did the speaker want to become initially?  
 a) A brewer                                      b) A doctor                                      c) An engineer
- (iii) What was born in a makeshift?  
 a) United Breweries                                      b) Understanding Science                                      c) Biocon

**OR**

'And I you. Your red-headed idea was very new and effective.'

- (i) Who is the speaker and listener here?  
 a) John Clay and Vincent Spaulding  
 b) Merryweather and Holmes  
 c) Holmes and John Clay
- (ii) What was the listener after?  
 a) A bank robbery                                      b) A theft                                      c) An abduction
- (iii) How did the speaker come to know about the crime?  
 a) He examined the tattoo and a coin of Mr Wilson.  
 b) He called Merryweather to know the truth.  
 c) He saw the frayed trousers of the criminal.

**(B) Read the stanzas of the poem carefully and answer the questions choosing the correct alternative. (1x3=3)**

Out of the night that covers me,  
 Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
 I thank whatever gods may be  
 For my unconquerable soul.

- (i) The poem is titled \_\_\_\_\_ and written by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) Invictus, William Ernest Henry                                      b) What is Peace? Prema Balasubramanian  
 c) The Children's Hour, H. W. Longfellow
- (ii) When was the poem written?  
 a) When the poet was in an infirmary, recovering from a surgery.  
 b) When the poet was in a war battling against enemies.  
 c) When the poet was at a river side in a pensive mood.
- (iii) Why does the speaker wish to thank the gods?  
 a) For a never-ending battle    b) For a dead soul                                      c) For an unconquerable soul

**OR**

Peace watches as a consensus they reach  
 And hand in hand stand to bind one and all.  
 Peace is then not a dove, meek and gentle  
 But a powerful tool that adds meaning to life.

- (i) Who are 'they' here?  
 a) Family members and neighbours                                      b) Other countries and nations  
 c) Friends and colleagues

- (ii) Identify the figure of speech used in the first line of the stanza.  
a) Personification            b) Pun                            c) Synecdoche
- (iii) What does the word 'consensus' mean?  
a) A general election        b) A general agreement            c) A general outing

**Q13. Answer ANY FOUR questions in 20-40 words each. (1x 4=4)**

- (i) What is the serious disconnect that we face today?  
(ii) What does the speaker mean by 'sands of time'?  
(iii) Why does Adi carry an inhaler?  
(iv) What did Ameena tell Hamid about his father?  
(v) Who is Dr Watson?  
(vi) What can a good role model do?

**Q14. Answer ANY TWO questions in 60-80 words. (3x2=6)**

- (i) Kailash Satyarthi says, 'We have utterly failed our children in imparting an education.' Explain.  
(ii) What is the primary cause of climate change according to Faraha?  
(iii) Write a short description of Hamid.  
(iv) How does Holmes' powers of observation and deduction help in solving the case? Comment.

**Q15. Answer ANY TWO questions in 80-100 words. (4x2=8)**

- (i) What values do we learn from 'Festival of Eid? Elucidate your views by quoting instances from the chapter.  
(ii) How do you think peace adds meaning to our lives?  
(iii) Would you call the poem 'Invictus' inspirational? Comment.  
(iv) How can we prepare ourselves against flooding in extreme weather and typhoon? Support your answer by taking tips from Chakra and Mighty Girl.

**Q16. Do as directed. (1x6=6)**

- (i) The antonym of **reckless** is  
a) Creative                      b) Prudent                      c) Modest
- (ii) The foreign expression for **high quality cooking** is  
a) A priori                      b) Haute cuisine                      c) Persona non grata
- (iii) A word that means a formal assessment or evaluation is  
a) Review                      b) Realign                      c) Recourse
- (iv) Complete the word with correct letters.  
D I S \_ R I \_ I N \_ T \_ O \_ (unfair treatment)
- (v) The creation of human tissue using 3D printing is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Biohazard                      b) Biogas                      c) Bioprinting
- (vi) Circle the incorrect spelling.  
a) Militia                      b) Marteyr                      c) Unprecedented.

