



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST I (2024- 25)
ENGLISH

CLASS: VII

MAX MARKS: 20

DATE: 23/05/2024

TIME: 40 MINUTES

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of three sections.

Section A - Reading	(4 marks)
Section B - Grammar & Creative writing skills	(7 marks)
Section C - Literature	(9 marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING (4 MARKS)**I. Read the passage given below:**

In today's busy life, with school, homework, tuition, extra-curricular activities and technology, all clamoring for attention, youngsters have forgotten about what once used to be our best friend – books. Unless reading is cultivated as a habit fairly early in life, our special relationship with books does not develop and we risk losing out on one of the greatest pleasures known to humans. The world of books is a place of rich variety containing more adventure and lively experience. Not only we derive aesthetic pleasure from reading, we also benefit from the wisdom and understanding of those at times more intelligent and knowledgeable than we ourselves. Moreover, reading a careful selection of books is one of the best ways of enhancing one's language skills. Books are a storehouse of knowledge and cater to different tastes and preference of the people. There are books in the fiction and non-fiction categories. There are books in genres like health, nature, environment, spirituality, religion, self-help and history. So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book and immerse yourself in the pleasures of the written word.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FOUR questions given below. 4

- i. What have the youngsters forgotten today?
- ii. What does the world of books contain?
- iii. What is the best way for enhancing one's language skill?
 - A. Reading a careful selection of books
 - B. Thorough study on cultural history of one's country
 - C. Thorough study on the books of socio-economic policy
 - D. Reading scientific journals and magazines
- iv. What are the different genres of the books mentioned in the passage?
- v. Identify the word which is synonymous to 'wisdom' from the options given.

A. careless	B. intelligent	C. innovative	D. indecision
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SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (7 MARKS)**2. Attempt the following question.****3**

Write an email in about 50 words to the Principal of your school requesting to grant one day leave as you need to renew your resident card of Oman.

3. Do as directed:

Attempt ANY FOUR of the following five questions:

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- i. Fill in the blank using the appropriate indefinite pronoun from the options given.
I haven't seen him for years. In fact, _____ has seen him for past twenty years.
A. everyone B. somebody C. someone D. no one
- ii. Correct the error and re-write the following sentences using the appropriate indefinite pronoun.
The doctor asked Telly not to eat something. The blood test should be taken on an empty stomach.
- iii. Complete the sentence using the appropriate complex preposition from the options given.
I could not meet her last week as planned, _____ my tight schedule.
A. in accordance with B. because of C. inspite of D. except for
- iv. Fill in the blank using the appropriate simple preposition.
Intelligence is accompanied _____ human affection and compassion.
- v. Identify the underlined word as a simple or complex preposition.
Jennifer is going to win this race. She is ahead of the other runners.

SECTION C: LITERATURE (9 MARKS)

4. Read the extract and attempt ANY THREE of the following four questions:

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"Please don't let me be disappointed!" he prayed silently.

The man tucked the tubes into Badan Babu's ears, pressed a switch and grabbed his right wrist.

- i. Why did Badan Babu pray as he got ready to experiment with the instrument?
A. He was scared to follow the rules of the experiment.
B. He wanted to visit another country through the experiment.
C. He was keen that the experiment should be successful.
D. He felt that he was blessed that he got the instrument to experience.
- ii. What did the man tuck into Badan Babu's ears?
- iii. Why did the man grab the wrist of Badan Babu?
- iv. What was the strange looking instrument, mentioned in the lesson?
A. Sthethoscope B. Contraption C. Microscope D. Binocular

5. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 25-30 words each.

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- i. What does the eagle watch, perched on the mountain top? Which natural element seems to be closer to the eagle? (The Eagle)
- ii. How is the sea described in the poem? How is it contrasted with the movement of the eagle? (The Eagle)
- iii. How was the stranger benefitted by telling a false story to Badan Babu? (The Pterodactyl's Egg)

6. Give the meaning of ANY ONE of the following words and frame a meaningful sentence.

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- i. swoop
- ii. clasp
