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WORKSHEET

GRADE: VIII ANNUAL EXAMINATION, MARCH 2020

SUBJECT: ENGLISH Set-1

READING

Q.1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

We all know that rapid industrialization and modernization of technology from field to factories, from laboratory experiments to space exploration are closely linked with energy generation. But during the last century man's activities, particularly concerning energy development, have caused fossil burning wantonly. This has raised the atmospheric concentration of Greenhouse gases leading to an increase in the average global temperature which is called "Global Warming". What actually is the "Greenhouse Effect"? Our earth reflects a lot of energy back into the atmosphere. But presence of heavy carbondioxide in the atmosphere prevents some of this heat escaping just as a glass or plastic sheet stops escaping heat from the so called "Greenhouse" used to protect growing plants. The main Greenhouse gas is carbondioxide (CO₂). The source of this gas is from fossil-fuel combustion like coal, petroleum and natural gases. Methane (CH₄), Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and Nitrous oxide (N₂O) are among the other Greenhouse gases. The sources of such gases range from bio-mass burning, fumes emitted from refrigerators and air-conditioning plants (freon gas), industrial fumes and enteric fermentation of cattle, insects and different crops. Scientists believe that earth's temperature will rise markedly in next 50 years. Between the present time in 2025 AD, it may rise by 1°C and further by 3°C during 2025-2100 AD. This would alter significantly the earth's ecological balance, its normal cyclic seasons, melting of polar ice caps and the ultimate rise in sea level submerging many land areas. Widespread flooding in coastal regions all over the world will occur and large part of world's civilization may disappear beneath the sea. Scientists are engaged in search of ways and means to combat this impending danger under the guidance of the Paris based International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU).

1. Mention any two activities of man which are associated with energy generation.
2. What is global warming?
3. Which is the main greenhouse gas? What is the source of this gas?
4. Mention the name of other greenhouse gases.
5. What are the sources of these gases?
6. What will be the result of the ever rising temperature of the earth?

7. How is the melting of polar ice caps dangerous for mankind?
8. What are scientists doing to combat this impending danger?
9. Find **the** word from the passage means 'prevent'.
10. Give a suitable title for the passage.

Writing

- a) You are Megha Gupta/ Mehul Gupta, the Head Girl/Head Boy of St Mary's School, Dehradun. Draft a notice, informing the students of classes X - XII about a workshop on 'table manners and etiquettes' to be held in the school premises. Give all the necessary details.
- b) Write an Article on the topic 'Increasing Obesity in the Children'
- c) Write a persuasive speech on any one of the following topics ;
 - i) Should the driving age be eighteen?
 - ii) Should the school uniform be made compulsory in all schools?
 - iii) A business makes you highly planned & meticulous.

Grammar

1. Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate words (who , which , that , whom ,whose that & when)

- a) I know a great little restaurant ----- we can get lunch.
- b) What's the name of the man ----- lives next door?
- c) The movie we saw last week won three awards.
- d) Most of the people she met were from Sydney.
- e) May I know the name of the teacher talked to this morning?
- f) The cookies you baked are really delicious.
- g) Eid is the time of the year we visit our neighbors and relatives.

2. Identify the following clauses are Defining / Non Defining Clauses.

- a) Lady Gaga, who is a well-known pop star, is only 24.
- b) The village where I grew up is very small.
- c) London, which is the capital of England, is one of the largest cities of the world.
- d) That is the dog that bit me.
- e) His car, which cost nearly 20,000 pounds, is broken.
- f) The car, which can reach speeds of over 300km/ph, costs over \$500,000

3. Combine the following sentences using appropriate relative pronouns.

- a) She is married to a man. He is richer than her.

- b) This is the swimming pool. I used to go for swimming there.
- c) This is the man .His wife is famous actress.
- d) A doctor examined me last Friday. He was very kind.
- e) We broke the computer. The computer belonged to my father.

4. Choose the suitable idioms from the box and fill in the blanks.

Hold your horse, beat around the bush, once in a blue moon, sit on the fence, face the music

- a) We haven't finished yet , -----
- b) That kind of chance comes
- c) All of them ran off, leaving me to
- d) Don't come straight to the point.
- e) You can't any longer, you need to make up your mind.

5. Place commas wherever they are needed in the following sentences.

- a) Listening to the radio Jun heard an announcement that Spangler his own dog was lost.
- b) Did you know that James Agee the novelist and poet was also a film critic?
- c) Steven Strom whose show you like will host a party next week.
- d) John who spent the last three days fishing is back on the job again.
- e) Alexander Pope the Restoration poet is famous for his monologues.

Literature

1. Read the given extracts from your Content Book and answer the questions that follow:

Day by day the nightingale
 Grew more sorrowful and pale.
 Night on night her tired song
 Zipped and trilled and bounced along,
 Till the birds and beasts grew tired
 At a voice so uninspired

- a) Why the song of Nightingale is turned uninspired?
- b) Who is the vocal trainer of Nightingale?
- c) Name the setting of the poem.
- d) Pick out the poetic devices namely; alliteration, repetition & rhyming scheme applied in the stanza.

It's important to have dreams specific dreams. When I was in grade school, a lot of kids wanted to become astronauts. I was aware, from an early age, NASA wouldn't want me. I heard that astronauts couldn't have glasses. I was ok with that. I didn't really want the whole astronaut gig .

- a) Who is 'I 'referred here?

- b) Name the dream specified here.
- d) What does the word 'gig' mean here?

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words.

- a) What was ailment Aisha Chaudhary suffering from?
- b) How did Alice save the Knave from execution despite the queen's strong protest?
- c) What's special about the Mad Hatter's tea party?
- d) What is the message of the poem 'The frog and the Nightingale' by Vikram Seth?
- e) How the Nightingale become a huge sensation in the Bingle Bog?

3. Answer any one of the following questions in 70-80 words.

- a) How was the Frog reinstated as an unopposed singer in Bingle Bog again?
- b) The speaker in the "The Last Lecture" tried all the possible ways to float to in Zero Gravity. What prevented him from it and how he survived it?

4. Answer the following questions in 80 -100 words.(Novel)

- a) Does Shmuel tell Bruno everything what happens in the other side of the fence? Why and Why not?
- b) Describe the death of Bruno in the novel 'The Boy in striped Pajamas.'
- c) Give a pen portrait of Bruno.