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Grade : VIII	Subject : English	Section: _____
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SYLLABUS L-1[Unit1] :The Woman on Platform 8 L-2[Unit 2] : Doctor's Word Grammar: 1. Sentences & Phrases 2. Nouns & Pronouns 3. Adjectives & Degrees of Comparison 4. Notice & Formal Letter Writing	PERIODIC TEST- I	Periodic Test(Written) : 20 marks Notebook Submission :10 marks Subject Enrichment Activity: Dictation : 15 marks ASL : 5 marks

SECTION A: (Reading)

A. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:

In the last few years ,I have noticed a tendency in the media , in the Government ,and in society to give undue importance and much publicity to commercial successes ,foreign investment ,Sensex, profits in the IT sector ,new billionaires and such matters,like nowhere else in the world.Great recognition is given to salaries given to IIM graduates.There are frequent competitions in the media to pick the most popular personality in the country or in any given city.The choices given are so skewed that only sports personalities ,cine stars and business leaders hit the spotlight.Nowhere in the world do sportsmen earn as much as in India through sponsorship.The heroes of today, therefore appear to be those who have made big money or have been successful in commercial ventures. Nobody can be jealous or critical of these things,but it is a matter of concern that repeated recognitions ofthis sort have affected our value system seriously and changed it into one that it merenary and commercial.This situation does not augur well for the future of our country.

With all the difficulties that we have had in the last few decades ,India has continued to progress as one country ,by and large because of Indianness. Indianness involves aspects other than money and commercial successes.Furthermore, if we want India of the future to be a country that is advanced in all spheres ,we have to take greater pride in intellectual and creative accomplishments.It is , therefore ,important that our leaders,politicians, intellectuals, teachers and others should talk about these matters in public and highlight our innovations in science ,arts and literature, theatre and other aspects related to human creativity.

One is not asking for monetary support here,but a moral support, and a commitment of society to all spheres of creative activity so that a balanced future for our country is assured.

QUESTIONS :

- a) The writer has noticed changes in the last few years in the media, the government and in society.Mention them in details.

- b) Why do these changes not augur well for the future of our country ?
- c) Explain, what the writer means by 'Indianness' in your own words.
- d) What should we focus on to make India a great country /
- e) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'Undertakings.'
- f) What is the opposite of the word 'private'.

B. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows :

Children should be great bundles of energy-tearing about and getting into mischief and driving their parents to distraction.

But instead, they are becoming couch potatoes, a lazy group venturing outdoors only go get chips and sweets and spare batteries for their computer toy.

Studies show the younger generation is a lazy one. They get virtually no exercise, have poor diets and spend leisure time in front of computer games or television.

The old adage " it wasn't like that in my day" is certainly true. Their grandparents would think nothing of walking several miles to school and would consider a piece of fruit an after-school luxury.

But only a few decades later children are wooed with bags of chips, sweets and other junk food. And they don't walk to the shop for these things, they get a gift.

Recent research of Suffolk School, children aged nine to thirteen revealed almost half of the girls and one-third of the boys were incapable of sustaining anything more taxing than walking for more than a few minutes.

Only a small fraction did any exercise that was either strenuous enough or lasted long enough to benefit their bodies.

The shocking figures have promoted the first ever conference on children's fitness in Britain. Exercise experts met last month at the Internal Convention for Children's Health Related Fitness in London to find ways to coax kids off the couch and into a more healthier lifestyle.

Two prime causes of this are the television and car. Latest figures show the average child spends up to 28 hours a week watching TV, not to mention the time spent on computer games. And many children for their safety and convenience are ferried to and from school and friend's house, where previous generations would have walked or cycled.

But if children's lack of physical fitness is frightening, then their diets give equal cause for concern. Once again modern day conveniences have a lot to answer for.

Shopping research shows that instead of eating nourishing foods, kids nag their parents into buying them junk food. These habits have led to one or more risk factors associated with heart disease.

QUESTIONS:

- a. Why are children of the present generation called couch potatoes?
- b. How does the writer contrast the children of the present generation with that of the previous generations?
- c. Why is the present generation called a lazy one?
- d. What has the recent research of Suffolk School revealed?
- e. What has shocking figures of recent research forced the exercise experts to do in London?
- f. Mention two main reasons for the state of the present generation.

