

**Pratap Public School, Karnal**

Set-A

TERM-II Practice Test-1

Class - X

Subject - English

Time : 2 Hours

M.M :40

Name ..... Roll No. .... Section .....

**General Instructions :-**

- *The Question Paper contains THREE sections -READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE*
- *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

**Section A Reading (10 Marks)****1. Read the passage given below :**

- Music is perhaps the most popular and widely practised form of fine arts, transcending all kinds of cultural and linguistic barriers. Any form of fine art is difficult to master and almost impossible to perfect and music is no exception.
- Nature, it is learnt, has blessed almost two-thirds of the human race with musical ability of some sort. Music has the power to bring out the deepest emotions. In fact, it is a magic medicine and many seek refuge in it when they are depressed or stressed. It is this intimacy that makes us listen to music or even hum or sing sometimes. This singing, or realistically speaking, expressing one's emotion musically sometimes takes a serious turn.
- The desire to sing before an audience is innocent and beautiful and indeed it is perfectly alright to have such a genuine desire. But it is also important to understand that singing is an intricate art a highly refined one at that, which requires systematic, prolonged and strict training, to be acceptable. This is an aspect we forget in our keen desire to reach the stage and perform. It is almost like preparing a formal meal for some specially invited guests, without even having learnt and trained in the basics of cooking.
- These days almost everyone sings and it does not stop here. Most of us want to become professional singers. Result: a complete disregard for and ignorance of the training part, as the need is never felt to go through one and the urge to get to the stage and perform overcomes even a little desire to learn, if any. If at all, somewhere along the way one feels the need to gain some knowledge and training, it leads to hurried shortcuts and half-hearted attempts, best described as 'Crash Courses'.

- v) It is observed that those who have attained the so called partial success, suddenly feel that they lack the required knowledge and are not learned enough. But it is too late by then. It should be understood here that the stage or a performance brings in a different mind-set within the artist. It is always recommended and rightly said that while on stage, cover the mistakes and weaknesses if any, and get along. But the contrary is true when it comes to acquiring knowledge and during the learning process. While under training, the student is expected to make mistakes but then rectify those mistakes under the supervision and guidance of the teacher. Therefore, it is good to make mistakes and then be corrected during the process of learning as this subsequently makes one flawless and educated. This is a different mind-set. And these two mind-set discussed above, (those of a performer and that of a student) cannot coexist.

