



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST II (2022-23)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (184)

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MAX. MARKS: 80
TIME: 3 HOURS

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING

(20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below.

1. Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.
2. All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.
3. Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfillment. It means all-around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.
4. One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.
5. One needs to pursue one's goals with all one's sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed has succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success.
6. Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

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- i. According to the author, what, from the following, is the first and foremost step on the journey to achieve success?
 - a. Keeness and urge to be successful
 - b. Indecisive behaviour and sincerity
 - c. To be very inspired
 - d. Punctuality and divided commitment
- ii. To whom does success come naturally?
- iii. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to the above passage.

Jiya: One day I'll be very successful, like my grandfather, father and brother. It is in my genetics to become successful. It doesn't matter what I do or how I do it, I know I am sure to be successful.

Ruhi: You mustn't think like that. Success..... .

 - a. only comes to those who fail a lot
 - b. is not for spoiled-brats like you
 - c. is only ever going to bless people like me
 - d. only comes to those who work hard to achieve it
- iv. Choose the option that best conveys the message in – 'It gives a sense of fulfillment'.
 - a. Failure makes you understand success.
 - b. Achieving success feels like a person's life's purpose is fulfilled.
 - c. Hard work never goes unrewarded.
 - d. Success means achieving everything you want.
- v. A ----- with proper planning is certain to bring success.
- vi. Goals have to be pursued with sincerity and -----.
- vii. Select the option with the underlined words that can suitably replace 'persistence'. (Para.6)
 - a. He admired her dogged effort in pursuing the job.
 - b. By the time the rebel troops arrived, the village had already been cast aside.
 - c. The son was reluctant to turn over his involvement in the company.
 - d. This illness induced a spiritual change, and he resolved to sign away whatever kept him back from God.
- viii. Study the following statements.

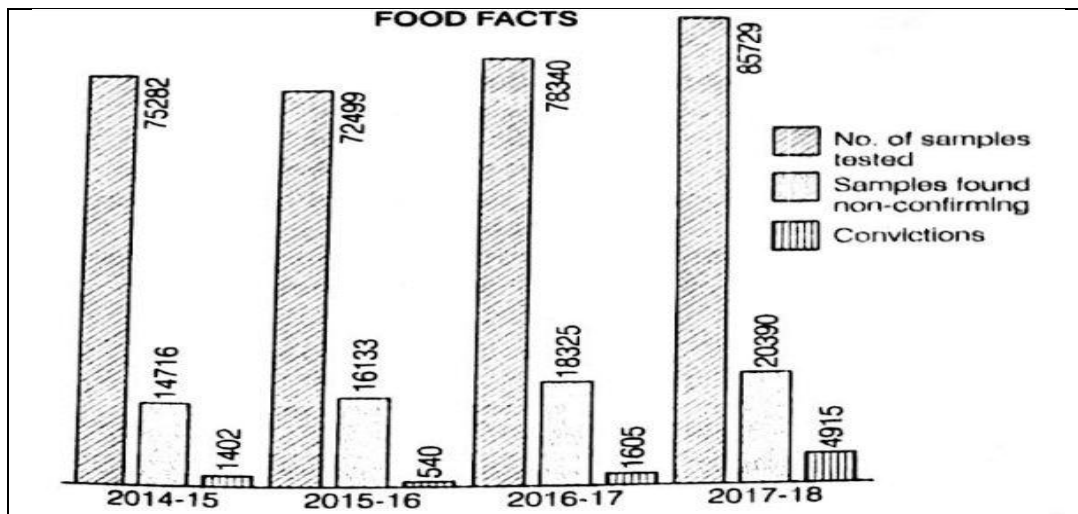
(A) Everybody wants to succeed in life.

(B) Hard work cannot be substituted with anything.

 - a. (A) is right (B) is wrong
 - b. (B) is right (A) is wrong
 - c. Both (A) and (B) are right
 - d. Both (A) and (B) are wrong
- ix. According to the author, what is the ratio of success?
- x. ----- are the pillars of success.

