



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

Std.: X

Marks: 20

Date: 17/5/2017

ENGLISH

Time: 40 Min

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper consists of three sections:  
Section A: Reading (5Marks)  
Section B: Writing & Grammar (8Marks)  
Section C: Literature & Long Reading Text (7Marks)
- 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)****I. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:**

Christie was probably the most successful writer in history. She wrote 78 crime novels, six other novels, 150 short stories, four non-fiction books and 19 plays. That represents two billion books sold: more than William Shakespeare!

Christie became a writer by accident. She was bored when her husband was away in the First World War. Agatha was working in a hospital dispensary (which is where she learned all the information about poisons that she used in her books). She decided to write a novel to pass the time. She chose a detective novel because she loved reading them. Her first novel, the Mysterious Affair at Styles, was an instant success. Each book had a new ingenious plot. Readers loved the books, particularly because Christie always gave the readers all the information they needed to find the solution.

Christie loved travelling. When she became rich she could go all over the world. She used the travels in her writing. Agatha Christie died in 1976, but her stories are still immensely popular. Many have been adapted for films or television.

**a. Answer the following questions:****(2)**

- i. What was Christie's passion other than writing?
- ii. Christie became a writer by accident. Explain.

**b. Answer the following questions choosing the right option from those given:****(2)**

- i. Christie learnt about poison .....
 

1. to write novels	3. as her husband was away
2. while working in the dispensary	4. all the above
- ii. Christie wrote .....
 

1. plays	3. short stories
2. novels	4. all the above

**c. Which word in the passage mean the following?****(1)**

- i. reformed (para 3)
- ii. inventive and original (para 2)

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR****(8)**

- II.** Taking help of the points given below, **write a letter to the editor** of the Indian Express expressing your concern regarding the health hazards caused by junk food and its long lasting effects. You are Danny/Daisy, B-10, Mayur Vihar, Delhi. (Word limit: 80 words) **(4)**

- tasty and saves time.
- no food value, fried, fine flour used
- effect on body is always disastrous.
- leads to diseases like tension, blood clotting, depression etc.
- wastage of money

**III. Complete the passage given below by filling in the blanks with the correct option from those given below it: (2)**

Experts have proved that some of the best sun damage control stuff is to be found in our kitchens. It is found that an ingredient (a) ..... tomatoes called lycopene helps to protect against sunburn. (b) .....skin specialists now recommend the use of (c) .....gift of nature free from (d) .....chemicals

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| a. | i. of  | ii. in   | iii. about | iv. for  |
| b. | i. the | ii. an   | iii. all   | iv. a    |
| c. | i. an  | ii. this | iii. these | iv. that |
| d. | i. the | ii. all  | iii. an    | iv. any  |

**IV. Rearrange the following into meaningful sentences: (2)**

- a. way/ this/ the/ to/ is/ only/ prosper/ life/ in
- b. one/ work/ worship/ is/ must/ this:/ remember

**SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT (7)**

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

“Brainless bird - you’re on the stage-  
Use your wits and follow fashion.  
Puff your wings out with your passion”

- a. Who is referred as the ‘brainless bird’ and by whom? What happened to the bird in the end?
- b. Why did the speaker make such a comment?

**VI. Answer the following questions in about 40 words: (3)**

- a. What did the nurse tell the author about the boys?
- b. Why does the woman dislike the mirror?

**VII. Answer the following question in about 60 words: (2)**

- a. Explain how Helen became deaf and blind.

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