



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

**ANANDALAYA**  
**PERIODIC TEST-1**  
Class : XII

Subject : English Core  
Date : 13-07-2022

M.M : 40  
Time : 1 Hr. 30 min.

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains three sections.
2. Section A-READING has 11 questions. Attempt a total of 10 questions.
3. Section B-WRITING SKILLS has 2 questions. Each question has an internal choice.
4. Section C-LITERATURE has 3 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 (10 Marks)**

1. Read the passage given below.

10x1=10

1. It was cold when I first stepped out of Kiev's Boryspil International Airport in Ukraine on August 12, 2019, but the adrenaline rush that came with landing in a new country kept me warm. I was one of the 75 Indian students who had landed that day. We were soon taken in a bus arranged by our college and we set out to cover a 300-km journey across Kiev to reach Vinnitsa National Medical University in Vinnitsa city, where I was to study for the next five years to achieve my dream of becoming a cardiologist.
2. After two attempts at NEET, I had got into a BDS course in India, but as the year progressed, it became more apparent to me that it was MBBS that I wanted to study. I decided to apply to medical colleges in Ukraine, which offered affordable education for someone like me, who comes from a middle-class family (my father is a government servant). During the first year, I stayed at the universities' hostel with the first floor occupied by Indian students, the second floor by Moroccan nationals and the third and fourth by Nigerians and Ukrainians respectively. Our common kitchen and bathroom felt like a carnival with people speaking various dialects.
3. During a tram ride, I met a 60-year-old Ukrainian gentleman who was travelling with his granddaughter. He enquired if I was Indian and when I replied in the affirmative, his next statement was if I knew the song *Jimmy Jimmy aaja aaja*. I said yes and his face lit up with a smile.
4. It was then that it dawned on me that the popularity of the song, which was known to be a hit among Russians, also extended to most aged 40 and above in Ukraine. We went on to talk about Amitabh Bachchan, whom he admired greatly, and finally the Taj Mahal that he wished to visit. It was this urge to make more friends that pushed me to join a local club called 'The English Club', where I volunteered to teach English. I went there twice a week and often visited various restaurants and cafes for lunch.
7. Having got an international driving licence, I had planned to buy a car in Ukraine and travel across the country. But before that, things took an ugly turn with Russia getting aggressive. I wanted to stay back, but my parents insisted that I come back. So I flew back on the first Air India flight that left Ukraine on February 22. I am relieved to be back in the safety of my homeland, but I feel helpless that I cannot do anything for my teachers, fellow students and Indian students who are stuck there. My dream about my future was also in jeopardy.

8. Last night at 2 am, my friends were asked to move into bunkers. They could come out only in the morning and had to rush back in after sirens went out. A chemical factory near our college has been attacked and my friends are being asked to wear a mask at all times. Even as we are trying our best to get all Indian students back to safety, I shudder when I think of the 60-year-old gentleman I met on the tram and his granddaughter.

Edited version of the article written by **Harshit Sharma** (The Indian Express)  
*(The writer is a third-year MBBS student at Vinnitsa National Medical University, Ukraine)*

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the ANY TEN of the following questions.

- i. Why do you think the writer went to Ukraine for his medical studies?
- ii. As per the passage what are the special features of the Vinnitsa National Medical University?
- iii. What does it tell about the Ukrainian people when the writer found a person singing Hindi Bollywood song?
- iv. Explain the statement, “Our common kitchen and bathroom felt like a carnival”.
- v. ‘Rich culture and heritage are important for any country’, explain this statement in the context of the passage?
- vi. What was the contrast in the feelings of the writer when he came back to India to that of his arrival in Ukraine?
- vii. What could be the reason for the writer to travel across Ukraine?
- viii. Write the characteristic traits of Harshit Sharma on the basis of the passage.
- ix. Use the word ‘dawn’ in your own sentence in the same context as it is used in the passage.
- x. Which word in the para-8 means same as ‘quiver’?
- xi. Which word in the para-2 means exactly opposite to the word ‘dubious’?

### SECTION-B

#### Writing (10 Marks)

2. As Sports Secretary of G.D.G. Public School, Pune, draft notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board informing the students about the sale of old sports goods of your school. You are Rohini/Rohit.

OR

5x1=5

Water supply will be suspended for eight hours (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on the 6th of March for cleaning the water tank. Write a notice in about 50 words advising the residents to store water for a day. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj, Secretary, Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool.

3. You are Aman/Aditi studying in Bharat School, Lucknow. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of potholes. Students and parents are often caught in a traffic jam. In spite of several representations, the government has not done anything to improve the condition of the road. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, drawing the attention of the concerned authorities and the government to this problem.

OR

5x1=5

You have recently visited a significant historical site. You were astounded to discover it in such a condition of disrepair. Using the clues from the unit ‘Travel and Tourism,’ as well as your own thoughts, compose a letter to the editor of a major newspaper noting the terrible condition of significant archaeological and historical sites. Highlight the lack of vital services, the poor condition of upkeep, and people’s abuse of it. Make suggestions about how to improve the issue.

**SECTION-C**  
**Literature (20 Marks)**

4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (Any two) 1x2=2

*and  
looked out at young  
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes, but after the airport’s  
security check, standing a few yards  
away, I looked again at her, wan, pale  
as a late winter’s moon and felt that  
old familiar ache, .....*

- i. How can the trees sprint?
- ii. Why did the poet look at her mother again?
- iii. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines.

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (Any two) 1x2=2

Have you ever been there? It’s a wonderful town still, with big old frame houses, huge lawns, and tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets. And in 1894, summer evenings were twice as long, and people sat out on their lawns, the men smoking cigars and talking quietly, the women waving palm-leaf fans, with the fire-flies all around, in a peaceful world. To be back there with the First World War still twenty years off, and World War II over forty years in the future... I wanted two tickets for that.

- i. What is your opinion about the speaker based on the given extract?
- ii. Which town ‘I’ is talking about and is he so appreciative about it?
- iii. Could the speaker travel Galesburg, Illinois? Why/Why not?

6. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words. 2x3=6

- i. “What a thunderclap these words were to me!” What were those words and what was their effect on Franz?
- ii. What promise did the author make with Saheb? Why had she to feel small?
- iii. “The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress”. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

6. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words. 5x2=10

- i. Write the theme of The Last Lesson.
- ii. How in your views can Mukesh realise his dream?