



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST-I: 2017-2018
ENGLISH

STD.: VIII

Date: 23.05.2017

Set- 1

Marks: 20

Time: 40 Min

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- *This paper consists of three sections:*
 - Section A – Reading* (5 Marks)
 - Section B – Writing & Grammar* (8 Marks)
 - Section C -Literature* (7 Marks)
- *All sections are compulsory.*
- *Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary.*
- *Read the instructions carefully and follow them.*

SECTION-A: READING**(5)****1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Penguins are aquatic, flightless birds that are highly adapted to life in the water. Their distinct colouring, a form of camouflage helps to keep them safe in the water. Penguins are found almost exclusively in the southern hemisphere, where they catch their food underwater. They do all their hunting in the water. Their prey can be found within sixty feet of the surface, so penguins have no need to swim in deep water. .

Penguins are social birds. Many species feed, swim and nest in groups. They waddle on land and swim in the sea. When swimming fast they jump out of the water every few meters, just like dolphins do. This is called porpoising. On ice there is another method penguins sometimes use: tobogganing. They lie down on their belly and glide along like a toboggan, using their flippers and feet to push themselves forward.

The blue penguin, also known as the fairy penguin, is the smallest of the penguin species and is generally only sixteen inches tall. The largest penguin species is the emperor penguin, which is about 3.7 feet tall and weigh between sixty and ninety pounds.

1.1 Answer the following question by selecting the most appropriate option.**(2)**

- a) Penguins are different from other birds because they _____
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| i) are social birds, that can't fly but swim and nest in groups | iii) waddle on land |
| ii) live in water | iv) can't swim |
- b) The smallest penguin is only _____
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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| i) 3 feet | iii) 3.7 feet |
| ii) sixteen inches tall | iv) six inches tall |

1.2. Answer the following questions briefly:**(2)**

- a) How does the colouring of the penguins help them?
 b) How do penguins move?

1.3. Find a word from the passage which means the same as the following:**(1)**

- a) to avoid detection (para 1) b) to slide (para 2)

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR (8)

2. An Inter-School Singing Competition for students of class VIII is shortly coming up. The winner will get the chance to participate in the Young Singers Show on the television. Draft a notice providing relevant details. Do not exceed 50 words. You can use the given clues: (4)

- *date, time and venue of the competition
- *date for auditions
- *person in-charge
- *last date for registration

Do as directed:

3. Complete the sentences by writing an appropriate compound word with the help of the given clue: (1)

- a) Bob has done his _____ . (home)
- b) I bought a new _____ (cell) for my sister.

4. Complete the sentence with participial phrases made from the words given in brackets: (1)

- c) He picked up the _____ (cry) child.
- d) After _____ (eat) lunch we went to sleep.

5. Combine the sentences using appropriate conjunctions: (2)

- e) I respect him. He is an honest man.
- f) He is rich. He is not happy.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (7)

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (2)

Is there anybody there? Said the Traveller,
Knocking on the moonlit door;
And his horse in the silence champed the grasses
Of the forest's ferny floor
And a bird flew up out of the turret

- a) Do you think the traveller expected somebody to be at the house? Why?
- b) What did the traveller's horse do in the meanwhile?

7. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own: (2)

- a) swagger
- b) elude

8. Answer the following questions in 20 to 30 words in 20 to 30 words. (3)

- a) The story, 'After Twenty Years' is about an appointment between two friends. What is special about this appointment?
- b) Give any one instance from the lesson, 'Chasing The Rainbow' to show that the narrator and Appu were highly imaginative.
