

**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL JAMMU**

**SESSION 2024-25**

**ASSIGNMENT 5**

**CLASS : VIII**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**MONTH: DECEMBER**

**SECTION A (READING)**

**Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Nestled in the heart of a quiet village, there was a centuries-old library that held the secrets of history within its walls. The library was known for its vast collection of rare books and manuscripts, some dating back to the 15th century. Villagers often gathered there to read and discuss, treating it as a sanctuary for knowledge.

Among the visitors was Maya, a curious teenager with a love for mystery. One day, while exploring the dusty shelves, she stumbled upon a leather-bound book titled *The Key to Hidden Treasures*. The book described a secret chamber within the library that was rumored to contain ancient artifacts. Intrigued, Maya delved deeper into the text, piecing together clues scattered throughout its pages.

Finally, after hours of searching, Maya discovered a hidden door behind an old tapestry. Inside, she found not just artifacts but letters and journals from the library's founder. The writings revealed how the library was built to preserve knowledge during times of war. Maya's discovery became the talk of the village, inspiring others to explore history and treasure the library even more.

**i. What made the library special?**

- A) It was the largest building in the village.
- B) It held rare books and manuscripts.
- C) It was considered sanctuary for knowledge
- D) All of above.

**ii. Where was the hidden door located?**

- A) Behind a bookshelf

- B) Under a staircase
- C) Behind an old tapestry
- D) Inside a cupboard

**iii. What is the antonym of "ancient" as used in the passage?**

- A) Modern
- B) Old
- C) Historic.
- D) Rare

**iv. State True/False:**

Maya shared her discovery with the villagers. \_\_\_\_\_

**v.** How did Maya's discovery impact the villagers?

### SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR)

**Q2.** Design a **creative poster** for the theme "**Save the Environment**," inspired by the chapter "This is Jody's Fawn" in your NCERT English book. Use slogans, drawings, and messages to highlight the importance of protecting nature and being compassionate towards animals.

**Q3.** Today you visited an old age home. You met old people who were lonely and sick. Their children had left them to fend for themselves. When you talked to them, you felt bad about the fact that they were not living with their children. Write about your experiences in your **diary**.

**Q4. Choose the correct determiner to make the following sentences grammatically correct:**

- A. Megan finished her project with \_\_\_\_\_ (this/these/a) drawing pens.
- B. Today we had \_\_\_\_\_ Biryani( much/ enough/this)
- C. Priyansh drew \_\_\_\_\_ painting. (that/much/these)
- D. The ebook is owned by \_\_\_\_\_. (him/hims/his)
- E. Could you please give me \_\_\_\_\_ (the/an/these) laptop?
- F. Jack came \_\_\_\_\_ (first/few/one) in the classroom.
- G. Manny is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an/the) obedient boy.
- H. The chairman called \_\_\_\_\_ (a/that/some) individuals to his room.
- I. Do you remember \_\_\_\_\_ (whom/whose/that) sweater this is?

**Q5. Identify and write a sentence linked to each picture which uses a determiner. Underline the determiners.**



### SECTION C (LITERATURE)

**Q5. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions.**

*The poetry of earth is ceasing never:*

*On a lone winter evening when the frost*

*Has wrought a silence, from the stone there shrills*

*The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever;*

*And seems to one in drowsiness half lost;*

*The grasshopper's among some grassy hills.*

- (i) What is 'ceasing never'?**
- (ii) Who takes up the job of providing rhythm during winters?**
- (iii) From where do the cricket sing?**
- (iv) Name the poem and the poet.**