**DAV CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, HUDA, PANIPAT**

**CLASS- XI ENGLISH**

**PRACTICE PAPER 2**

**MM:80 TIME: 3Hrs.**

**SECTION - A (READING)**

**Q.1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12)**

1. Global warming is the warming up of the earth due to the trapping of gases like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane and nitrous oxide, when the atmosphere fails to perform its function of acting as a protective blanket. The incoming solar radiation is partly absorbed by carbon dioxide, though a vastly higher amount of the outgoing radiation is trapped in the atmosphere.

2. Carbon dioxide possesses immense staying properties in the atmosphere. It is being speculated that carbon dioxide concentrations may double in about a century.

3. This increased carbon dioxide level, according to predictions, indicates an increase in temperature ranging from 1.5-4 degrees Celsius, or a rise in sea levels by about 50cms by AD 2100.

4. However, Earth apparently has its own system of checks and balances. Water vapour in the atmosphere is known to absorb radiation more than any other atmospheric component.

5. A doubling of carbon dioxide concentration would increase the capacity of the Earth’s surface to absorb infra-red radiation by about 4 watts per square metre, though over all, the levels of absorption would be small.

6. Volcanic eruptions, too, are believed to be responsible for reduction in the carbon dioxide contents in the atmosphere. A massive volcanic eruption in Philippines had in fact a cooling impact.

7. Cooling through volcanic eruptions is believed to release certain gases into the atmosphere, which are responsible for increase in the carbon dioxide content in the atmosphere.

8. Measurement of the incident of CO2 in the atmosphere made in Hawaii indicate that during 1992-93 about two billion tonnes of the gas was found missing from the atmosphere.

9. As far as the impact of ozone depletion is concerned, it seems to be dictated more by political considerations, than any other factor. This increased burning of fossil fuels for energy is largely responsible for the increase in temperature through ozone depletion.

10. A tug-of-war has been going on among the industrialised countries and the developing countries on the share of the blame. In fact, the US, the erstwhile USSR, Brazil and China account for almost half of the net global emissions of harmful gases such as CFCs. While North America generates about 5 tonnes per head of carbon dioxide, Africa, China and India together generate approximately 1 tonne of CO2 per head.

11. Developing countries, on the other hand, are charged with emission of methane largely generated from paddy fields and discharge of animals.

12. However, despite the fact that 1995 was one of the hottest years of the century, snowfalls have been recorded in some part of the world – notably on the eastern coast of America and in Jammu and Kashmir.

13. Moreover, over the last 50 years, the Arctic climate has not been undergoing any noticeable temperature changes. In fact, till 1975, global temperatures had been undergoing a downward trend. Could the recent spurt in temperatures be a natural cyclical process, or temporary offshoot of the shifting pressure belts?

14. Given the rising temperatures, growing seasons would be prolonged. Higher temperatures would also lead to an increased evaporation from oceans, thereby intensifying cloudiness, leading to moderate temperatures during the day and warmer nights.

15. Warmer temperatures during the night enhance agricultural productivity. Increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will also result in an increase in fertility.

16. Global warming will also have an impact on the EI Nino phenomenon – the circulation of weather disturbances around the world as a result of the warming of Pacific Oceans around the tropics.

17. However, a few questions remain in the ongoing debate on global warming.

18. The process of heat transfer in the atmosphere – convection – is a field in which a lot of research needs to be done.

19. Secondly, clouds and vapour are known to be major absorbers of incoming radiation back into space.

20. If the cloud cover, as a result of increased evaporation due to rising temperature, were to increase, it would result in more containment.

21. Plants, which both absorb and release carbon dioxide, too have a crucial role to play. Their role, however, has been till now underestimated.

**A1.1 Answer the following questions briefly: (10 marks)**

**i**) What is the function of the earth’s atmosphere? **(2 marks)**  
**ii)** What is increased amount of carbon dioxide likely to lead to? **(2 marks)**  
**iii**) How does water vapour balance the effect of carbon dioxide?  
 (**2 marks)**  
**iv**) What is the cause of tug-of-war between industrialised and developing countries?  
 **(2 marks)**  
**v)** What is the ‘EL Nino Phenomenon’?  **(2 marks)**

**A1.2 Find words in the passage that mean the same as the following: (2 marks)**  
i) arrested (para 1)  
ii) sudden

**Q.2. (8 Marks)**  Residents of the Bhirung Raut Ki Gali, where Ustad Bishmillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916, were in

shock. His cousin, 94-year -old Mohd Idrish Khan had tears in his eyes. Shubhan Khan, the care-taker of Bismillah’s land, recalled: *“Whenever in Dumaraon, he would give rupees two to the boys and rupees five to the girls of the locality”.*

He was very keen to play shehnai again in the local Bihariji’s Temple where he had started playing shehnai with his father, Bachai Khan, at the age of six. His original name was Quamaruddin and became Bishmillah only after he became famous as a shehnai player in Varanasi. His father Bachai Khan was the official shehnai player of Keshav Prasad Singh,the Maharaja of the erstwhile Dumaraon estate, Bismillah used to accompany him.

