

PERIODIC TEST - I

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MM: 40

CLASS: IX

TIME: 90 MIN

The question paper is divided into three sections

1. Section 'A' Reading : 10 Marks
2. Section 'B' Writing & Grammar : 15 Marks
3. Section 'C' Literature Text Book and
Extended Reading Text : 15 Marks
4. Section 'A' Reading : 10 Marks

SECTION 'A' READING

10 MARKS

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows: 1x5= 5 Marks

When I came home from the hostel for the first time, I was looking quite pulled down and pale. There I had lost interest in food and this naturally showed in my lackluster face and sunken eyes. I must have looked like a rogue when I stepped out of the tonga for , my father , from the terrace, showered me with his patent set of four-letter words, "You buffoon", good-for-nothing fellow ,etc. He was an officer,yet he stopped of four letter words was rather limited and so he welcomed me with a softer set of words and did not care to see me again. But after the vacation when I set off the hostel, there was a servant walking with me with a huge tin of home-made ghee and large sac of super-fine rice. He cooked my food separately in the hostel. By and by I grew pink and hefty. I generally survived on rice and slept a lot. Once I slept for thirty six hours at a stretch. Having a short nap after the breakfast is my hobby almost. For that I have been missing my lunch too.

Questions:

- (a) How did the author look when he came home from hostel?
- (b) When did the author come after and for what?
- (c) Who went with the author after vacation and why?
- (d) What became the author's hobby?
- (e) For how many hours did the writer sleep at a stretch?

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: 1x5= 5 Marks

Physical exercise is essential to true education. It gives a healthy tone to the different members of our body and makes them thoroughly strong and fit for doing their duty. Bodily strength is as much needed as intellectual activity in ensuring success in life. Physical exercise is therefore essential and every student should cultivate it. If we want to be strong, healthy and free from diseases we should take regular exercise. Those who are in school and colleges and have therefore to use their brain to a great deal, should not neglect to take part in some kind of athletic sports. If they want to be free from diseases that are contracted by sedentary habits, they should practice some exercises. There are different kinds of physical exercises such as walking, riding, gymnastics and games. Walking is the easiest of all kinds of healthy exercises and is suited to all alike, whatever may be their state of health. The games which Indian school boys generally indulge in now a days are cricket and football. Both these games are useful in making our limbs strong and in uniting together by bonds of friendships and fellow-feeling. The advantages of physical exercise are manifold. It increases our appetite and enables us to digest our food properly. It enables us to bear fatigue and exposure without any trouble. It prevents us from falling a victim to many diseases and thus makes us not only healthy but happy and cheerful.

Answer the following questions briefly.

1x5=5

- a) The two things necessary for success in life are.....
- b) The writer advises us to take regular exercise in order to.....
- c) School and college students should not neglect to take part in some kind of athletic sports because.....
- d) Which word in the passage has the meaning 'condition of being very tired?'
 - i. Tone
 - ii. Sedentary habit
 - iii. Exposure
 - iv. Fatigue
- e) Which of the following is not an advantage of physical exercise?
 - i. It increases our appetite
 - ii. It makes us healthy and happy
 - iii. It increases our general knowledge
 - iv. It prevents us from falling a victim to many diseases

SECTION B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

(15 MARKS)

Q3. Taking the help from the information given below and including your own ideas, write an article on 'Books-our best companions'. **(4 marks)**

HINTS- human relations can be deceptive and unreliable, books- our best companions, our friends and guide, educative as well as informative.

Q4. Complete the story in 150-200 words, giving a suitable heading

"It was a rainy day, and I was all alone at home. It was pitch dark outside .Suddenly I heard someone knocking at my door....." **(5 marks)**

Q5. In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the word that has been omitted along with the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it. Write your answer in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. **(1x4=4 marks)**

	Before	Missing	After
e.g.: The small town was the	was	at	the
a) foot of the mountains. Most the			
b) people were farmers. There traders also			
c) in the town. Though not rich were			
d) happy contented.			

Q6.Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. **(1X2=2 marks)**

E.g. Friends/I/ my/ were/ grandmother/ and/ good
My grandmother and I were good friends

- a) a one /of/friends/a/best/good/our/is/book
- b) is/modern/complex/life/highly

SECTION C (LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT)

15 MARKS

Q.7 Read the given extract and answer the questions that follows-

(1x4=4)

I wind about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout,
And here and there a grayling.

- a) Describe the movement of the brook as mentioned in the given lines.
- b) What does sail over the surface of the brook?
- c) What is the rhyme scheme used in the lines?
- d) Write the pair of rhyming words used in the passage.

Q8. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 words (3x2=6 marks)

- a) Why was Sudha Murthy surprised when her grandmother touched her feet?
- b) Which road does Robert frost choose and why?
- c) What happened to Chuck Hooper?
- d) Why was Triveni a popular writer in Kannada language?

Q9. Answer anyone of the following questions in about 80 -100. (5 marks)

- a) Why was Harris against the idea of camping out?

OR

Give a character sketch of Mr. Gaston highlighting the main traits of his character. Do you think that self-interest were the guiding principles of his life? Support your answer with examples.