

**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SITAPUR (LUCKNOW REGION)**  
**FIRST PERIODIC TEST PAPER**

CLASS – VIII      SUBJECT – ENGLISH      MM-40      TIME: 90 MINUTES

<b>SECTION A</b>	<b>Reading comprehension</b>	<b>10 MARKS</b>
<b>SECTION B</b>	<b>Writing Skills / Grammar</b>	<b>14 MARKS</b>
<b>SECTION C</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>22 MARKS</b>

General instructions:

- (i) All the questions are compulsory. Attempt all the sections.
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iii) All the questions of a particular section should be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A: READING [ 10 Marks]**

**Q.1 Answer the following questions after reading the passage.**

As the problem of air pollution reaches catastrophic proportions, each of us becomes an involuntary stakeholder. According to the latest report by the World Health Organization, over one lakh children below five years of age died in India due to both ambient and household air pollution in 2016. Here are some ways to keep yourself and your family safe.

There's no good smoke Limit the use of candles and agarbattis. Even if they are labelled as being herbal, studies have shown that they emit toxic gases and PM2.5. If you must use them, place them near windows.

Vacuum thoroughly Firstly, clean your house regularly with a vacuum cleaner so that you get rid of dust more efficiently. If you suffer from asthma or allergies, invest in a cleaner with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter which will retain particles measuring 0.3 microns and larger, instead of blowing it back into the air.

Don't take it to the cleaners Perchloroethylene is a liquid solvent used to dry-clean clothes. It is a serious air pollutant and long-term exposure can even cause cancer. Avoid hanging your dry-cleaned clothes in the closet as soon as you get them home. Instead, air them outdoors for a day or two.

Air purifiers though affordable ones may not be as efficient as high-end air purifiers, they will still help bring down dust, PM levels and other pollutants. Make sure you invest in one that doesn't emit formaldehyde and ozone as by-products, which further contribute to air pollution.

Ventilate when running your air purifier, keep your windows and doors shut so that you don't overuse the filter. However, an air purifier doesn't produce oxygen or reduce carbon dioxide, whose level increases the longer you stay in a room. Hence, it's important to ventilate your rooms so that you are not constantly breathing in exhaled air. Plus, it's the only way to get rid of mold and fungi that thrive in closed, damp spaces.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer questions by choosing the correct option.

- 1) What Does the author intend to convey through the above text? Choose the best option  
a) Agarbathis and Candles do not pollute the air    b) Dry cleaning the clothes will prevent pollution  
c) Vacuum cleaners can be dangerous                      d) Clear the air of indoor toxics
- 2) According to the latest report presented by WHO, what are the causes for the death of over one lakh children in India?  
A) Ambient    B) Household air pollution    C) Ambient and household air pollution        D) None of the above
- 3) The age group of the children mentioned in the WHO report is .....
- A) 4 YEARS AND BELOW    B) 5 YEARS AND BELOW    C) 6 YEARS AND BELOW    D) 7 YEARS AND BELOW
- 4) Air Purifier:  
a) Formaldehyde and Ozone    b) Toxic gases PM 2.5    c) Cancer    d) Get rid of mould and fungi
- 5) Agarbathis and candles\_\_\_\_  
a) Formaldehyde and Ozone    b) Toxic gases PM 2.5    c) Cancer    d) Get rid of mould and fungi
- 6) Dry cleaners:  
a) Formaldehyde and Ozone    b) Toxic gasses PM 2.5    c) Cancer    d) Get rid of mold and fungi
- 7) Ventilators:  
a) Formaldehyde and Ozone    b) Toxic gasses PM 2.5    c) Cancer    d) Get rid of mold and fungi
- 8) Fill the blank : Don't take it to the cleaners \_\_\_\_\_ is a liquid solvent used to dry-clean clothes.

