

**ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL-5, MUMBAI**  
**PERIODIC TEST -1 (2022-23)**

SUB: ENGLISH  
CLASS 8

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**SECTION A (READING) 10 Marks**

A1. Read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The world's oceans are vast and complex ecosystems, covering more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface. They are home to a staggering variety of plants and animals, many of which are still unknown to us. Oceans also play a critical role in regulating our climate and providing food and resources for millions of people around the world.

Unfortunately, the health of our oceans is under threat from a variety of sources. Climate change is causing sea levels to rise, which in turn is leading to more frequent and severe storms. This has a devastating impact on coastal communities and marine habitats. Overfishing is another major issue, with many species being caught at unsustainable levels. Pollution from industrial and agricultural activities is also a major concern, with plastics and other debris causing harm to marine life and the environment. Despite these challenges, there are many organizations and individuals working to protect our oceans. Governments are implementing policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect marine habitats. Fishing communities are adopting sustainable fishing practices, and businesses are developing alternatives to plastic packaging. By working together, we can help ensure that our oceans remain healthy and vibrant for generations to come.

1. Why oceans are called vast and complex ecosystems? 2
2. How are oceans important to us? 2
3. Write how humans are a threat to the health of our oceans? 2
4. What are some ways in which governments, fishing communities, and businesses are working to protect the oceans? 2
5. Write a word from the passage which is a synonym of **astonishing**. 1
6. Write a word from the passage which is an antonym of **minor**. 1

**SECTION B (WRITING) 5 marks**

B 1 Suppose you are one of the volunteers who went to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for relief work after the tsunami. You work in the relief camps, distributing food, water and medicine among the victims. You listen to the various stories of bravery of ordinary people even as they fight against odds to bring about some semblance of normalcy into their lives. You admire their grit and determination. Write that diary entry. **5M**

**SECTION C (Grammar)- 10 marks**

C1. Edit the passage. One has been done for you.

**½\* 6=3M**

The best example of Chola temples was	Incorrect word	correct word
the Brihadeeshwara Temple located on Thanjavur.	was	is
Its Vimana( tower) rise to a height of 66 metres..	a) _____	_____
It is crown by a massive dome weighing 80 tonnes.	b) _____	_____
	c) _____	_____

C2. Do as Directed.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the word given in the bracket.

**1\*4=4M**

1. There was much \_\_\_\_\_ in the village when the snake charmer came visiting. (excite)
2. We heard with \_\_\_\_\_ that our pet dog was now out of danger. (relieve)

Arrange the noun phrase given in the bracket and fill in the gap.

3. Could you lend me your \_\_\_\_\_ necklace?( **new /beautiful /silver**)

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

4. After dinner, I \_\_\_\_\_ (serve) the dessert that I \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) the afternoon before

**C3. Identify and write if the following sentences are in Active / Passive voice.**

**1\*2=2M**

1. Almas saw a log of wood floating.
2. She was brought to Port Blair.

**C4. Make a meaningful sentence with a) 'run out'.**

**1M**

**SECTION D (LITERATURE)- 15 Marks**

**D1. Read the extract and attempt the questions that follow.**

**1\*3=3M**

*Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,  
And out of the door turned the poor little cricket.  
Folks call this a fable. I'll warrant it true:  
Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.*

- a) 'he' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Why was the cricket turned out of the door?
- c) The last two lines express the opinion of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

*When the jet rose six miles high,  
It was clear the earth was round  
And that it had more sea than land.  
But it was difficult to understand  
That the men on the earth found  
Causes to hate each other, to build  
Walls across cities and to kill.  
From that height, it was not clear why.*

- a) At what height was the jet?
- b) What was clear from that height?
- c) What was difficult to understand from that height?

**D 2. Answer any 3 of the following.**

**2\*3=6M**

- 1) What did the author find in a secret drawer? Who do you think had put it in there?
- 2) In what way the soldiers of the two armies are like each other?
- 3) Where had Tilly seen the sea behaving in the same strange fashion?
- 4) Why do you think very few animals dies in the tsunami?

**D3. Answer any 3 of the following.**

**2\*3=6M**

- 1) How did the Djinn know the horse was complaining against the camel?
- 2) What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?
- 3) Velu travelled without a ticket. Why?
- 4) Where did the girl lead Velu to? What did they get to eat?

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