



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

Subject : English Core

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PERIODIC TEST-3

Class : XI

M.M : 40

Time : 2 Hrs.

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains three sections.
2. Section A-READING SECTION has a Note-Making passage. Write the notes as well as the summary.
3. Section B-WRITING AND GRAMMAR SECTION has 4 questions.
4. Section C-LITERATURE SECTION has 4 questions. Attempt the questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
5. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A

Reading Section (8 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.

- a) Winning is a habit of real life achievers, and so is positive thinking. You cannot be a winner in the true sense, be both successful and happy, lead a purposeful life, realize your goal and contribute to your society unless you are a positive thinker. And you cannot be a positive thinker unless you are a positive person who believes in basic goodness, are sensitive to your own needs and desires as well as the needs of other people around you. Positive thinking leads you to a healthy attitude to life that makes you independent, courageous and cooperative. These qualities are essential for a purposeful, meaningful and rewarding existence.
- b) Positive thinking is very often thought to be the ability to focus on what is right and ignoring what is wrong or unpleasant, to be able to turn a blind eye to what is disagreeable and disturbing. But this is not positive thinking is all about. It does not tell us to close our eyes to reality and stay where we are, resign to fate and not strive for more or better, not to make an effort at the risk of failure. It does not tell us to run away from anything, however unpleasant or difficult it may be.
- c) The edifice of positive thinking rests on the power of your inner self, your motivation and preparedness to change, your determination and hard work, your ability to learn and improve. It will depend on your ability to step out of your inertia and move ahead, your ability to handle failure and setbacks, your ability to learn from your mistakes and move ahead.
- d) Positive thinking can make reaching your goal easier and more enjoyable. It gives you the strength to face adversities and failure with courage and bounce back a stronger and more confident person. It is your best gift and the most powerful tool. It helps you to live your life to the fullest.
- e) However simple positive thinking may sound and however easy it may appear to be, statistics show that only about five percent of people are able to think positive and become super achievers. These are the people who work harder and better than others and earn and control fifty percent of the world's resources.

- f) So, to learn to look at everything in a positive way you have to break free from your negative conditioning and move ahead. You can change the way you perceive, interpret and think. You know that you can change when you want to change and you will want to change only when you acknowledge that there is a mistake and you need to set it right. Change can be brought about, not without your active participation and your will.
- i. On the basis of your understanding of the passage make notes on it, using sub-titles. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four and maximum eight) and key to abbreviations. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)
- ii. Write a summary of the passage based on the notes in about 80 words. (3)

SECTION-B

Writing and Grammar Section (14 Marks)

2. You are the Dean, Admissions, MNT Professional College, Chandigarh. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words giving information about admission to undergraduate courses offered by your College. Include all relevant details. (3)
- OR
- You are Sujal/Sujata, residing at 24- D, Malviya Nagar, Alwar, Rajasthan. You own a motor cycle which you want to sell. Draft an advertisement for the vehicle column of your local newspaper. Invent all necessary details.(50 words)
3. Materialism is a desire for wealth and material possessions with little interest in ethical or spiritual matter. With this definition in consideration, draft a debate on the topic 'Possession of material commodities makes human beings happy' in 120-150 words. Put forth your views and opinions either for or against the motion. (5)
- OR
- The use of tobacco in cigarettes and other forms is not just a grave health hazard but also disastrous for the environment. Throughout its lifecycle, tobacco pollutes the planet and damages the health of the people. Write a speech in about 150-200 words about the hazards of tobacco, giving arguments for your stand. You are Shalini/Suraj of Vasant Vihar Public School. (4)
4. In the paragraph that follows, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. The first one has been done for you. (4)

	BEFORE	MISSING	AFTER
Eg. Movies a different impact on people.	movies	have	a

- a) Viewers spend 3 hours the
- b) cinema hall, and they come out,
- c) their minds often blank. They
- d) don't even remember they saw.

5. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (2)
- is its / remarkable feature / preciousness / the most / of time
 - opportunities / of golden / every moment / thousands / brings with it

SECTION-C

Literature Section (18 Marks)

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions in brief. (3)

“When did my childhood go?

Was it when I found my mind was really mine,

To use whichever way I choose,

Producing thoughts that were not those of other people,

But my own, and mine alone”

- i) Complete the statement.

In line 2, the poet comes to the realization ‘when I found my mind was really mine’ when _____.

- ii) Through this line ‘Producing thoughts that were not those of other people’, the poet wishes to convey the idea _____.

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| A) That the poet became capable to think | B) That adults did not suggest any thoughts |
| C) That the poet became confident of his capability to think | D) That the poet was conscious of his capability to think |

- iii) The figure of speech in ‘producing thoughts that were those of other people’ here is an example of _____.

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| A) Metaphor | B) Simile | C) Transferred Epithet | D) Apostrophe |
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7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions in brief. (3)

“But being a just and placid King

He said, ‘This is a tricky thing.

I need some counsel. Bring to me

The wisest man in this country.

The wisest man was found and brought,

Nay, carried, to the Royal Court.”

He could not walk and could not see,

So old (and therefore wise) was he”

- i) What is the poet’s tone when he calls the king ‘just and placid’?

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| A) Persuasive and ironic | B) Cheerful and light-hearted |
| C) Ironic and humorous | D) Sarcastic and reverent |

- ii) In this line ‘So old (and therefore wise) was he’ what is the poet’s intent? Choose the correct option

- a) to highlight the absurdity of the situation in the kingdom
- b) to honour the connection between wisdom and old age.
- c) to entertain the reader through this story
- d) to mock the concept of age and wisdom

- A) only a and c are correct
- B) only a and b are correct
- C) only a and d are correct
- D) only b and d are correct

iii) The rhyme scheme of this stanza is _____.

8. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words. (ANY THREE) (6)

- i) What does the principle of 'Laissez Faire' mean? Does it apply to the Melon city?
- ii) Justify the title 'Mother's Day' on the basis of the ending of the play.
- iii) What according to Markus Natten is involved in the process of growing up? (Childhood)
- iv) How is the father's helplessness brought out in the poem?
- v) What are the reasons that drive people to willingly undergo the travails of difficult journeys?

9. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words. (ANY ONE) (6)

- i) Is the title 'Silk Road' justified in context of the details presented by the author Nick Middleton? Elucidate in detail.
- ii) Do you think the problems raised by the play 'Mother's Day' are genuine? Describe. Also, if you could change one part of the play, which one would it be? Explain in detail.