



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR  
PERIODIC TEST I (2022-23)  
ENGLISH

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CLASS: VIII  
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MAX. MARKS: 20  
TIME: 45 MINUTES

**General Instructions:**

- This paper consists of three sections.
- Section A – Reading 4 marks
- Section B – Writing & Grammar 8 marks
- Section C – Literature 8 marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- All questions of a section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION A: READING (4)**

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

The Kohinoor meaning 'Mountain of Light' in Persian, it is a 105-carat diamond. It was once the largest known diamond in the world. The Kohinoor was traditionally known as 'Syamantaka- mani' and later 'Madnayak' or the King of Jewels'. It was named Kohinoor in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, by Afghan Ahmed Shah Abdali. The Kohinoor originated in Andhra Pradesh along with another diamond called the 'Darya-ye Noor'- the 'Sea of Light.' It was found in the Kollur region of Guntur district, one of the world's earliest diamond- producing regions. This region was the only known source of diamonds until 1730. Later, diamonds were discovered in Brazil.

**Choose the correct option: (2)**

1. The Kohinoor was originated in\_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Madhya Pradesh
  - B. Andhra Pradesh
  - C. Utter Pradesh
  - D. Tamil Nadu
2. The Kohinoor was traditionally known as\_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Syamantaka- mani
  - B. Darya-ye Noor
  - C. diamond
  - D. largest diamond

**Answer the following questions briefly: (2)**

3. What does Kohinoor mean in Persian language?
4. Which region was the only known source of diamonds until 1730?

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (8)**

**II.** You are Ruhi/Rahul, Head girl/ Head boy of Carmel Convent School. Your school is going to organize an inter-school singing competition. Write a notice in about 50 words for your school notice board inviting names of all the interested students. Invent the necessary details. (4)

**Do as directed: (4)**

**III. Identify the participial phrase in the following sentence by choosing the correct option: (1)**

1. Preparing for the weather, Meg grabbed her raincoat and rain boots.
- A. Grabbed her rain boots
  - B. Preparing for the weather
  - C. Preparing for
  - D. Raincoat and rain boots

**IV. Complete the sentence by choosing the appropriate conjunction: (1)**

1. Pay attention to your work\_\_\_\_\_ you will not make mistakes.
- A. but
  - B. till
  - C. in case
  - D. so that

**V. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate participle form of the word: (1)**

1. Be mindful of the people\_\_\_\_\_ over there. (sit)

**VI. Combine the following sentences using the appropriate conjunction: (1)**

1. London is in England. Rome is in Italy.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (8)**

**VII. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (2)**

When the jet reached ten thousand feet,  
it was clear why the country  
had cities where rivers ran  
and why the valleys were populated.  
the logic of geography –  
that land and water attracted man.

**Choose the correct option:**

1. The above given extract describes\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. there were no cities
  - B. human settlement
  - C. valleys were cramped with villages
  - D. there were sea animals on the riverbank

**Answer the following question briefly:**

2. What is the logic of geography that the poet is talking about?

**VIII. Using the words given below frame meaningful sentences of your own: (2)**

1. haphazard                                  2. submerge

**IX. Answer the following questions in about 20 to 25 words: (4)**

1. What was the appointment made between Bob and Jimmy Wells twenty years before?  
2. Describe the man awaiting the arrival of his friend.

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