

ST. XAVIER'S SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, DELHI-54

Class : 6

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT 2

Marks: 80

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English

Time: 2 hours

Note: All the answers should be done on the answer sheet.

A. Read the passage and answer the questions below: (8)

It is bad to have food stuck between your teeth for long periods of time. This is because food attracts germs, germs produce acid, and acid hurts your teeth and gums. Flossing helps to remove the food that gets stuck between your teeth. This explains why flossing helps to keep your mouth healthy, but some doctors say that flossing can be also good for your heart.

It may seem strange that something you do for your teeth can have any effect on your heart. Doctors have come up with a few ideas about how flossing works to keep your heart healthy. One idea is that the germs that hurt your teeth can leave the mouth and travel into your blood. Germs that get into the blood can then attack your heart. Another idea is based on the fact that when there are too many germs in your mouth, the body tries to fight against these germs. For some reason, the way the body fights these mouth germs may end up weakening the heart over time.

Not every doctor agrees about these ideas. Some doctors think that the link between good flossing habits and good heart health is only a coincidence. A coincidence is the occurrence of two or more events at one time apparently by mere chance. The incidence of these events is completely random, as they do not admit of any reliable cause and effect relationship between them. For example, every time I wash my car, it rains. This does not mean that when I wash my car, I somehow change the weather. This is only a coincidence. Likewise, some doctors think that people who have bad flossing habits just happen to also have heart problems, and people who have good flossing habits just happen to have healthy hearts.

The theory that flossing your teeth helps to keep your heart healthy might not be true. But every doctor agrees that flossing is a great way to keep your teeth healthy. So even if flossing does not help your heart, it is sure to help your teeth. This is enough of a reason for everyone to floss their teeth every day.

Questions :

1. How does flossing help to keep your mouth healthy? (1)
 2. State the two ways by which flossing helps to keep your heart healthy. (2)
 3. What do you mean by coincidence? Give an example of it. (2)
 4. In paragraph 3 the author writes, "Not every doctor agrees with these ideas." Which ideas are being talked about here? (1)
 5. What conclusions has been drawn about flossing in the final paragraph? (2)
- B1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles. (2)
- (a) Some of _____ commuters were hurt when they tried to jump off the train.
 - (b) I saw _____ rabbit skipping around.
 - (c) _____ beauty of Kashmir is very famous.
 - (d) You have made some excellent points in _____ essay you have shown me.
- B2. Rewrite after correcting errors related to sub-verb agreement: (2)
- (a) Each boy and girl in the college are taking part in the competition.
 - (b) He don't like to be fined.
- B3. In each of these sentences, supply a verb in agreement with its subject. (1)
- a) The latest news _____, he is dead. (say/says)
 - b) The coach or the players _____ their own techniques. (has/have)
- B4. Identify and state the adverbs and adjectives in the sentences: (1)
- (a) Sunil works very hard.
 - (b) The sharp boy solved the puzzle.

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- B5. Replace the words in the italics with the adverb in each sentence: (2)
- (a) The fireman fought the fire *in a brave manner*.
- (b) The child was weeping *with bitterness*.
- B6. Join these sentences using suitable conjunctions: (3)
- (a) She did not work hard. She failed.
- (b) Heed my warning. You will land in trouble.
- (c) The train was fully packed. We got comfortable seats.
- B7. Identify the direct and indirect speech from the following sentences: (1)
- (a) The boy says that Sachin is a good batsman.
- (b) Rimpi said "I want to eat an apple."
- B8. Change the sentences into indirect speech: (3)
- (a) The officer said, "The police arrested the burglar."
- (b) She said, "my father gives alms to the poor."
- (c) The officer said, "the job has finished."
- B9. Rewrite after punctuating: (2)
- preeti said I am going to rajouri garden mummy
- B 10. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the brackets: (2)
- (a) A small table was lying _____ the two chairs. (between/among)
- (b) The dog jumped _____ the pond. (in/into)
- (c) Please put this bag _____ the box. (beside/besides)
- (d) The burglar was beaten _____ some strangers. (by/with)
- C1. Read the following references given below and answer the questions that follow: (2)
- A. 'Which if unchecked will expand again
To former size.'
- (a) What according to the poet, must be checked?
- (b) What will happen if it is left unchecked?
- B. ' Dr. Rao ate very little. His mind seemed to be elsewhere...'
- (a) Where was Dr. Rao? (½)
- (b) What was he thinking about? (1)
- (c) What had he done just before this? (1)
- C. ' He did it like an operatic tenor...'
- (a) Who is being referred to here? (½)
- (b) What reaction did this person evoke? (1)
- C2. Answer the following questions in brief: (2x6=12)
1. What was the 'soldierly thing' that Raina wanted to do?
 2. How was the man's opinion about Sergius different from Raina?
 3. 'It takes much time to kill a tree. Not a simple jab of the knife will do it'Why does it take so much time to kill a tree?
 4. Why has the poet used the phrase, ' kill a tree' and 'not cut down a tree'?
 5. How did Cyril's disliking for the school change into his liking at the end of the story?
 6. Why did doctor Rao take Cyril out for bird watching in the evening?
- D 1 Write an application to the principal requesting him to grant you leave on account of your brother's marriage. Mention the date and place of the wedding. (10)
- D 2 Design a poster to spread awareness about the cleanliness drive initiated by our Prime Minister, Mr. Modi. Mention the issuing authority. (5)

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Read the passage carefully and tick the correct option for the questions that follow.

