

Second Unit Test in ENGLISH

Std. 10
04-12-2015

Time : 1 hr.
M. Marks: 20

This paper consists of three sections:

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| Section A – Reading | (5 marks) |
| Section B – Writing and Grammar | (7 marks) |
| Section C – Literature Textbook | (8 marks) |

General Instructions:

- i) All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Strictly adhere to the word limit.
- iii) Marks will be deducted for untidiness.

Section – A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully. (5 marks)

In a new finding, climate change has now become a national issue in America as a recent study has deduced that warning-induced drought in the Middle East is leading to increased conflicts over food and water leading to its consequences on America and the world. The accelerating rate of climate change poses a severe risk to national security and acts as a catalyst for global political conflict. This is the conclusion drawn up by US experts, according to a government report. At the US Centre for Naval Analysis, the Military Advisory Board found that climate change had induced drought in the Middle East, and Africa. The lack of food and water was affecting the populations of these countries to take recourse to extreme measures. It was escalating long standing ethnic tensions into violent clashes in the affected countries. In addition, the report predicted that an increase in catastrophic weather conditions world wide will create more demand for American troops even as flooding and extreme weather could damage naval ports and military bases.

According to official findings, the report signals that it would influence American foreign policy as well. The report visualizes situations caused by the massive dislocation or massive drying up of the waters of the Nile, or of the major rivers of India and China. Pentagon officials also feel that the report would affect the military policy of their country as climate change is having an impact on national security, whether by increasing global instability or by opening up the Arctic, or by increasing sea level and storm surge close to coastal installations. This is the first major study to draw the link between climate change and national security. Thus American leaders are delivering major speeches wherein they are linking up climate change issues with that of national securities. New regulations would also be put in place to cut pollution from coal, fire, power options.

The report follows a recent string of scientific studies that warn that the effects of climate change are already occurring and that more flooding, droughts, extreme storms, food and

water shortages, and damage to infrastructure will occur in the future. There is thus a link in some quarters between rising sea waters and terrorism. These effects are stress multipliers that will aggravate stressors abroad, such as poverty, environmental degradation, political instability and social tensions.

Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words each :

- a) What is the latest finding regarding climate change?
- b) What is affecting the countries in Middle East and Africa and how?
- c) What unique feature does the latest report on climate change highlight?
- d) What do the recent scientific studies indicate?
- e) What does the term 'aggravate' in the passage imply?

Section – B (Writing and Grammar)

2. Your school has recently banned the sale of cold drinks and other junk food items like burger in the school canteen in an attempt to encourage the students to eat more of home cooked healthy food. Write an article on the topic 'Healthy home cooked food and its benefits' for your school magazine in about 100-120 words. You are Arush / Arushi. (3marks)

3. The following passage has not been edited. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in your answer sheet: (3 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
Formal menswear have always been branded	(a) _____	_____
as boring, whereas women's formal wear are	(b) _____	_____
always at the forefront when it comes to style.	(c) _____	_____
In recent times clothing brand have taken it upon	(d) _____	_____
themselves to caste aside the sedate or boring	(e) _____	_____
label and take an innovative route.	(f) _____	_____

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (1 mark)
 - a) should / actions / in / words / believe / in / not / but / men
 - b) shallow / capability / one who / person with / speaks but / is a / doesn't act / no.

Section – C (Literature)

5. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. (3marks)

*'And a good south wind sprung up behind,
The Albatross did follow,*

*And everyday for food or play,
Came to the mariner's hollo!*

- a) Why does the poet refer to the south wind as 'good'?
 - b) What is the meaning of the word, 'hollo'?
 - c) How did the sailors treat the albatross?
6. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (3 marks)
- a) What was Lavinia's reaction on seeing Helen, the ghost?
 - b) Sosanko said, 'Patol Babu was the luckiest of all the actors'. Why?
 - c) How and why was "The Writer's Inspiration Bureau" formed by Helen and the other co-ghost?
7. Answer in about 50 to 60 words: (2 marks)
- 'I am Ozymandias the king of kings'. What does this statement tell us about the king?

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