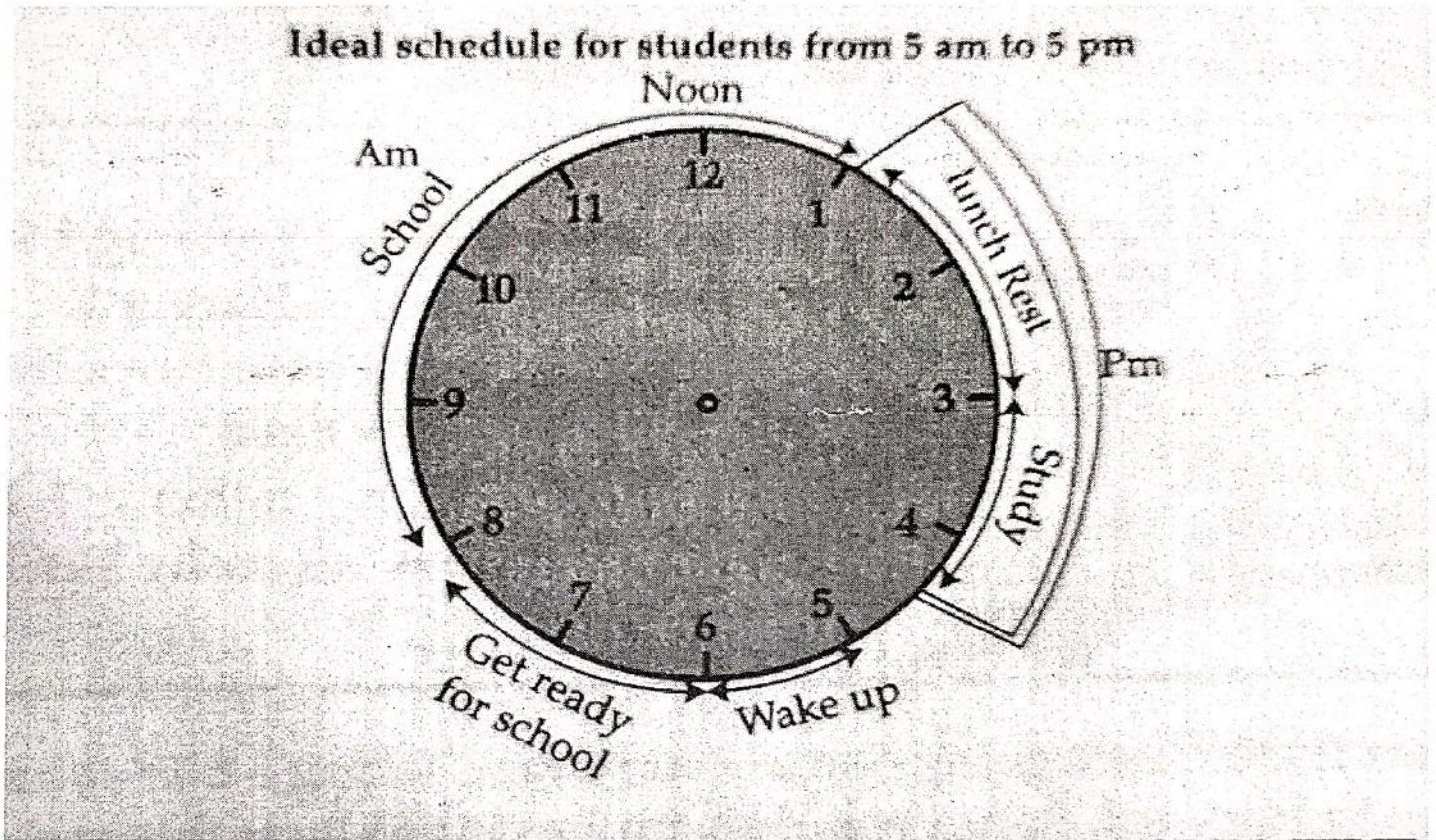
**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below:** **(1x5 =5 Marks)**

- (i) What happens when most of us want to become a professional singer?
- (ii) What should one do when on stage?
- (iii) Which two mind-sets are discussed in the last line of the above passage?
- (iv) How can we say that music is a magic medicine?
- (v) What is best described as Crash Course?
- (vi) 'Transcending' in Paragraph 1 means.

**2. Read the following excerpt from a case study on being punctual:**

- i) Keep your watch accurate. For some people, moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. For others, they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether. It may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten.
- ii) Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. One of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realising that the time is passing as quickly as it is.
- iii) Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7:30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, dress and reach on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job done in time.
- iv) Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. May be you can try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed; that way, you will have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you have to reach your place of work

at 8:00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens- but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7:45." If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even with a traffic jam.



*On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six given below.* (1 x 5=5 Marks)

