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PERIODIC TEST III 2017-2018

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SET I
ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20
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 questions wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING

(5 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(5)

A sparrow is a small bird which is found throughout the world. Sparrows are only about four to six inches in length. Sparrows prefer to build their nests in low places. Their nests are usually built on the ground, clumps of grass, low trees and low bushes. In cities they build their nests in building nooks and other holes.

Sparrows build their nests out of twigs, grasses and plant fibers. Their nests are usually small and well – built structures. Female sparrows lay four to six eggs at a time. The eggs are white with reddish brown spots.

Both the male and female parents care for the young. Insects are fed to the young after hatching. Adult sparrows mainly eat seeds. Sparrows can be found almost everywhere, where there are humans. Many people throughout the world enjoy these delightful birds.

- a. The chief food for adult sparrow is _____.
(i) seeds (ii) nuts (iii) insects (iv) eggs of their birds
- b. Sparrows are found _____.
(i) throughout the world (ii) wherever there are humans
(iii) in cities (iv) all of the above
- c. Find the word in the passage which means the same as ‘clusters’ (Para 1)
- d. Where do sparrows usually build their nests?
- e. Who takes care of the young sparrows? How?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8 Marks)

2. Recently the Directorate of Education, Delhi has banned the use of mobile phones in the schools. However many students are still using the mobile phones in classrooms and school premises. Write an **article in about **80 words** about the **harmful effects of mobile phones in schools.****

(4)

- * *Prone to distraction* * *Addiction during class hours* * *Health hazards* * *Behavioural problems*
* *Cheat in exams* * *Post videos or pictures*

3. Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct alternatives: (2)

Lata Mangeshkar is considered (a) _____ queen of Bollywood. She possesses (b) _____ melodious voice (c) _____ leaves an everlasting impression on the minds (d) _____ the listeners .

- a. (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) now
b. (i) a (ii) an (iii) that (iv) the
c. (i) this (ii) that (iii) it (iv) those
d. (i) with (ii) all (iii) out (iv) of

4. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : (2)

Major: Tuck your shirt in! What's your name?

Soldier: My name is John.

Major: I will be addressed as Major. I don't address lower ranks by their first names. What is your last name?

Soldier: My name is John Darling, Major.

Major: All right, John Let's talk about that shirt.

A Major once ordered a soldier to tuck his shirt in. He further asked (a) _____. The soldier replied that (b) _____. The Major immediately ordered that he be addressed as Major and said that (c) _____ and demanded to know his last name. The soldier promptly told that his name was John Darling. To which the Major told him that (d) _____.

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(7 Marks)

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

*How I laughed at my mother's false teeth,
As they foamed in the waters beneath,
But now comes the reckonin'
It's me they are beckonin'
Oh, I wish I'd looked after me teeth.*

- a. Why did the poet laugh at her mother ?
(i) her teeth sparkled (ii) she looked funny (iii) she did not visit the dentist (iv) she used false teeth.
b. What's "beckonin" the poet ?
(i) false teeth (ii) her mother (iii) the dentist (iv) liquorices and sherbet dabs.
c. Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
d. What is the tone of the poet?

6. Answer the following questions in about 20- 30 words each: (3)

- a. How would life in school be different for Harold, had he known that his father was young Porky?
b. Which incident transformed Chuck Hooper from a favoured young man to an unfortunate young man? Explain.

7. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words: (2)

- a. Why was Gulliver unhappy to stay in Laputa?
