



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST I (2023- 24)
ENGLISH

CLASS: VIII

DATE: 23/05/2023

MAX MARKS: 20

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.
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SECTION A: READING (4 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below:

Alfred Hitchcock was a man with vivid imagination, strong creative skills and a passion for life. With his unique style and God-gifted wit he produced and directed some of the most thrilling films that had the audience almost swooning with fright and falling off their seats with laughter. Alfred Hitchcock was greatly influenced by American films and magazines. At the age of 20, he took up a job at the office of Paramount Studio, London. Using imagination, talent and dedication, he made each of his endeavours a success. He took great pleasure in working in the studio and often worked all seven days a week. He moved to the USA in 1939 and got his American citizenship in 1955. Here, he produced many more films and hosted a weekly television show. No matter from where his ideas came, whether a magazine article, a mystery novel or incident, his films had the typical "Hitchcock touch"-where the agony of suspense was relieved by interludes of laughter! Hitchcock was knighted in 1980.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (2)

i. What qualities helped Hitchcock achieve success?

- A. His imagination, creativity, and passion for life.
- B. His hard work, imagination, and sense of humour.
- C. His creativity, passion for life, and sense of humour.
- D. His imagination, talent, and dedication.

ii. Find a synonym for the word 'fainting' from the given passage.

- A. interludes
- B. swooning
- C. agony
- D. fright

iii. What did the typical Hitchcock-style of film-making include? (2)

iv. What did Alfred Hitchcock do in the United States?

SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (7 MARKS)

2. Write an e-mail to your cousin advising him how to use the internet in about 50 words. You can use the hints given below: (3)

Don't open a mail from an unknown source—Never post photo online—Keep your password a secret.

3. Do as directed: Attempt ANY FOUR of the following questions: (4)

i. Identify the underlined words and choose the correct option.

(a). They reached the station at night.

(b). They reached home when it started to rain.

i. (a) is a clause (b) is a phrase

ii. (a) is a phrase (b) is a clause

iii. (b) and (a) both are clauses

iv. (a) and (b) both are phrases

ii. Choose the imperative sentence from the following:

A. It is raining outside.

B. Which colour is this?

C. Hurrah! My favourite team has won.

D. Pass the book.

iii. Transform the following sentence as directed.

They are not swimming in the dirty water. (Interrogative using question tag)

iv. Write whether the underlined part in the sentence is a Phrase or Clause.

The child dancing on the stage hopes to become a movie star.

v. Rewrite the following sentence as instructed in the bracket.

How obedient he is! (Declarative)

SECTION C: LITERATURE (9 MARKS)

4. Read the extract and attempt ANY THREE of the following questions: (3)

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

i. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

A. baba

B. aabb

C. aaaa

D. bbaa

ii. Explain the significance of 'sleep'.

iii. What promises are being discussed in the stanza?

iv. What do the last two lines of the poem symbolize?

5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (4)

i. Why did the narrator of the story not approach the police? (A Slight Misunderstanding)

ii. How, according to the speaker, did the dog get into his car? (A Slight Misunderstanding)

6. Give the meaning of ANY ONE of the following words and use it to frame a meaningful sentence. (2)

i. queer

ii. startle



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i. Identify the underlined words and choose the correct option.

(a). Planets revolve around the sun .

(b). She studied under the street light .

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ii. Choose the declarative sentence from the following:

A. Please sit down.

B. Do you exercise on a daily basis?

C. Hurrah! What a match.

D. Ravita is the fastest runner in your class.

iii. Transform the following sentence as directed.

Joe is too lazy to complete a task on time. (Negative)

iv. Write whether the underlined parts in the sentence are Phrase or Clause.

Although you've never paid me back I will lend you the money.

v. Rewrite the following sentence as instructed in the bracket.

How beautiful the night is! (Declarative)

SECTION C: LITERATURE (9 MARKS)

4. Attempt ANY THREE of the following questions: (3)

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

i. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

A. baba

B. aaba

C. aaaa

D. bbaa

ii. Why does the horse give his bells a shake?

iii. What effect does silence have on the speaker?

iv. Why did the horse consider it a mistake to stop by woods?

5. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

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