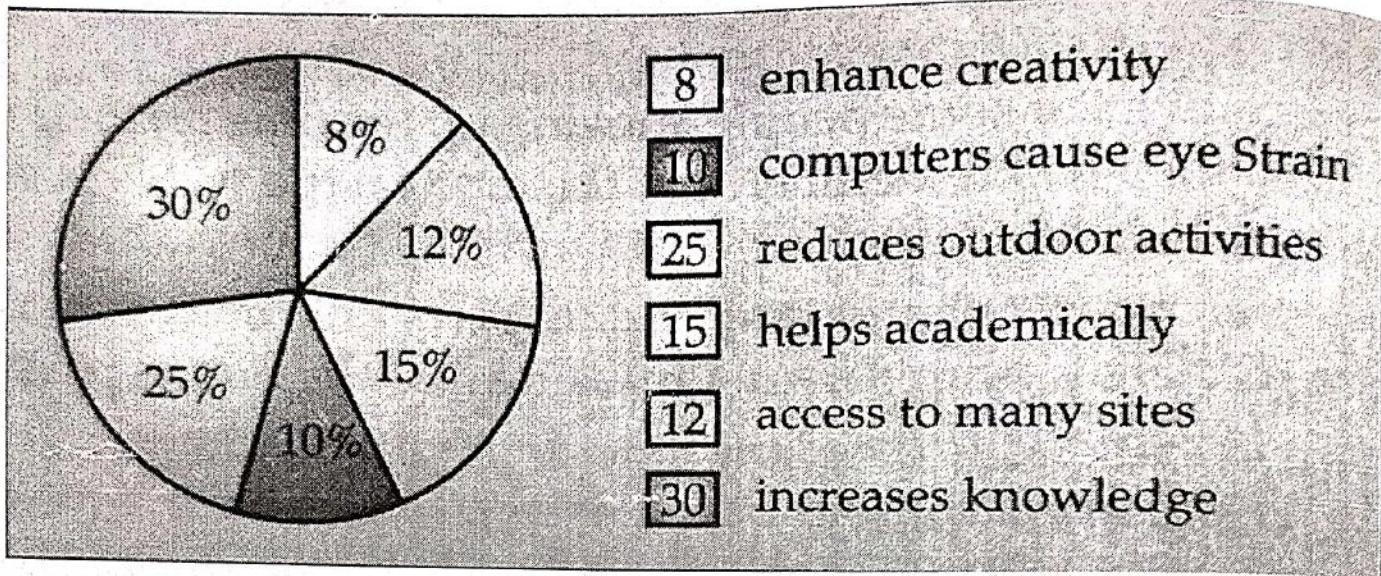
- (i) What should one do to be punctual?
- (ii) How can one reach a dinner appointment on time?
- (iii) Give at least two time management tips?
- (iv) It is a good habit to .....and.....
- (v) Pick the word from Paragraph-1 which means 'correct in all details'.
- (vi) How does setting all clock and watches at the same time help?

### Section B - Writing and Grammar (10 marks)

3. Attempt ANY ONE from (i) and (ii)

- (i) Your school has decided to take part in half marathon organised by an NGO in New Delhi, Write a letter in 150-200 words to the Area Manager of NGO requesting permission to participate in the half marathon on 28 April starting from National Stadium. Request the NGO to provide your school with 200 T-shirts for boys and girls aged 15-17 years. You are School Captain, Manish Mehta, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Saket. (5 marks)

(ii) A survey was conducted by a school to discuss the role that Information Technology/Computers play in the growth and development of children. The data is given below in the form of a pie chart. Analyse the data in 100-120 words. (5 marks)



4. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (3 marks)

Most trees has a single woody stem called a trunk who supports a mass of branches carrying leaves. Trees clean an air by removing tiny airborne particles.

| Error    | Correction |
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| (a)..... | .....      |
| (b)..... | .....      |
| (c)..... | .....      |

5. Read the conversation and complete the passage given below. (2 marks)

Sumit: When I grow up I want to go to Harvard.

Rahul: You'll have to study really hard.

Sumit: No, my father will have to work really hard.

Two friends Sumit and Rahul were going home after school. Taking a bite at his bar of chocolate, Sumit said (a) ..... go to Harvard. Rahul was duly impressed to hear this and said (b)..... In his typical style Sumit replied that his father would have to work really hard.

## Section C – Literature (20 marks)

6. Answer ANY SIX Questions in 30-40 words each.

(2x6=12)

- (i) How did Valli save money for her first bus journey ?
- (ii) A misanthrope is a person who dislikes humankind. Do you think the poet, Walt Whitman is a misanthrope ? Provide a rationale to support your response.
- (iii) Richard's mother was his companion and spent a lot of time with him. A parent should try to be a companion to a child. Justify.
- (iv) "The Lomovs and the Chubukovs have always had the most friendly, and I might almost say the most affectionate, regard for each other." How would you evaluate Lomov and Chubukov's relationship as neighbours?
- (v) Belinda shares a post on Instagram with the following hashtags.  
#Ink #Blink #Mustard #Bravehearts #Myfamily#My world  
She doesn't mention Custard in her post. As a friend of Belinda, what would be your advice to her and why ?
- (vi) How did you feel when you read about Bholi being ignored and ill-treated by her parents as a child ?
- (vii) Who was Lutkins ? Did the narrator serve the summons that day? Why ?

7. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 120 words each.

(4 x 2 = 8)

- (i) Why was Matilda Loisel always unhappy?
- (ii) Life is full of trials and tribulations which can be overcome by a human being through his own efforts. Explain with reference to Kisa Gautami's life.
- (iii) Pranjoland Rajvir discuss their next vacation destination. They shortlist Coorg and Goa. Rajvir is keen on Coorg and tries to convince Pranjol. Develop a conversation between the two, based on your understanding of Glimpses of India.

You may begin like this :

**Rajvir :** Hey Pranjol! I think we should be visiting Coorg. It is a beautiful place with coffee plantations. I can smell the aroma already!

**Pranjol :** We visited a tea plantation last year, in Assam; I want to.....

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## Section- A Reading 10 Marks

1. Read the following passage carefully:

### THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

- The Road to success is not straight; there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, caution-lights called family, and you will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spark called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith, and a driver called God, you will eventually make it to a place called success!
- In spite of all our planning and preparation, unexpected challenges are certain to arise. The bumps in the road will be unavoidable, but you'll never get to your destination if you aren't willing to drive over them. The difference between a disaster and triumph lies in whether or not you're prepared and willing to weather the storm. If you're ready, those bumps will become the stepping-stones.
- The key thing to realise is that working harder is the same as working smarter. How do you work smarter? You just need to have the right skills. People want improved circumstances and better life without an improved self. They want victory without paying the price or making efforts. It really cannot happen without the other. Any improvements that have not been generated by improving yourself are superficial and short-lived. If you want to have a better future, you have to change yourself. Stop worrying about the various challenges that will come your way. Just believe in yourself and use them as stepping-stones.
- "Success" is getting whatever you want out of life without violating the rights of others." It is not an accident. Success is the result of our attitude and our attitude is a choice. Hence success is a matter of choice and not chance.
- Today success represents a holistic and positive attitude to life. Attitude is everything. Success is not restricted within some kind of brick and mortar premises. It assumes the individuality of a complete act executed with perfection; material achievements do not

define life. We don't remember sports stars for the products they endorse but the spirit of achievement that they represent. In the abundance of positive attitude, lie the grandeur of a truly rewarding rich life.

- vi) Success can be measured from two standpoints the external and the internal. Externally it is the measure of a job well done and the recognition. Internally it is the feeling of achievement and wholeness derived from the completion of a task or fulfilment of desire.

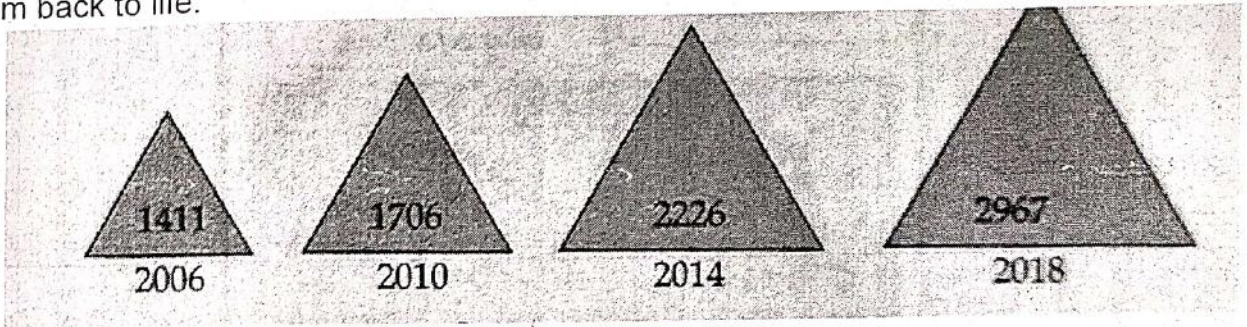
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- (i) What qualities lead one to the place called success?
- (ii) What is the mantra to change bumps into stepping stones?
- (iii) What is success today according to the passage ?
- (iv) The difference between a disaster and triumph lies.....
- (v) How can one have a better future?
- (vi) Pick the synonym of 'surplus' as given in paragraph 5.

