



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR  
PERIODIC TEST I (2018-19)  
ENGLISH

Set 1

CLASS: VIII

DATE: 24/05/2018

MAX. MARKS: 20

DURATION: 45 MTS.

**General Instructions:**

- i) This paper consists of three sections.
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| Section A – Reading           | 5 marks |
| Section B – Writing & Grammar | 8 marks |
| Section C – Literature        | 7 marks |
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**SECTION A: READING**

5

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**Maria Montessori**

One of the world's great educators, who looked up to a child as an individual and a very special human being, was Maria Montessori. She gave the very young children the Kindergarten, where children grew in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence. Maria Montessori was born in Chiaravalle near Ancona, Italy, in 1870. As a little girl, she was a dull student, unable to grasp and retain what her teacher taught her. At the age of 10, she suddenly changed. Maria began topping her class, and her parents felt that she should become a teacher. At the age of 14, she attended a technical school for boys. After a year she took up biology and dedicated to study medicine. In spite of a strong opposition from her father, she went ahead with medicine. Maria became the first Italian woman to receive a medical degree after she graduated from the University of Rome in 1896. After getting her degree, she joined the university's psychiatric clinic. She watched the children shriek, stretching their hands out, with an urge to reach out or to touch something. Maria felt they needed a normal and friendlier environment and a contact with the world. She worked out ways by which she could help the disabled children.

**1.1 Choose the correct option:**

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(a) Maria's parents wanted her to be a teacher because\_\_\_\_\_.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (i) She was intelligent | (ii) She began to top her class      |
| (iii) She never failed  | (iv) She also wanted to be a teacher |

(b) Maria decided to be a doctor when she\_\_\_\_\_.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (i) Started studying biology | (ii) Studied biology             |
| (iii) Took up biology        | (iv) Develop interest in biology |

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly:**

2

- a) When and where Maria Montessori was born?  
b) Who was Maria Montessori?

**1.3 Find a word from the passage which mean the same as the following:**

1

- a) understand

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**8**

2. You are the Head Boy / Head Girl of your school. Your school is organizing trek to Chamoli. Write a notice in about 50 words, inviting students to join the trek. Give all the details like cost, duration of the trek, clothes and trekking equipments etc. **4**

**Do as directed:**

**3.1 Fill in the blanks with the right compound Adjective:**

**1**

a) When Peter got his promotion, he bought a \_\_\_\_\_ (new) car.

**3.2 Complete the following sentence with suitable Adjective:**

**1**

a) His cabin is \_\_\_\_\_ and well planned.

**3.3 Combine and rewrite the following sentences using suitable Conjunction given in bracket:**

**2**

( as well as, so that, though, and )

a) I need to work hard. I can pass the exam.

b) She went to the shop. She bought some vegetables.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE**

**7**

**4. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:**

Where he stood perplexed and still

But only a host of phantom listeners

That dwelt in the lone house then

Stood listening in the quiet of the moonlight.

a) Who does 'he' refer to?

**1**

b) Why was he perplexed?

**1**

**5. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own:**

**2**

a) submerge      b) reassure

**6. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words:**

**3**

a) Explain briefly how Jimmy Well's colleague managed to fool Bob.

b) What is the surprise at the end of the story 'After Twenty Years'?

\*\*\*\*\*The End\*\*\*\*\*



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- a) Cathy is a \_\_\_\_\_ (well) girl. She is very polite.

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1

- a) The living room is bedimmed by the \_\_\_\_\_ trees outside.

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2

( as well as, so that, but, and )

- a) John read a book. Kevin did his homework.
- b) Mary wanted to drive to the store. Her car wouldn't start.

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