



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

SET 1

CLASS: VIII
DATE: 15/1/2019

MAX.MARKS: 20
DURATION: 45 MTS

General Instructions:

- i) This paper consists of three sections.
Section A – Reading 5marks
Section B – Writing & Grammar 8 marks
Section C – Literature 7 marks
- ii) All questions are compulsory.
iii) All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.
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SECTION A: READING 5m

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

SACRED TREES

1. Sacred trees form an important part of the ecological heritage of India. Some plants are dedicated to the individual deity; others are sacred to the place. Several plants have been worshipped in India from time immemorial. Wherever Tulsi grows – from Indo-Gangetic plains to the shores of the Indian Ocean at Kanyakumari –it occupies a position of pride in the central courtyard of the house, tended to, carefully, by the house wife.

2. Apart from the elaborate myths connecting it to Krishna, the Tulsi plant has several medicinal qualities. To protect and revere this plant with so many medicinal qualities, it was designated as sacred, a fitting tribute to its role in providing invaluable health care. The worship of plants is an ancient phenomenon in India. It is probably the oldest form of worship. The association of a single tree with a sacred place is reflected in the chaitya vriksha and sthala vriksha of literature and society.

3. When people turned to food production the Mother Goddess or the Earth Mother became the chief deity. Fertility, creation and the world of plants and animals became her blessings to her devotees. The worship of trees was the adoration of her creative abilities, symbolizing fertility so essential for the survival of the early people. Spirits-good or bad – were believed to reside in trees. If the trees were worshipped, then the resident spirits were pleased. As sacred forests were replaced by agriculture, a single tree was left and was designated as 'sacred'.

1.1 Choose the most correct option:

2

- (a) With which deity is the Tulsi plant associated?
(i) Shiva (ii) Krishna (iii) Vishnu (iv) Brahma
(b) What does Mother Earth give to her devotees as blessings?
(i) fertility (ii) creation (iii) World of plants and animals (iv) all of these

1.2. Answer the following questions briefly:

2

- a) Why is Tulsi considered to be sacred?
b) What is the connection between trees and spirits?

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

1

- a) considered to be holy (paragraph 1)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR 8m

2. Write a paragraph on the topic- **How can you save the environment?** in about 80 words.

4

3. Do as directed:

3.1 Complete the following sentences by using verb forms in future perfect.

1

a) The Chief Minister _____ (inaugurate) the new flyover by the end of this week.

3.2 Fill in the blanks with the gerund form of the verb in bracket.

1

a) He dislikes _____ (wear) a green shirt.

3.3 Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with non-defining adjectival clauses.

2

a) She is the girl _____ came first in the class.

b) We went to a hall _____ had a big stage.

SECTION C: LITERATURE 7m

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

Don't you fall now-

For I'se still goin' honey,

I'se still climbing

And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

a) How is the life for the speaker?

1

b) Which poem these lines are taken from? Who is the poet?

1

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

2

a) anticipation

b) bask

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

3

a) Why did the narrator decide not to give his gift to Mother?

b) How can you tell that Ranji was keenly interested in cricket?



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1.2. Answer the following questions briefly:

2

a) What is the connection between trees and spirits?

b) Why is Tulsi considered to be sacred?

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

1

a) labelled (paragraph 2)

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR 8m

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3.1 Complete the following sentences by using verb forms in future perfect

1

a) I _____(leave) before you return from office.

3.2 Fill in the blanks with the gerund form of the verb in bracket.

1

a) _____ (bath) is necessary for good health.

3.3 Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with non-defining adjectival clauses.

2

a) My mother wore a sari _____ I gave her.

b) We went to the park _____ has tall trees.

SECTION C: LITERATURE 7m

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b) How is the life for the speaker?

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

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a) swat b) discard

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

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a) How can you tell that Ranji was keenly interested in cricket?

b) Why did the narrator decide not to give his gift to his mother?