

# Delhi Public School, Jammu

## ASSIGNMENT PERIODIC TEST 3(2018-19)

Class: XI

Subject: English

### Section-A

#### Comprehension

Q.1. In spite of all the honours that we heaped upon him, Pasteur, as has been said, remained simple at heart. Perhaps the imaginary of his boyhood days when he drew the familiar scenes of his birthplace and the longing to be a great artist never wholly left him. In truth, he did become a great artist, though after his sixteenth year he abandoned the brush forever. Like every artist of worth, he put his whole soul and energy into his work, and it was this very energy that in the end wore him out. For to him, each sufferer was something more than just a case that was to be cured. He looked upon the fight against hydrophobia as a battle and he was absorbed in the determination to win. The sight of injured children particularly, moved him to an indescribable extent. He suffered with his patients, and yet he would not deny himself a share in that suffering. His greatest grief was when sheer physical exhaustion made him give up his active work. He retired to the estate at Villeneuve Etong, where he had his kennels for the study of rabies and there he passed his last summer, as his great biographer, Valley Radot, has said, "practicing the Gospel virtues." "He reversed the faith of his fathers", says the same writer, "and wished without ostentation or mystery to receive its aid during his last period".

The attitude of this man to science he had done so much to perfect can be best summed up in a sentence that he is reputed once to have uttered, concerning the materialism and many of his contemporaries in similar branches of learning to his own: "The more I contemplate the mysteries of nature, the more my faith becomes like that of a peasant."

But even then in retirement he loved to see his former pupils, and it was then he would reiterate his life principles: "Work," he would say, "never cease to work." So well had he kept this precept that he began rapidly to sink from exhaustion.

Finally on September 27, 1895, when someone learnt over his bed to offer him a cup of milk, he said sadly: "I cannot", and with a look of perfect resignation and peace, seemed to fall asleep. He never again opened his eyes to the cares and suffering of a world, which he had one so much to relieve and to conquer. He was within three months of his seventy third birthday.

Thus passed, as simply as a child, the man whom the French people were to vote at a plebiscite as the greatest man that France had ever produced. Napoleon, who had always been considered the idol of France, was placed fifth.

No greater tribute could have been paid to Louis Pasteur, the tamer's son, the scientist, the man of peace, the patient worker for humanity.

**Q.1.1** Now make notes of the above passage using headings and sub-headings. Use abbreviations. (5m)

**Q.1.2.** Write a summary of the passage. (3m)

### SECTION B WRITING & GRAMMAR

**Q.2.** You are working as a copywriter in an advertising agency. Write an advertisement for a client who owns a company that is launching a new brand of detergent.(50 words)

OR

The NSS club of your school has adopted a JJ colony. The living conditions of the colony are unsanitary and unhygienic. Draft a poster in 50 words urging people to clean the surroundings and their colony.

**Q.3.** You are Seetha | Surya living in Bangalore. You have seen an advertisement by the NIIT JEE offering coaching for IIT JEE examinations. Write a letter to them enquiring about the method of teaching, the fee structure and the duration of the course.

**OR**

You are Maneka / Manik. You strongly feel that the Indian Government is not taking adequate steps to promote tourism in India. Write a letter to the Editor in 150-200 words for a local daily, giving your ideas on the steps the Indian Government could take to promote tourism aggressively. (6m)

**Q.4.** Write a speech to be delivered in your school on 31 May, "World No Tobacco Day", on the harmful effects of smoking in 150-200 words.

**OR**

Sign yourself as Victor / Helen. Write an article in 150-200 words on how common man can help rebuild a "New and Clean India" of which we can all be proud. (8m)

**Q.5.** Write the omitted word and the words those comes before and after it. (3m)

	before	word	After
Good foods a holistic effect on well being of the mind, body soul.	a) _____	_____	_____
Food ,as a cure, helps achieving health. Dr.Shukla adds,	b) _____	_____	_____
"nourish your organs and give vitality".	c) _____	_____	_____
	d) _____	_____	_____
	e) _____	_____	_____
	f) _____	_____	_____

**Q.6.** Complete the passage given below using determiners. (3m)

\_\_\_\_\_ children were hurt in \_\_\_\_\_ road accident when \_\_\_\_\_ school bus collided with \_\_\_\_\_ truck while trying to save \_\_\_\_\_ elderly man. There was \_\_\_\_\_ doctor nearby but there were \_\_\_\_\_ nurses passing in \_\_\_\_\_ van.

**Q.7.** Rewrite the sentences by placing the words in the correct order. (2m)

- If /becomes/when/a house/personality/when/it reflects the/a home/residents/its/
- to look/home/there are/as/our home/look/rules/to/how/no/has.

### **LITERATURE**

**Q.8.** When did my childhood go?  
Was it the day I ceased to be eleven,  
Was it the time I realized that hell and heaven,  
Could not be found in geography. (3m)

- What changes occurred in the poet's outlook when he was eleven?
- What is the theme of the verse?
- Which poetic device is used in the third line?

**Q.9.** Do any 3 in 50 words each. (3x3=9m)

- Explain 'Forests precede mankind, deserts follow'.
- Give the character sketch of Albert Einstein.
- Comment on the attitude shown by Taplow towards Crocker-Harris?
- What is the significance of the title of the play, 'Mother's Day'?

**Q10. Do any one in 100-words each.**

**(5m)**

What is the significance of the title, 'The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role'?

**OR**

How did the school system curb talents of Albert Einstein?