2. Read the following excerpt from a case study titled Food Facts.

1. Data released by India's food quality regulator, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) earlier, shows that nearly 25% samples of edible goods it tested this year were found to be adulterated or in violation of prescribed standards.
2. The samples included milk and dairy products, spices, cereals as well as branded food products. A total of 85,729 samples were sent, so far. FSSAI carried out the testing following a spike in complaints from consumers over quality and adulteration, said an agency official.
3. According to the data, 20,390 samples of the 85,729 sent to the agency were found to be non-confirming to prescribed standards.
4. Consumer activist Bijon Mishra said the lengthy legal procedure involved in penalizing violators provides an opportunity to the accused to keep doing business.
5. Umesh Sharma, an advocate, said enforcement of rules is very poor on the ground. "The issue is directly related to public health and the government should take serious initiatives to implement food safety rules," he said. Data from the agency shows an abysmal conviction rate.
6. In 2017, the Law Commission had issued a set of recommendations regarding the issue. The panel had recommended that IPC Sections 272 (dealing with adulteration of food and drinks) and 273 (dealing with the sale of noxious food and drinks) be amended to make adulteration a serious crime. It was also recommended that depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment and the minimum sentence should be six months' jail term.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

(10)

- i. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 1. Adulteration became a serious crime.
 2. Depending on the gravity of the offence, punishment can include life imprisonment.
 - a. (1) is the result of (2)
 - b. (2) is the result for (1)
 - c. (1) is independent of (2)
 - d. (1) contradicts (2)

- ii. What did the data revealed by FSSAI show?
 - a. Branded food contains cancer causing adulterants
 - b. Food items consumed violate the food quality standards
 - c. With food adulteration, food quality checks have increased
 - d. Food adulteration has grown exponentially over the years
- iii. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the punishments set for offenders.
 - 1. Life imprisonment
 - 2. Fine
 - 3. Sentence of six months
 - 4. Death sentences
 - 5. Public shaming
 - a. 1, 2 and 3
 - b. 1, 4 and 5
 - c. 1, 3 and 4
 - d. 2, 3 and 5
- iv. What was the reason behind the survey?
 - a. The increasing number of complaints regarding quality and adulteration
 - b. Increasing mortality rate
 - c. For consumer awareness
 - d. Increasing malnutrition
- v. What do the experts claim regarding the data?
 - a. Quality of food is as per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
 - b. The poor enforcement on the ground and a lack of awareness results in adulteration.
 - c. The procedure of penalization is very lengthy.
 - d. The officials are corrupted to the core allowing the penalized to escape.
- vi. allows the penalized to continue their business.
- vii. Which food items became the sample of the survey?
- viii. Why were IPC Sections 272 and 273 amended?
- ix. Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'dreadful'. (Para.5)
- x. What does the IPC Section 273 deal with?

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(20 MARKS)

3. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

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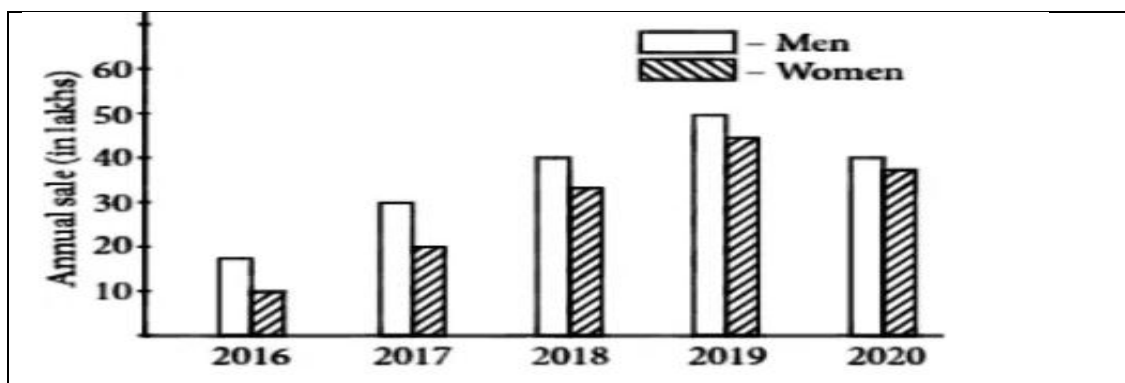
- i. You are Amit/ Amita of 32, Nehru Nagar, Agra. You happened to take part in a Medical Camp organized by the Health Club of your school in a remote village near Delhi. You are surprised to find that most of the people there have no awareness of basic health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen, you decide to take up their cause and organize camps to make the villagers aware of the importance of hygiene. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper, in about 100-120 words, expressing your concern and encouraging youngsters to take part in such campaigns.

OR

- ii. You are Saurabh/Somya living at W-564, Shakarpur, New Delhi. Your streets and roads experience waterlogging during the monsoon season. The people of your area find it difficult to lead a normal life and this adds to their problems. Write a letter to the editor, The Times of India, in about 100-120 words highlighting the problem and suggesting measures to control the problem.