- g. How are the children of the present age "wooded" by their parents ?
h. Food habits of the present generation of children are risky for their health . How ?

SECTION B : (Writing & Grammar)

3. The Lions Club , Maninagar is planning to collect relief fund for the victims of ' Fani ' cyclone in the coastal areas .Draft a notice as Secretary of the club requesting members to contribute a certain sum of money for the cause.

4. You are Abhishek / Abhisikta , the Cultural Secretary of APS School, Kochi. The school is organizing a painting exhibition. Draft a notice inviting names from the students for participating in the exhibition.

5. You are Aalok / Aarvi Sharma , a resident of 135, ABC Housing ,Ahmedabad.As a concerned citizen of the city draft a letter to the editor of a national daily on the issue of a particular road that needs repair.

6. Write a letter to the Inspector in Charge of your local police station telling him/her about the recent theft taken place in your society last night.

7. Do as directed :

- a. The watchman, on duty that day, tried to stop the thief from entering the mall.
(Identify the adjective phrase)
- b. Jane walked on the stage gracefully. (Identify the adverb phrase.)
- c. All the books brought their books to class.(Identify the nouns in subjective case.)
- d. That is my idea.(Change the possessive adjective to possessive pronoun .)
- e. Either of you can come with me. (Identify the pronoun and its type.)
- f. The apples are ripe.The mangoes are not very ripe.(Rewrite the sentence with comparative degree.)
- g. The yellow dress costs Rs.200. The green dress costs Rs.400 (Rewrite the sentence with comparative degree.)
- h. _____ week, I met her at the exhibition.(Fill in the gaps with 'latest' or ' last')
- i. Abhishek is my _____ brother.(Fill in the gap with ' elder', ' older' or ' eldest'.)
- j. Mumbai is bigger than any other city in India.(Rewrite using the superlative degree of comparison.)
- k. November is _____ but December is the _____ month of the year.(Use the appropriate degree of adjective word ' cold')
- l. It is not easy to break doors made of _____. (Fill in with appropriate form of iron / irons)
- m. Ramesh bought a bicycle for his brother. (Identify the **direct** and **indirect** object)
- n.Please don't call me. (Identify the type of sentence.)
- o. I like to eat mangoes. (Identify the type of sentence.)

8. Correct the given sentences and rewrite them:

- a. I saw the boy how was wearing a funny dress.
b. Who is your name ?
c. They did their homework yourselves.

- d. What got this packet for me ?
- e. Raman is best than Gopal in sports.

9. Change the following sentences from comparative to positive without changing its meaning :

- a. Shakespeare is greater than any other English playwright.
- b. Vijay is better than Jayesh in Hindi.
- c. The pen is mightier than sword.
- d. Goa is more popular tourist spot than any other tourist spots in India.
- e. Kohli is a better batsman than any of his team members.

SECTION D: (Literature)

10. Refer to the context given and answer the questions that follow :

**1. “ Drop an unkind word , or careless: in a minute it is gone;
But there’s half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on.”**

- a) Name the poet of the poem and name the poem.
- b) What does the poet try to indicate by the above lines?

2. " Anyway, I can travel alone."

- a. Who is the speaker?
- b. When and where did the speaker say this?
- c. Name the chapter and the author.

3. "I would rather not talk to you now?"

- a. Who is the speaker?
- b. Name the chapter and the author.
- c. Why does the speaker say so?

4. “Well, be very careful, Arun, be very careful when your mother is not with you.”

- a. Name the chapter and author.
- b. Who said this and where ?
- c. In what context did the speaker say this ?

11. Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words :

- a. Why does the woman help the boy on the railway platform?
- b. Justify the title of the poem "Drop A Pebble in the Water".
- c. What was the doctor thinking when he sat in his car?
- d. Do you think the doctor was able to help his ailing friend? Comment.
- e. Describe the scene inside the station dining room.
- f. What made Arun end up calling the lady” mother”?
- g. State your views on why did Dr. Raman feel like hiding the truth from his friend.
- h. Who started wailing immediately and how did Dr. Raman tackle the situation?