When you imagine the desert, you probably think of a very hot place covered with sand. Although this is a good description for many deserts, Earth's largest desert is actually a very cold place covered with ice: Antarctica. In order for an area to be considered a desert, it must receive very little rainfall. More specifically, it must receive an average of less than ten inches of precipitation which can be rain, sleet, hail, or snow on the ground every year.

Antarctica, the coldest place on earth, has an average temperature that usually falls below the freezing point. And because cold air holds less moisture than warm air, the air in Antarctica does not hold much moisture at all. This is evident in the low precipitation statistics recorded for Antarctica. For example, the central part of Antarctica receives an average of less than 2 inches of snow every year. The coastline of Antarctica receives a little bit more between seven and eight inches a year. Because Antarctica gets so little precipitation every year, it is considered a desert.

When precipitation falls in hot deserts, it quickly evaporates back into the atmosphere. The air over arctica is too cold to hold water vapor, so there is very little evaporation. Due to this low rate of evaporation, most of the snow that falls to the ground remains there permanently, eventually building up into thick ice sheets. Any snow that does not freeze into ice sheets becomes caught up in the strong winds that constantly blow over Antarctica. These snow-filled winds can make it look as if it is snowing. Even though snowfall is very rare there, blizzards are actually very common on Antarctica.

Questions

- 1) The main purpose of paragraph 1 is to
 - a) accept a conclusion
 - b) introduce an argument
 - c) provide a brief history
 - d) deny a common belief
- 2) The best title for this passage would be
 - a) Earth's Many Deserts
 - b) Antarctica: The Coldest Place on Earth
 - c) A Desert of Ice
 - d) Unusual Blizzards
- 3) Africa's Sahara Desert is the second-largest desert on earth. Based on the information in the passage, what characteristic must the Sahara share with Antarctica?
 - a) low temperatures
 - b) high temperatures
 - c) frequent blizzards
 - d) low precipitation
- 4) As used in paragraph 2, which is the best definition for precipitation?
 - a) moisture in the air that falls to the ground
 - b) any type of weather event
 - c) weather events that only happen in very cold areas
 - d) a blizzard that occurs in areas with limited snowfall
- 5) In paragraph 2 the author writes, "And because cold air holds less moisture than warm air, the air in Antarctica does not hold much moisture at all." Using this information, it can be understood that
 - a) air in Africa holds more moisture than the air in Antarctica
 - b) air surrounding a tropical island holds less moisture than the air in Antarctica
 - c) air in the second floor of a house is typically warmer than air on the first floor
 - d) air at the mountains is typically colder than the air at the beach
- 6) According to the final paragraph, any snow that falls over Antarctica
 - i) becomes part of the Antarctic ice sheet
 - ii) is blown around by strong winds
 - iii) evaporates back into the atmosphere

(a) i only b) i and ii only c) ii and iii only d) i, ii, and iii
- 7) Based on the information in the final paragraph, it can be understood that blizzards in Antarctica are mainly the result of
 - a) freezing cold temperatures
 - b) large amounts of snowfall
 - c) low amounts of precipitation
 - d) strong winds

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Choose the correct option.

- 8) Take _____ chair lying near the window
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) no article
- 9) Choose the correct sentences in accordance with the subject verb agreement.
(a) One of these candidates are going to be selected as the swimming coach.
(b) One of these candidates has giving to be selected as the swimming coach.
(c) One of these candidates is going to be selected as the swimming coach.
(d) One of these candidates had going to be selected as the swimming coach.
- 10) Porus fought _____
(a) brave (b) braves (c) bravely (d) bravery
- 11) All of us admire _____ beauty.
(a) a (b) the (c) an (d) no article
- 12) Antonym of the word 'defend' is
(a) protect (b) oppose (c) guard (d) comply
- 13) Antonym of the word 'bold' is
(a) cowardly (b) daring (c) confident (d) small

Select the suitable conjunction :

- 14) It is Sunday today, _____ the markets are closed.
(a) Therefore (b) so that (c) although (d) but
- 15) Cyril's parents were quite embarrassed because
a) They didn't have well-furnished house to welcome the guest.
b) Cyril had created a scene in the presence of their guest.
c) Cyril had failed in exams.
d) They didn't know how to welcome a guest.
- 16) The words: browning, hardening, twisting, withering, are used for
a) A cut down tree
b) A fully grown tree
c) A killed tree
d) A young sapling
- 17) Raina said, " He was a pretender and a coward! You did not dare say that before".
'He' refers to
a) Sergius
b) The enemy soldier
c) Raina's father
d) Other soldiers
- 18) In the poem 'Piano' the poet's heart weeps as
a) he wants to play the piano.
b) he wants to return to the happy days of his childhood.
c) his piano breaks into pieces.
d) his mother is not playing the piano for him.
- 19) One meaning of 'suit' is 'a set of clothes' and the other is
a) Look good on
b) Tremble with fright
c) Colour
d) To feel strong
- 20) 'Hide' means 'skin of an animal', it is also used for
a) A baby deer
b) To stay out of sight
c) To do something
d) Move in a forceful way