**2. Read the following excerpt from a case study titled 'Sustainable Tourism'.**

- i) The white tiger is an offspring of Bengal tiger, which has the necessary gene for white colouring. It has beautiful black stripes on a white coat. This species of animal has blue eyes and a pink nose.
- ii) A pure white tiger is totally white without any stripe, which is due to the presence of double recessive allele in the genetic code. It happens only in the Bengal tiger subspecies, and only one in 10,000 births can have it naturally. White tigers are rarely seen in the wild, and only twelve of them have been spotted in India since last one-hundred years. Tigers have a life-span of 10-15 years. They are solitary animals, and are fond of hunting at night. Their diet consists of any animals that they can catch, and can eat up to 40 pounds of meat at one time. After such a big meal, they usually remain away for several days from food.
- iii) They are slow runners, but good swimmers. They are poor climbers and cannot climb a tree easily. They live in an area ranging from 10 to 30 square miles depending upon the availability of prey, water and shelter. Habitat loss, poaching and expansion of human population have together contributed to their becoming endangered. They are widely hunted for their body parts, which are used in traditional Chinese medicines.
- iv) Genetic inbreeding is another reason for their endangerment. Due to shortage in their number, this species of animal has been subjected to inbreeding. It has resulted in high mortality rates and severe disabilities. About 80 percent of the white tiger cubs are born with serious birth defects related to inbreeding, and they soon die-off.

v) The critical condition of this animal has attracted the attention of conservationists worldwide. World Wildlife Federation (WWF), defenders of wildlife, and many other wildlife organisations are working with the support of the government for the cause of protecting them from becoming extinct. Once they become extinct, it will not be possible to bring them back to life.



Increasing Tiger Number

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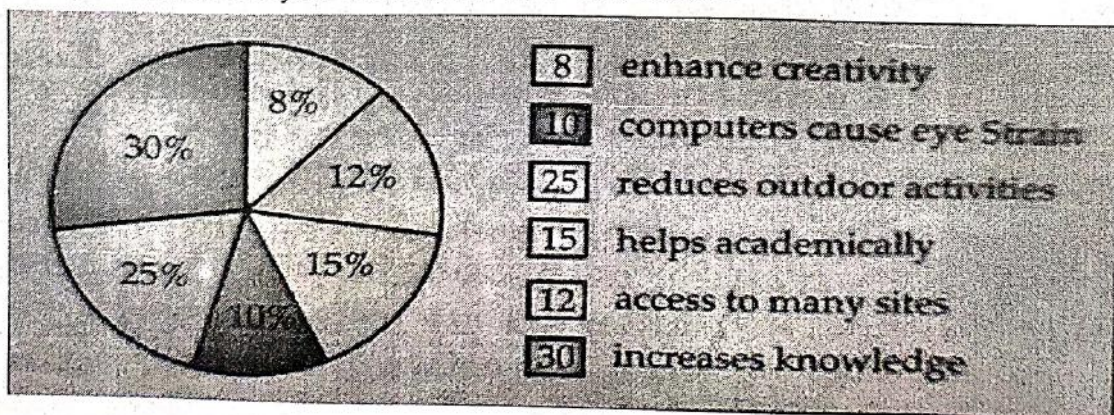
- Why is there no stripe on the pure white tiger?
- Which factors have led to the tiger species fall in the category of endangered species ?
- Why are the tigers hunted?
- The word which means the same as 'illegal hunting' in para 3 is .....
- What does the visual given about depict about the number of tigers?
- What has contributed to the change in the number of tigers from 2006 to 2018?

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