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STD: IX

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PERIODIC ASSESSMENT-III
ENGLISH

Time:1½hrs
Marks:40

I. Read the given passage and answer the following questions:

6x1=6

Excursion

It was a fine morning with the sound of steady drizzling which seemed like hoof beats on the roof. I looked through the window and observed that the prospect was quite grey as well as drab and truth was apparent to a me-the outing that my friends and I had planned for this holiday would definitely be cancelled. There cannot be any query regarding that excursion. Passing so many miles on the bicycles was really out of the question and the weather conditions were really inclement I was decidedly depressed as I had placed great store upon that excursion taking place. It was to have been a most exciting outing. But I had to console myself by thinking of the proverb-Man proposes and God disposes of.

I lazed in bed for some time longer than it was customary for me to do. Then I got up and had a wash, dressed and went down for breakfast. My mother was already busy about her household chores and she greeted me quite as cheerful as ever. I did not feel cheerful but there was no point in complaining about something beyond her control or mine. So I sat down to breakfast and made the best of polite conversation between mother and son. After some time she said: 'Son, I nearly forgot to tell you that Jimmy phoned up to say that the outing was off on an account of the rain. He said that you could arrange it on some other occasion when the weather was not so foul'.

Do you know what it is like? Well, I finished breakfast and went back up to my room to sit and decide what I was going to do to keep myself occupied. I switched on the record player and listened to some music but it did not appeal much to me that morning. The rain seemed to have dampened my spirits pretty badly. Then for a change, I took from my bookshelf a book of poems and tried to concentrate on some of the philosophic thoughts that I discovered therein.

But that also did not hold my attention for long. Later, I began reading a novel and thus passed the hours until lunch time. With the little appetite, I sauntered down for the meal-chiefly because I did not want to hurt other's feelings. So I made an effort to appreciate the delicious lunch that it was. She was pleased. Towards two 'O' clock the weather cleared up. Lunch being over, Mother and I settled down for a chat when the doorbell rang and who should enter but my married sister and her husband. We were really surprised to see them because they lived in another town quite far away. They had come by car and had wanted to give us a surprise. Sure enough, it was a very welcome surprise. More so, when they announced that they had planned to take us back with them. The next day being Sunday, we could stay with them. Now, this was really a pleasant surprise for me and for Mum. It did not take us long to pack up a few things and be ready to leave within the hour.

Just before we could leave home the phone rang, it was Jimmy again: he suggested that the outing was to be planned for the next day. I told him to go ahead and to have a good time – I would not be there. Upon his asking me what had gone wrong with me, as I had been the one to be so eager about it, I merely replied that

I had far better things to do, I was glad – right glad that it had rained that day.

1. How had rain affected the writer's spirit?
2. Two ways in which the writer tried to get over his depression were:
3. What surprised Jimmy? Why?
4. The writer's sadness and frustration turned into joy when-----?
5. Pick our words from the passage that mean the following
 - a) A short journey or trip, especially one taken as a leisure activity. (Para 1)
 - b) Usual practices associated with a particular society, place, or set of circumstances. (Part 2)

SECTION-B(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

II. Your maid has 4 children 3 daughters and a son. While her daughters work as maids to earn money, the son goes to school and gets everything he desires. You feel pity for the girls and sad at the way our society treats girls. Write a diary entry in 50-60 words. (7 Marks)

III. Error correction: 4x1=4

Amongst young peoples, motorcyclists and	a)-----	-----
Scooterists are the great cause of danger	b)-----	-----
They often try to show off by driving	c) -----	-----
at breakneck speed; they risk their own	d)-----	-----

life as well as that of others.

IV. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences.

3x1=3

1. they/achieve/willing/are/tirelessly/to/their/goals/to work
2. they/sky is/that/for/the/know/the/them/limit
3. stones/failures/stepping/success/to/are

SECTION-C (LITERATURE)

V. Explain with reference to the context 4x1=4

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple job of the knife
Will do it. it had grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water
And out of its leprous hide
Sprouting leaves.

Questions:

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) Can we kill a tree just with a simple jab of the knife?
- c) How does a tree grow up?
- d) What does it absorb for years?

VI. Answer the following questions: 4x2=8

1. How did Santosh begin to climb mountains?
2. Why did the Duck ask the Kangaroo to give her a ride?
3. What saved Johnsy's life?
4. Maria's father accompanied her to the U.S., but why could he also not see her during her stay there?

VII. Answer in detail: 2x4=8

1. How did the narrator's wife react when Baba was sent to Mysore zoo? How did Baba reach back home?
2. What is the message conveyed through the story 'the Last Leaf'?

(OR)

Justify the title of the story 'Weathering the storm in Ersama'.