



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**PERIODIC TEST II (2023- 24)**  
**ENGLISH**

CLASS: VII

MAX MARKS: 20

DATE: 17/01/2024

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)****1. Read the passage given below:**

Language, a verbal medium, plays a crucial role in cultural, racial, and societal development, facilitated by the phonetic nuances delivered through modern technology. Oxford University Phonetics Laboratory, led by Professor John Coleman, secured victory in the 'Digging into Data' competition, aiming to harness large-scale computing for innovative humanities research. Their project involves creating an extensive spoken English database, encompassing a year's worth of recordings. This initiative aspires to construct the world's largest searchable repository of spoken English, catering not only to phoneticians and linguists but also benefitting English language educators, social historians, and the general public. Professor Coleman emphasizes the growing significance of audio searching in a multimedia-centric era, highlighting its adoption even by Google. The resulting database aims to be a valuable resource, yet its full potential in addressing diverse linguistic inquiries is beyond current imagination.

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

- i. What is the primary focus of the Oxford University Phonetics Laboratory's project?
 

A. Written language analysis	B. Spoken English database creation
C. Cultural history research	D. Google's multimedia initiatives
- ii. Which technology giant is mentioned in relation to audio searching?
- iii. Besides phoneticians and linguists, who else stands to benefit from the database?
- iv. Which university houses the Phonetics Laboratory mentioned in the passage?
- v. Identify the word which is synonymous to 'creative' from the options given.
 

A. crucial	B. repository	C. innovative	D. construct
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**SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (7 MARKS)**

**2. Write ANY ONE of the two biographical sketches in 50 words using the hints given below. 3**

Name	Rabindranath Tagore	OR	Name	Mahendra Singh Dhoni
Born	7 May 1861		Born	7 July 1981
Place	Calcutta		Place	Ranchi, Bihar
Penname	Bhanu Singha Thakur		Profession	Indian International Cricketer
Parents	Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi		Style	Right-handed (batting), Right-arm medium (bowling)
Spouse	Mrinalini Devi		Spouse	Sakshi Dhoni
Famous	writer, song composer, playwright, painter		Achievements	ICC ODI World Cup Champion 2011- Captain
Award:	Nobel Prize in Literature (1913) for Gitanjali		Award:	Padma Shri (2009) Padma Bhushan (2018)
Died:	7 August 1941		Role	Wicket keeper

**3. Do as directed. Attempt ANY FOUR of the following five questions:**

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- i. Complete the sentence using a modal with the help of the hint given in brackets.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ swim across the river when I was young. (Past ability)
- ii. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.  
Don't waste time \_\_\_\_\_ computer games! You should have \_\_\_\_\_ outside. (play)  
A. played, playing      B. play, played      C. playing, played      D. playing, play
- iii. Fill in the blank using the appropriate modal from the options given.  
To join this table tennis academy, students \_\_\_\_\_ be 16 years old.  
A. can      B. will      C. shall      D. must
- iv. Combine the sentences using infinitive.  
Deepa went by bus. She wanted to save money.
- v. Identify the underlined verb as finite or non-finite verb.  
The teacher asked the students to submit their assignments on time.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (9 MARKS)**

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

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*The mulberry trees  
Have shed their leaves,  
The poplar trees are bare  
The peach trees rears  
Its slender spears,  
Into the cold grey air.*

- i. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?  
A. aabccb      B. aabbcb      C. aabbcc      D. aabbca
- ii. What is mentioned as having thin pointed stems?
- iii. What makes the air look grey?
- iv. Name the season that comes after the season described in the lines given.  
A. Spring      B. Autumn      C. Winter      D. Summer

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

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- i. What made the author consider herself lucky to have an understanding mother? (A Lesson in the Henhouse)
- ii. How is the change of seasons described in the poem? (Autumn in the Hills)
- iii. Why did the local people think Lorenz crazy? (A Lesson in the Henhouse)

**6. Give the meaning of ANY ONE of the following two words and use it to frame a meaningful sentence.**

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- i. wither
- ii. crouch

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