For Bishmillah Khan, the connection to music began at a very early age. Byhis teens, he had already become a master of the shehnai. On the day India gained freedom, Bismillah Khan, then a sprightly 31 year-old, had the rare honour of playing from Red Fort. But Bishmillah Khan won’t just be remembered for elevating the shehnai from an instrument heard only in weddings and naubatkhanas to one that was appreciated in concert halls across the world. His life was a testimony to the plurality that is India.

A practicing Muslim, he would take a daily dip in the Ganga in his younger days after a bout of *kusti*in *Benia Baga Akhada*. Every morning, Bishmillah Khan would do *riyaaz*at the Balaji temple on the banks of the river. Even during his final hours in a Varanasi hospital, music didn’t desert Bishmillah Khan. A few hours before he passed away early on Monday, the shehnai wizard hummed a *thumri*to show that he was feeling better. This was typical of a man for whom life revolved around music.

Throughout his life he abided by the principle that all religions are one. What marked Bishmillah Khan was his simplicity and disregard for the riches that come with musical fame. Till the very end, he used a cycle rickshaw to travel around Varanasi. But the pressure of providing for some 60 family members took its toll during his later years.

**2.1** On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations where necessary.

(5)

**2.2** Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title.

(3)

**SECTION -B (WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)**

**Q3.** RKS International School is looking for a receptionist for the

school. Write an advertisement on behalf of the Administrative

office in the classified column of the local newspaper giving

necessary details in 50 words.

or

Write a notice about a practice schedule for the forthcoming

Inter-School Cricket Tournament. You are S.Y. Pandit, Vice

Principal. 4 Marks

**Q4.** Youare Anand/Anandi of 22, Gandhi Nagar, Chennai. You saw

an advertisement about a course in spoken English, published in

''The Times of India'' by SPD, Internatonal Institute,83, Meera

Nagar chennai-20. You wish to join the course. Write a letter to

the advertiser, inquiringabout the details you require.

or

You are Shaan of 32, Kailash Colony, New Delhi. Write a letter

to the editor of a local newspaper about the misuse and poor

maintenance of the public park in your colony. 6 Marks

**Q5**. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine on

'Jounalism as a Career'. You may use following points as well as

your own ideas.

-Jounalism suitable for those good at language.

- who desire to present truth to the public

- new forms are TV news,sports,travel

- can bring fame

- needs courage and honesty.

or

You are Mithun/Mithila of City public School, Dwarka. Your

school has just celebrated the Annual Sports Day. The famous

player Sania mirza was invited to inaugurate the gym in your

school that day. write a report for your school magazine.

10 Marks

**Q6.** The following passage has not been edited. There is one

error in every line. Write the incorrect and the correct

words.

It has been said that anyone lives by (i)

sell something or the other. In the light of (ii)

this statement, teachers live off selling (iii)

knowledge, philosophers by selling wise (iv)

and priests by selling spiritual comforts. (v)

It is extreme difficult to estimate the (vi)

true value for the service whiach people (vii)

perform to us. (viii)

4 Marks

**Q7.** The following statements are not in sequential order.

Rewrite the sentences in their correct order.

(a) It was kept in the dining room waiting to be hung.

(b) A picture has come from the frame makers.

(c) ''Oh, you leave that to me. i'll do the job,''Uncle Podger

said.

(d) Aunt Podger asked what was to be done with it.

4 Marks

**Q8.**  Do as directed.

(a) She wrote it in her diary. She did not want to forget it.

( Join using 'so that')

(b) Why are you spoiling your career? ( Change into Passive)

2 Marks

**SECTION-C [ LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXTS]**

**Q9.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions

given below.

Where did my childhood go?

It went to some forgotten place,

That's hidden in an infant's face

That's all I know.

(a) Why is the poet worried?

(b) Where has the poet's childhood gone?

(c) Name the poem and poet concerned. 3 Marks

**Q10.** Answer the following questions briefly.

(a) How are the biological systems endangered by human beings?

(b) How was king Tut's mummy scanned by the portable CT

scanner?

(c) What does the writer feel about helplessness of father in the

poem ''Father to Son''?

9 Marks

**Q11.** What qualities helped Andrew Manson help Morgan family?

6 Marks

**Q12.** Elaborate upon the various attempts made by the Canterville Ghost to frighten the Otis family in about 120-150 words.

6 Marks

**Q13.** Though Oscar Wilde tells a humorous tale, he has a message which he delivers through Virginia. What is the message? Answer in about 120-150 words. 6 Marks.