BLOOM PUBLIC SCHOOL
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi
SAMPLE PAPER PERIODIC ASSESSMENT II (2017–2018)
ENGLISH:- IX

TIME : 3 Hrs. **M.M:- 80**

General Instructions :-

The question paper is divided into **Three** sections**.**

Section A	**:**	**Reading**	**20 marks**
Section B	**:**	**Writing & Grammar**	**30 marks**
Section C	**:**	**Literature & Long Reading Text**	**30 marks**

SECTION:- A

(READING) **(20 Marks)**

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. **(1 X 8 = 8 Marks)**

Fish keeping has benefits that make it an attractive hobby for millions of people. Aquariums can bring a bit of nature, a living ecosystem, into any home, including apartments that do not allow other pets. like tending a furry animal ,helping to maintain a fish tank can teach a child the responsibility of caring for other living creatures.

As pets fish have distinct advantages: they are quiet, they do not chew or scratch the furniture, and with a few slow -release feeders in their tank, they can safely be left alone for a week or two.

But it is likely the documented benefit to human health that has helped make aquariums so popular. Like petting a dog or cat, gazing at an aquarium at the end of a long, hard day can reduce stress and lower blood pressure. Likewise, research shows that people waiting to see a doctor or undergo medical procedure were less anxious after watching fish swimming in a tank. Watching fish also has a significant calming effect on children with attention deficit as well as on elderly people with Alzheimer's disease.

Today, home aquariums became popular as commercial fish breeding operations and air transport made it easy and affordable. More durable tanks and improved filtration system enabled hobbyists to sustain fish for longer periods.

Today, home aquariums range from a child's goldfish bowl to elaborate tanks holding several hundred gallons of water and dozens of exotic fish. more adventurous hobbyists opt for saltwater tanks ,which take more work and equipment to maintain a stable environment .saltwater fish are more costly and more susceptible to changes in temperature and water quality than freshwater species .on the positive side ,they are spectacularly colorful and turn a tank into a dramatic focal point. Modern aquariums have evolved far beyond the boring rectangular tank. today's models come in almost any shape imaginable -round hexagonal, bow front .concave ,free form and flat to hang on the wall .they also have become key elements in home and office decor .they are built into walls and incorporated into tables ,lamps ,desks and even bath tubs. Almost any object it seems can be turned into a fish tank. (approx. 360 words)

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:

(a) Why do people prefer keeping fish as a pet?

(b) What are the special advantages of petting fish?

(c) How does fish-keeping control high blood pressure?

(d) Why is salt water tank used sometimes for keeping fish?

(e) What is the main reason for the popularity of aquariums?

(f) Why are aquariums available in different shapes?

(g) Find a word from the passage which means the same as:

(i) a disease of the brain that affects memory.

(ii) different/ unusual

Q2. Read the passage given below:

1. Maybe you're bored of bananas, apples and grapes and need a fresh produce pick? A nutrient-rich serving of kiwifruit may be just what you need. A serving of kiwifruit (2 kiwis) has twice the vitamin C of an orange, as much potassium as a banana and the fiber of a bowl of whole grain cereal–all for less than 100 calories!
2. The fuzzy fruit is sky-high in both soluble and insoluble fiber, both of which are essential for promoting heart health, regulating digestion, and lowering cholesterol levels—that's a winning trifecta. Kiwi fruit has also been considered a "nutritional all-star," as Rutgers University researchers found that kiwifruit has the best nutrient density of 21 commonly consumed fruits.
3. Along with vitamin C, kiwi fruit are rich in many bioactive compounds that have antioxidant capacity to help to protect against free radicals, harmful by-products produced in the body. If you want clean energy, think of kiwifruit because they're rich in magnesium, a nutrient essential to convert food into energy.
4. A kiwi fruit also doubles as a peeper-keeper by supplying your eyes with protective lutein, a carotenoid that's concentrated in eye tissues and helps protect against harmful free radicals. Kiwifruit is also packed with blood pressure-lowering potassium. In fact, a 100- gram serving of kiwifruit—that's about one large kiwi—provides 15% of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of potassium.
5. Kiwi fruit has been growing in New Zealand for over 100 years. Once the fruit gained in popularity, other countries started to grow them including Italy, France, Chile, Japan, South Korea and Spain. At first, kiwis were referred to as 'Yang Tao' or 'Chinese Gooseberry,' but the name was ultimately changed to kiwifruit so that everyone would know where the fruit came from.
6. A ripe kiwi fruit will be plump and smooth-skinned, and free of wrinkles, bruise, and punctures. If you find that your kiwi is a little too firm after buying it, simply let it ripen at room temperature for three to five days. The firmer the fruit, the more tart it will taste. To speed up the ripening process, you can also place kiwis in a paper bag with an apple or banana. If you want to store the fruit longer, you should keep in a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly: (2 X 4 = 8 Marks)

