

INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST 2 (2017 - 2018)
ENGLISH

Std: IX
Date:14/9/2017

Marks: 80
Time: 3 Hrs.

General Instructions:

- i. The question paper is divided into three sections
SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)
SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)
SECTION C: LITERATURE: Textbook & Long Reading Text (30 Marks)
- ii. All questions are compulsory.
- iii. You may attempt any section at a time.
- iv. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

Section A: Reading

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1. Read the passage carefully.

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We give undue importance to our health and the treatment of diseases. A large number of medicines treat only the symptoms of the disease, and not the root cause. In fact, the cause of many chronic ailments is still being researched. It is here that Yoga therapy comes to our assistance. Yoga emphasizes treatment of the root cause of an ailment. It works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner. Modern medicine can claim to save a life at a critical stage, but, for complete recovery and regaining of normal health, one must believe in the efficiency of Yoga therapy.

The Yogic way of life includes a code of ethics, regulations, discipline and more, combined with prayer and meditation. Even a discussion of these subjects helps one relieve mental tensions and change attitudes. Simple Asanas help to stretch and relax the whole body and neutralize tensions. The sincere practice of Yoga postures benefits all levels of experience. Through continued practice, Yoga postures can have a profound effect on the inner dimensions of life, establishing deep calm, concentration, emotional stability and confidence.

Man is a physical, mental and spiritual being. Yoga helps promote a balanced development of all the three. Other forms of physical exercises, like aerobics, assure only physical well-being. They have little to do with the development of the spiritual or astral body.

Answer the following questions briefly:

- (i) What do most of the medicines treat?
- (ii) What does the phrase 'Chronic ailments' refer to?
- (iii) How is yoga different from other treatments?
- (iv) What does the yogic way of life include?
- (v) What do 'Simple Asanas' help to?
- (vi) How does sincere practice of yoga postures benefit us?
- (vii) How does yoga therapy work?
- (viii) Is yoga better than physical exercises? How?

2. Read the passage carefully.

(12)

Discipline for democracy, development and decency in public life needs no reiteration nor does it require any expert to espouse its cause for personal pose and social solidarity.

Discipline should be the order in public life and it is the crying need of the hour more than even before. Discipline stands for training, especially of the mind and character, aimed at producing self-control, obedience in the face of temptation or provocation.

Discipline in public life ensures peace and harmony, which in turn offer impetus to the forces of progress and prosperity. No country, big or small, can afford to play duck and drakes with the deity called discipline. All talk of equity or social justices becomes a cry in the wilderness or a pompous promise if the 'powers that be' fail to comprehend and carry out the dictates of discipline at all costs and in all situations. With discipline as way of life, all plans, policies and programs are bound to bear fruit. Whenever people in public life or in private enterprise dilute the demands of discipline, most aspirations and achievements go astray, leading to failure and frustration at various levels. Discipline for countries like India which are standing at the threshold of economic breakthrough and a stupendous store of opportunities, it's the most immediate and urgent pre-requisite. Discipline for the rulers and the ruled, is an essential ingredient if we mean business in fields and factories.

The recent outbreak of 'plague' and the wrong signals that this 'limited epidemic sent across the world, was not an act of God as some would like us to believe but the regretful result of unpardonable negligence on the part of civic authorities. The woeful way the routine calls of duty and discipline by paid public servants were given a go-bye, is a matter of crying shame for one and all. The heaps of garbage in towns, cities and metros were allowed to rot and their removal left to rag-pickers speak volumes of the callous attitude towards disciplined and devotion to duty. It is high time that we sit up and do serious heart-searching.

The ease with which state opposition sponsored 'Bandhs' are organised in our country is another area of concern. With discipline in public life under a cloud, the entire socio- economic momentum is brought to a grinding halt. When such is the sadistic approach towards discipline, there is nothing that can come to our rescue if some bigger calamity overtakes us in future. The remedy of so many ills that afflict us today lies not in tall talk but in the restoration of discipline in public life. Discipline is the only route that can take us to our rightful place among the comity of nations.

A. Answer the following questions briefly:

(8)

- (i) What is the advantage of discipline in public life?
- (ii) What happens when discipline is diluted on public or private life?
- (iii) Why is discipline important for India?
- (iv) Why is the entire socio-economic momentum brought to a grinding halt?

B. Find a word in the passage which conveys similar meaning as the following:

(4)

- (i) unity (Para 1) (ii) astounding (Para 3) (iii) unforgivable (Para 4) (iv) cure (Para 5)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(30)

3. You decide to write an article in the school magazine on how it is important to save the planet, Earth. Write the article in about 100 to 120 word. (8)

4. Develop a story, based on the given prompts, in about 150-200 words. (12)
Enjoyed going for long walks.....visit to Dehradun.....forests.....taking shortcut through the woods.....tree toppled pinning me underneath. Then.....

5. Choose the best word from the options given below and complete the following passage. (3)

Even though we have (i) _____ the 21st century, more than a billion people (ii) _____ in extreme poverty. 40 million people are infected with AIDS. 104 million children do not (iii)_____ access to school and 860 million adults cannot read or write. Millions of people are unemployed or working in dangerous jobs.

- (i) (a) entering (b) entered (c) enter (d) enters
- (ii) (a) live (b) lived (c) living (d) lives
- (iii) (a) have (b) had (c) has (d) having

6. There is an error in each line. Mark the error and write the correct word. First one is done for you as an example. (4)

	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Correct</u>
There was a king. He used to ask three question	Eg. question	questions
to all the peoples who came to him. The	(a) _____	_____
first question was: Which is the best of all humans?	(b) _____	_____
The second was: What is a best time? And	(c) _____	_____
the third: What is the best in all actions?	(d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the words /phrases to make meaningful sentences. (3)

Example: getting/ways/the/running/one/is/of/best/of/fit.

Running is one of the best ways of getting fit.

- (a) should / water / be / before / boiled / drinking / filtered / and
- (b) chew /food / your / you /should /properly /swallowing /before
- (c) Nitya /as /works /a /engineer /software /Gurgaon /in

SECTION C:LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(30)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (4)

I felt so very dependent and helpless. We are well off but what use is money when I cannot be independent.

- a. Who is 'I' in these lines?
- b. Why did she feel dependent?
- c. What does the phrase "well off" mean?
- d. What according to the speaker was the way to be independent?

OR

Those who saw it said the dog knew instantly.

- a. What does 'it' stand for?
- b. What do you mean by 'instant'?
- c. What did the dog know instantly?
- d. Which characteristics of the dog are highlighted in the above line?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (8)

- a. Why does the poet want the passers-by to "stop here or gently pass"?
- b. What message does the story "How I Taught My Grandmother to Read" convey?
- c. Why did Gaston quote as low as sixty thousand francs for the villa?
- d. Why does Lord Ullin's daughter defy her father and elope with her lover?

10. Answer the following in 80 - 100 words: (8)

Imagine that you are Jeanne. In about 100 - 120 words, write a diary entry, sharing your anguish and pain when you realize that the Villa was not actually bought and that your husband has fooled both you and Juliette.

OR

How can we say that life is a journey? Explain with reference to the poem 'The Brook'.

11. Answer the following in about 150-200 words: (10)

What were the conditions imposed on Gulliver for setting him free in Lilliput?

OR

How did Gulliver land in the farmer's house in Brobdingnag? What kind of reception was he given there?