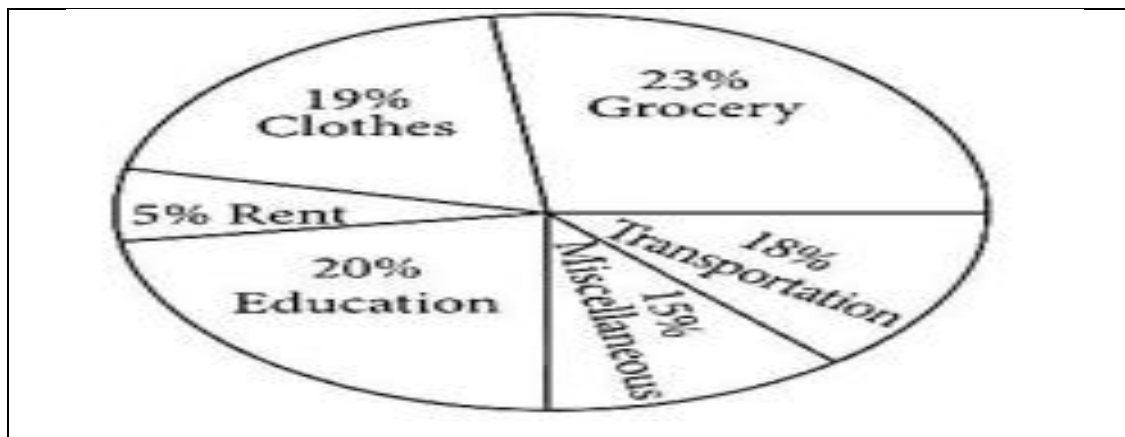
4. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5)

- i. Given below is a graph comparing the consumption of health care supplements by men and women between the ages of 25-30 years from 2016-2020 in terms of their sales. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words based on the details from the graph.



OR

- ii. The given pie chart represents the amount of money spent by a family on different items in a month. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 -120 words using the information given in the chart.



5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note. (3)

The Manipur Sangai Festival is one of the vibrant festivals (i) _____ in Manipur. This festival (ii) _____ in the month of November during the year 2010. It (iii) _____ every year since then. This festival celebrates the art and culture of the state.

- i. a. celebrates b. is celebrated c. celebrated d. was celebrated
ii. a. was started b. started c. will start d. is starting
iii. a. was happening b. has been happening c. is happening d. happened

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the correction. The first one has been done for you. (Attempt any four) (4)

	Error	Correction
Some physical activity that burns calories is 'exercise'.	E.g. Some	<u>Any</u>
It do not have to be a fixed set of meaningless	a.	
movements, like touching their toes without	b.	
bending the knees. Nor does it has to be jogging,	c.	
playing tennis or swimming. It will be a purposeful activity	d.	
like pumping water out of a tube well and scrubbing the floor.	e.	

7. Read the conversation between Karan and Ajay and choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration. (Attempt any three) (3)

Karan: How did you spend your summer vacation?

Ajay : I really enjoyed the summer vacation.

Karan: Did you do something special?

Ajay : Yes, of course. We went to Kashmir and stayed there for a month.

Karan asked Ajay (i) _____ his summer vacation. Ajay replied (ii) _____ really enjoyed the summer vacation. Karan asked (iii) _____ something special. Ajay replied in affirmative and added that (iv) _____ to Kashmir and had stayed there for a month.

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| i. | a. how had he spent | b. how he spent | c. that he had spent | d. how he had spent |
| ii. | a. that he had | b. that he has | c. whether he had | d. that I had |
| iii. | a. did he do | b. had if he did | c. if he had done | d. whether he did |
| iv. | a. he had gone | b. he has gone | c. we had gone | d. they had gone |

SECTION C- LITERATURE

(40 MARKS)

8. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5)

A. "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say 'Thank you'. She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed. "Another aeroplane? Up there in this storm? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar."

- i. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are **NOT TRUE** according to the given extract.
1. He was a pilot.
 2. His plane had malfunctioned while flying.
 3. He had entered a storm.
 4. He was helped by a black aeroplane.
 5. He wanted to learn flying from the other pilot of the black aeroplane.

- a. 1 and 3
 - b. 2 and 5
 - c. 4 and 5
 - d. Only 5
- ii. Why was the narrator shocked after hearing the woman's words?
 - iii. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 - (A) The pilot of Dakota felt sorry for his friend in black aeroplane.
 - (B) The pilot asked the woman in control tower about the other plane.
 - a. (A) is true (B) is false
 - b. (A) is false (B) is true
 - c. Both (A) and (B) are true
 - d. Both (A) and (B) are false
 - iv. Why did the narrator desire to meet the pilot of the black aeroplane?
 - v. Name the aeroplane that the pilot was flying -----.