(a) What does a serving of kiwi offer?

(b) Why has kiwi been considered a "nutritional all-star"?

(c) How is kiwi helpful for the eyes?

(d) How can you make a kiwi fruit ripen?

2.2 Do as directed: (1 X 4 = 4 Marks)

(a) Find words in the passage which mean the same as-

(i) mixture

(ii) condensed

(b) Find words in the passage which mean the opposite of-

(i) attack

(ii) sweet

SECTION:- B

Writing & Grammar **(30 Marks)**

Q3. Bal Bharti School, Lucknow is going to organise a Debate competition on 8 September 2017 on the occasion of International Literacy Day. The topic for the debate is **'Should English be given the position of second language?'** You, as Hiranya/ Hardik, write a debate on the same in about **120-150** words. **(8 Marks)**

Q4. Complete the following story in 150 to 200 words. Given below is the beginning of a story. Continue from this point and complete the story in about 150-200 words. (10 Marks)

In a village there lived a Zamindar. Once he went to buy a pair of bullocks at a fair and found that he was short of five hundred rupees. So he went to a pawn-broker's shop and asked if he could borrow five hundred rupees. The moneylender replied that unless he pawned something he would not get any money.The Zamindar took out an old rusty sword and said……

Q5. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate options: (1 X 4 = 4 Marks)

(a) Ask your questions now as you ____ not talk during the test.

(i) could (ii)may (iii)should (iv) need

(b) Rivers are considered holy ____ India.

(i) at (ii)in (iii) of (iv) with

(c) The students were talking when Mrs. Sarkar ____ the classroom.

(i) entering (ii) enter (iii)entered (iv) had entered

(d) I wish I …… buy a new phone, but I don't have money.

(i) shall (ii) could (iii) had (iv) may

Q6. **There is an error in each line. Write the error and the corrections in the answer sheet as given below : (1 X 4 = 4 Marks)**

	Error	Correction
India had been a strange	(a) _____ ___	_____
country to foreigners. In it glorious	(b) _____ ___	_____
past, it were considered a country with	(c) _____ ___	_____
the lot of wealth.	(d) _____ ___	_____

Q7. Rearrange the given words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. (1 X 4 = 4 Marks)

(a) rear cattle / we / for / mainly / their milk

(b) even / but surprisingly / the / rear cows / smallest of ants

(c) of the ant / the cow / small green / is a / called Aphid / creature

(d) insects / Aphids / are / suck / that / juices of plants / the

Q8. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow: (1 X 4 = 4 Marks)

'Will no one tell me what she sings?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow

For old , unhappy far-off things,

And battles long ago:'

(a) Whose song is being referred here?

(b) Why does the poet want someone to tell "what she sings?"

(c) What does 'plaintive numbers' mean?

(d) What do 'far-off things' stand for?

Q9. Answer the questions briefly in 30-40 words: (2 X 4 = 8 Marks)

(a) Why did Gaston feel interested in buying the house that he had been finding absolutely worthless initially?

(b) 'I doubted if I should ever come back.' Why does the poet doubt he should ever come back?

(c) What sort of a student did Krishtakka prove to be?

(d) Why did Marcy cry secretly?

Q10. Answer the following question in 80-100 words: (1 X 8 = 8 Marks)

(a) How does the poet convey the beauty of the Solitary Reaper's song in his poem?

Q11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: (1 X 10 = 10 Marks)

(a) Harris can not work without creating a chaos. Give examples from the story to justify this statement.