



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR  
PERIODIC TEST III 2017-2018

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SET 2  
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. Sparrows lay about \_\_\_\_\_ eggs at a time.  
(i) four            (ii) six            (iii) ten            (iv) four to six
- b. The chief food for adult sparrow is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) seeds            (ii) nuts            (iii) insects            (iv) eggs of their birds
- c. Find the word in the passage which means the same as ‘**clusters**’ (Para 1)
- d. Who takes care of the young sparrows? How?
- e. What do sparrows usually use to build their nests?

**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 the queen (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Bollywood. She possesses (b) \_\_\_\_\_ melodious voice that leaves (c) \_\_\_\_\_ everlasting impression (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the minds of the listeners .

- a. (i) in (ii) as (iii) with (iv) of  
b. (i) a (ii) an (iii) that (iv) the  
c. (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) now  
d. (i) with (ii) all (iii) on (iv) for

**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) What is the tone of the poet?  
(d) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

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

- a. Why didn't Harold's parents want him to know the truth about his father?  
b. Who do you think was responsible for Chuck's progress in getting back on his feet? How?

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

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

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