



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

**CLASS: VIII**

**DATE: 22/05/2024**

**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.
- Attempt questions based on specific instruction for each part.

**SECTION A: READING (4 MARKS)**

**I. Read the passage given below:**

Among the most often repeated words in our daily lives are 'thank you' and 'welcome'. However, the mechanical repetition of these words has robbed them of their essence—the heartfelt gratitude they seek to express. True thanksgiving goes deeper than mere words; it arises out of appreciation and gratitude with a sense of wonder, humility, acknowledgment, and submission. These golden words seem to have lost their true purpose and meaning in the hurly-burly of our busy schedules, leaving us with little time to think deeply or even from the heart. Gratitude is more than just another emotion of humility. This simple emotion has the potential to release positive forces like love, hope, compassion, humility, joy, reassurance, and faith in an individual's life. In the material world, gratitude is like a smile; if sincere, it transmits immense joy to both the giver and receiver. A heartfelt 'thank you' can introduce joy and happiness even in those domains where there is a very practical exchange of money and services.

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

i. Which of the following is NOT described as a characteristic of gratitude in the passage?

- A) Submission
- B) Joy
- C) Rejection
- D) Acknowledgement

ii. Find an antonym for the word 'arrogance' from the given passage.

- A) sincere
- B) compassion
- C) reassurance
- D) humility

iii. What is the effect of heartfelt 'thank you'?

iv. Why does the author say that the golden words have lost their true meaning and purpose?

v. Define 'true thanksgiving' according to the passage.

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

**2. Write an e-mail to your friend to share about a new hobby that you have picked up recently in about 50 words. You can use the hints given below:** **3**

The reason to select – the importance of hobby

**3. Attempt ANY FOUR of the following questions:** **4**

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

A). Before the concert starts, we should grab some snacks.

B). She loves to read books, yet he prefers to watch movies.

i. A) is a main clause                      B) is a subordinate clause

ii. A) is a subordinate clause    B) is a main clause

iii. B) and A) both are main clauses

iv. A) and B) both are subordinate clauses

ii. Form a compound sentence by joining the given sentences.

We can leave early. We can take our chance later.

iii. Fill in the blank with a subordinating conjunction.

He couldn't find his keys..... he remembered he left them in the car.

A) unless              B) while              C) until              D) after

iv. Identify the main and subordinate clauses for the given sentence.

He studied hard for the test therefore he passed with flying colors.

v. Rewrite the given sentences by using the conjunction given in the bracket.

He missed the bus. He had to call a taxi. (because)

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

**4. Attempt ANY THREE of the following questions:** **3**

'Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.'

i. Name the poetic device used in the third line.

A) Rhyme                      B) Alliteration                      C) Assonance                      D) Simile

ii. The speaker has to make a choice between ..... and .....

iii. What does 'village' symbolize in the poem?

iv. What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?

A) abab                      B) aabb                      C) aaba                      D) aaab

**5. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:** **4**

i. What was the speaker's concern regarding his sister's enrollment in a 'progressive' school?

ii. Write the character sketch of Gia.

iii. Why does the horse 'queer' about the speaker's action?

**6. Give the meaning and frame a sentence with ANY ONE of the following words.** **2**

i. investigate

ii. glance

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ANSWER KEY

**Reading**

- i. C) Rejection
- ii. D) Humility
- iii. A heartfelt ‘thank you’ can introduce joy and happiness even in those domains where there is a very practical exchange of money and services.
- iv. The author says that they have lost their true meaning and purpose in the hurly-burly of our busy schedules, leaving us with little time to think deeply or even from the heart.
- v. True thanksgiving, according to the passage, goes beyond mechanical repetition and arises from appreciation, gratitude, wonder, humility, acknowledgment, and submission.

**Writing**

Format – 1      Organization of ideas – 1      Content – 1

**Grammar**

- i. iv. A)and B) both are subordinate clauses
- ii. We can leave early, or we can take our chance later.
- iii. C. until
- iv. He studied hard for the test – main clause  
 therefore he passed with flying colors. – subordinate clause
- v. He had to call a taxi because he missed the bus.

**Literature**

- 4.i. C. Assonance
- ii. aaba
- iii. responsibility/duty and desire/leisure or temptation and obligation
- iv. busy crowded society and civilization

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- The speaker did not like the school .
- He could have kept a watch on her.
- Made her over confident.

ii.

- Bossier than his sister
- Everytime she flung her hands to answer
- Annoying remarks about boys

iii.

- Never stops on his way without a farmhouse
- it feels uncomfortable and restless
- It wants to reach home.

6. i investigate – the truth about the crime has to find out      ii. glance – quick look

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