



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
PERIODIC TEST II (2022-2023)
ENGLISH

SET: 1

CLASS: VIII

MAX. MARKS: 20

DATE: 17/1/2023

TIME: 40 MINUTES

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections.
- Section A – Reading 4 marks
- Section B – Writing & Grammar 8 marks
- Section C – Literature 8marks
- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION A: READING

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

The beginning of this fun-filled season with the sun hidden behind the grey clouds brings cheer to many of us waiting eagerly to splash in the rains. Of course not everything about rain is glamorous. Especially when you think about endless traffic jams, the bad roads dotted with potholes, uncleared garbage and the spate of water borne diseases. Also viral infections like cold and cough make their presence felt. Scrubbing hands regularly with water and soap can prevent us from contacting respiratory and diarrhoeal diseases. To make the best of the rainy season we should follow some simple guidelines. First of all if we decide to get wet in rains we should change into a dry set of clothes at the earliest. Also we should keep raw food items at bay and wash vegetables and fruits thoroughly before use. Moreover, strict kitchen hygiene should be maintained in order to enjoy one of the most beautiful seasons of the year.

1. People wait for the rains since they can _____ in it.
 - a) splash
 - b) have potholed roads
 - c) spate of water borne diseases
 - d) endless traffic jams
2. After getting wet in rains we should put on dry clothes _____.
 - a) as late as possible
 - b) whenever we like to
 - c) as early as possible
 - d) when we fall sick

Answer the following questions in brief:

3. How can one prevent from contacting viral infections during the rainy season?
4. What kind of food should people keep at bay?

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

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II. Write an article in about 50 words on “Education for All” to be published in a local daily giving suggestions to make it a reality as education is the only way to progress.

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III. Identify the gerund phrase in the given sentence by choosing the correct option:

1. George and Martha now regret renting that vacation cabin in Maine.
a) now regret renting
b) renting that vacation cabin in Maine
c) George and Martha
d) Martha now regrets

IV. Choose the correct preposition from the given options to fill the gap. (Gerund after preposition)

1. I blame him _____ not helping me.
a) for
b) by
c) him
d) to

V. Is the Gerund in the following sentence used as a subject, object or as a complement?

1. Doing homework is boring.

VI. Identify the Gerund in the following sentence.

1. They are sorry for offending you.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

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VII. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

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Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now —
For I'se still goin', honey,
I'se still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

1. What poetic device is used in the last line?
a) Enjambment
b) Simile
c) Repetition
d) Personification
2. What words does the poet use to convey a sense of hope?

VIII. Frame meaningful sentences of your own for the following words:

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1. Tough-willed 2. Oblige

IX. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words:

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1. Who is referred to as 'boy' in the poem **Mother to Son**? What does the speaker ask the boy to do?
2. Why was a boy considered 'wasted' if he remained in school after he had attained a certain age?



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1. _____ having shower, I waited for Steven.

- a) For
- b) After
- c) In spite of
- d) By

V. Is the Gerund in the following sentence used as a subject, object or as a complement?

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1. They love surfing in the summer.

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