OR

- B. "One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster — a fat, amiable fellow -also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, "What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!"
- i. The postman laugh heartily because _____.
 - ii. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are **NOT TRUE** according to the given extract.
 - 1. The man was Lencho.
 - 2. Lencho needed money to sow his crops.
 - 3. The postmaster wanted to break the man's faith.
 - 4. The postmaster was a very friendly person.
 - 5. Lencho hated God.
 - a. 1 and 4
 - b. 2 and 5
 - c. 3 and 5
 - d. 1 and 5
 - iii. Which characteristic of the postmaster is highlighted in the given lines?
 - iv. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 - (A) Lencho had firm faith in God.
 - (B) The postmaster was impressed with Lencho's faith in God.
 - a. (A) is the cause (B) is the effect
 - b. (B) is the cause (A) is the effect
 - c. (A) and (B) are independent
 - d. (A) and (B) are contradictory
 - v. Find a word from the extract which means the same as 'communication.'

9. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE, by answering the questions that follow. (5)

A. "He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up
Knowing what every man must one day know
And most know many days, how to stand up".

- i. What does the boy learn by losing the ball, according to the extract?
 1. Loss is the unavoidable truth of life.
 2. Material objects can be replaced.
 3. Money buys happiness.
 4. Losses in life can be prevented with care.
 5. Life continues despite losses.
 - a. 1,2 and 5
 - b. 2 and 4
 - c. Only 1
 - d. 3 and 5
- ii. The phrase 'epistemology of loss' in 'The Ball Poem' means _____.
 - a. contrasting ideas
 - b. understanding the problem
 - c. nature of loss
 - d. materialistic gains
- iii. Name the literary device used in 'And no one buys a ball back.'
- iv. How are the boy's eyes?
- v. What does the poet mean by 'In a world of possessions'?

OR

B. Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

- i. Which option correctly replaces the underlined phrase in the given line from 'Fire and Ice'?
I hold with those who favour fire.
 - a. am as experienced as
 - b. strongly disagree with
 - c. have the same opinion as
 - d. habitually avoid
- ii. The poetic device used in the line 'Some say the world will end in fire' is _____.
- iii. What does 'fire' symbolize?

- iv. Study the following statements.
 - (A) The poet is convinced that the world will end in fire.
 - (B) The poet has tasted the consequences of desires.
 - a. (A) is right (B) is wrong
 - b. (B) is right (A) is wrong
 - c. Both (A) and (B) are wrong
 - d. Both (A) and (B) are right
- v. What do people say about the end of the world?

10. Answer ANY FOUR questions in 40-50 words each. (12)

- i. What, according to Nelson Mandela, are a man's twin obligations? Why does he think that a South African can't fulfill the twin obligations?
- ii. The poem 'Dust of Snow' shows that human judgement can be misleading. How?
- iii. "Mother is the first teacher". Do you agree with this statement? Explain with reference to the young seagull.
- iv. What are the distinctive features of the Asian Lion as given in the poem?
- v. "Money is external". What does the poet mean by this expression?

11. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. (6)

- i. "A thief in Hari Singh changed into a good human being". How far was Anil's considerate nature responsible for this transformation?
- ii. "Ausable shows great presence of mind in a situation of danger and surprise". Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?
- iii. What was the passion of Horace Danby and how did he satisfy it?

12. Answer EITHER ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (6)

- i. "Love for freedom is the natural instinct of every living being." Explain with reference to the tiger in the poem, 'A Tiger in the Zoo'.

OR

- ii. Lencho seemed to be an impulsive man who felt suddenly elated at the rainfall and later became sad to see the destruction which the rain had caused. Did he lack tolerance? Did he not have the courage to face the challenges of life? Elucidate it by discussing the values one must possess to face any type of situation.

13. Answer EITHER ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (6)

- i. Dr. Herriot was an intelligent doctor. He had sympathy and compassion for both the patient and its owner. He had practical approach in his treatment. Do you think doctors should be compassionate and practical like Dr. Herriot? Explain with reference to the story 'A Triumph of Surgery'.

OR

- ii. Max was a cunning spy but his carelessness and foolishness proved fatal for him. Do you agree that these traits led to his downfall? How do foolishness and carelessness spoil our life?

*****THE END*****