



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST I: 2017-2018
ENGLISH

Set-2
Marks: 20
Time: 40 Min

STD.: VIII

Date: 23. 05. 2017

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

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5)

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 proposing. 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 questions by selecting the most appropriate option. (2)

- a) Penguins are different from other birds because they _____
- i) jump out of water iii) waddle on land
- ii) swim iv) are social birds, they feed, swim and nest in-groups
- b) The smallest penguin is only _____
- i) sixteen inches tall iii) 3.7 feet
- ii) 3 feet tall iv) six inches tall

1.2. Answer the following questions briefly: (2)

- a) How do penguins move?
- b) Which is the largest species of penguins? How big is it?

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

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

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 participial phrases made from the words given in brackets: (1)

- a) He picked up the _____ (cry) child and rushed to the doctor.
- b) After _____ (eat) lunch we went to sleep.

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

- c) I bought a new _____ (cell) for my mother.
- d) Hari has a lot of _____ (home) to do.

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

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

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 and 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) submerged
- b) placid

8. Answer the following questions: (3)

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