



**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**PERIODIC TEST I (2023 – 2024)**  
**ENGLISH**

**CLASS: X**  
**DATE: 22/05/2023**

**MAX. MARKS: 20**  
**TIME: 40 MINUTES**

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains Two sections-GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

**SECTION A: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (8 marks)**

**GRAMMAR**

**1. Complete the following tasks, as directed.** 3

i. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

*Yesterday when Naina reached the dance party she saw that many of her friends \_\_\_\_\_ there. She took sweets for all of them.*

- A. have gathered
- B. has gathered
- C. had gathered
- D. gathered

ii. Read the given sentence and identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

*She write a letter to her father last evening.*

Error	Correction

iii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given sentence.

*He was so thirsty that he drunk all the milk.*

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	was	is
B	that	which
C	drunk	drank
D	so	thus

**WRITING SKILLS**

**2. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of a national daily expressing your views about the possibility of reforming the beggars. You are Ria/Ramesh of Gandhi Nagar, Lucknow.** 5

**SECTION B: LITERATURE (12 marks)**

**3. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.** 3

The way a crow  
 Shook down on me  
 The dust of snow  
 From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart  
 A change of mood  
 And saved some part  
 Of a day I had rued.

*(Dust of Snow)*

- i. Which poetic device is used in the following line-  
'and saved some part'.
- A. Simile
  - B. Metaphor
  - C. Hyperbole
  - D. Alliteration
- ii. In the poem, which negative symbols have been used to create a positive effect?
- iii. Which word is the synonym of 'feel remorse' or 'regret' as used in the stanza?

**4. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 40-50 words. 3**

- A. How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances'? (*A Letter to God*)

**OR**

- B. According to a popular quote-where there is no struggle, there is no strength. In what way is this quote relevant to the events of the story? (*A Triumph of Surgery*)

**5. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. 6**

- A. The people at the post-office contribute to put together whatever they can manage, for Lencho. As an employee, write your perspective and reason(s) for contributing to the fund. The fact that you don't want to say 'no' to a case initiated by your boss, can also be an equally compelling reason! Elucidate with reference to *A Letter to God*.

**OR**

- B. The poet has succeeded in giving valuable information in a light-hearted manner. What creates the desired effect? Highlight its importance in present-day life. (*Dust of Snow*)

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**GRAMMAR**

**6. Complete the following tasks, as directed.** 3

iv. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option.

*When Shyam reached Ramu's house, his classmates \_\_\_\_\_ . Ramu introduced Shyam to them.*

- E. had arrived
- F. has arrived
- G. were arrived
- H. arrived

v. Read the given sentence and identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

*He pass the Secondary School Examination in 2021.*

Error	Correction

vi. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the given sentence.

*My father always reach the office in time.*

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	in	before
B	reach	reaches
C	the	an
D	office	offices

**WRITING SKILLS**

**7. Reva read the news item that Union Finance Minister has taken the decision to hike the price of LPG and Petrol. She decides to write a letter to the editor of The Times of India expressing her views and making an appeal to the Government to reconsider the decision. (100-120 words)** 5

**SECTION B: LITERATURE (12 marks)**

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- iii. Which poetic device is used in the following line-  
'Shook down on me'
  - E. Simile
  - F. Metaphor
  - G. Assonance
  - H. Alliteration

**9. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 40-50 words.**

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- C. How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances'? (*A Letter to God*)

**OR**

- D. 'Privilege often confuses actual needs for perceived ones'. Evaluate this statement with reference to Mrs. Pumphrey? (*A Triumph of Surgery*)

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.**

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- C. Our attitude towards a situation evokes both negative and positive response. Analyze this with reference to the poem, '*Dust of Snow*' to bring out the inherent valuable lessons.

**OR**

- D. Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment. (*A Triumph of Surgery*)

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