



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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PERIODIC TEST 2  
Class : VII

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**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains four parts.
2. All the parts are compulsory.
3. Read carefully and answer the optional questions according to the given specific instructions.

**SECTION- A (READING)(10 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below:

1. Computers have proved their worth and utility in almost all arenas of human activity and have become an inseparable part of our lives. But possibly the most wonderful instance of computers reforming people's lives is their contribution in the life of physically challenged individuals. Before the advent of personal computers, people with physical disabilities often had great difficulty in performing everyday tasks, and had very limited opportunities for employment.
2. Today we have on our disposal an array of softwares and devices to assist people with a broad range of disabilities. Although computer doesn't provide magical solutions to all of their problems yet it is helping thousands of people to manage their lives and be less dependent on others.
3. Someone who has only one muscle under his control or who can use only one hand or foot for typing, can completely control a computer. These people can operate a joystick mounted on an adjustable extension arm with their shoulder, arm, hand, lips, chin, cheek, or foot to command the cursor. Using head wands or mouth sticks, users can operate a computer by moving their heads and puffing on a straw connected to a small headset to enter text on an onscreen keyboard. Optical pointing devices permit the users to make selections by simply staring at an image or a word, character, or a picture- for as little as half a second. As many of these input options are relatively time intensive, word prediction capability is often set to help speed input.
4. Using principles of artificial intelligence, this program attempts to guess what the user is typing. As soon as the user enters the first character of a word, the program shows a list of possibilities. With each new character typed, the predicted list of words become shorter. As and when the desired word appears, the user can select it, rather than type the remaining character.

Answer the questions given below.

- (a) What is the most wonderful example of computers improving people's lives? (1)
- (b) What has become an integral part of today's life? (1)
- (c) How can physically challenged people operate the joystick? (1)
- (d) How do optical pointing devices help people to make selections? (1)
- (e) Find out the phrase from the passage which means the same as 'involving a lot of effort in a short period of time'. (para 3) (1)

2. Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions.

Daddy fell into the pond  
Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey  
We had nothing to do and nothing to say,  
We were nearing the end of a dismal day,  
And there seemed to be nothing beyond,  
Then  
Daddy fell into the pond!  
And everyone's face grew merry and bright,  
And Timothy danced for sheer delight.  
"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!  
He's crawling out of the duckweed."  
Click!  
Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,  
And doubled up, shaking silently,  
And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft  
And it sounded as if the old drake laughed  
Oh, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond  
When  
Daddy fell into the pond!

Alfred Noyes

- (a) How do you know from the first stanza that the 'day' was anything but happy? (1)
- (b) What lightened everyone's face? (1)
- (c) Pick out four words from the poem that suggest a happy mood. (1)
- (d) What do you mean by the line- 'Oh, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond'? (1)
- (e) Find out two pairs of rhyming words from the poem. (1)

**SECTION B (WRITING)(16 marks)**

3. (a) You are Rahul/Rachita. By mistake, you have broken your father's expensive mobile. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry in not more than 80-100 words. (3)

**OR**

- (b) You are Arun/Anita. You saw a magic show last night. Write your feeling in the form of a diary entry in not more than 80-100 words.

4. You are Arpita/ Archit Garg, the school captain of Indus Public School, Jaipur. Write a notice in not more than 50 words inviting all the House Captains and Vice-Captains to attend a meeting about the conduct of annual prize distribution. Invent all necessary details and put the notice in a box. (3)

5. (a) Write an E-mail to your grandfather sharing your experience of your school trip to New Delhi and Agra in not more than 120-150 words. (5)

**OR**

- (b) Write an E-mail to your friend who is admitted in hospital, showing concern for her health problems.

6. You are a resident of Krishna Housing Society, V.V Nagar. There are no street lights on the main road leading to your colony. The roads are also broken after the rainy season. Potholes and uneven surface cause lot of difficulties for two wheelers and walkers. So, possibility of some major accident cannot be ruled out. Write a letter to the District Magistrate, drawing his attention towards your concern in not more than 120-150 words. (5)

**SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (7 Marks)**

7. Read the conversation below and complete the paragraph in reported speech. (3)  
 Shopkeeper: What would you like to have, madam?  
 Customer: I need a cotton shirt for my six-year-old son  
 Shopkeeper: Sorry madam. Shirts are out of stock. Can you have T-Shirt instead?  
 Customer: No, thank you.

The shopkeeper asked the customer (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The customer replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_ for her six-year-old son. The shopkeeper apologized saying that shirts are out of stock. He inquired (c) \_\_\_\_\_ instead. The customer thanked him and said that she did not want.

8. Read the instructions given below and complete the paragraph by choosing the correct answers from the given options. Do not copy the paragraph. (2)

Take a bus-pass form.  
 Paste your photo on it. Fill up your particulars-name, school, home address, etc.  
 Give it to your class teacher.  
 Take it to the office of Traffic Manager.  
 Deposit the fare. Get the receipt.  
 Show the receipt to T.M. Collect your pass.

First of all, a bus-pass form is taken and your photo (a) \_\_\_\_\_ on it. Then all the particulars such as name, school and home address, etc. (b) \_\_\_\_\_. After that it is given to the class teacher. Then it is taken to the office of the Traffic Manager where the fare (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and the receipt (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-----|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) | (i) was pasted   | (ii) is pasted     | (iii) are pasted     | (iv) were pasted         |
| (b) | (i) is filled up | (ii) was filled up | (iii) are filled up  | (iv) has to be filled up |
| (c) | (i) is deposited | (ii) was deposited | (iii) were deposited | (iv) has been deposited  |
| (d) | (i) are obtained | (ii) is obtained   | (iii) was obtained   | (iv) had obtained        |

9. This passage is not edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error and the correct answer against each number line. (2)

|  | Incorrect answer | Correction |
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| From the point of view of the scientists,      |                  |            |
| we still don't have the answer to this         | (a)              |            |
| question - how was a universe born?            | (b)              |            |
| There are various scientific theories of this, | (c)              |            |
| because we still don't know the truth.         | (d)              |            |

**Section- D (LITERATURE)(17 marks)**

10. Read the extract from the poem 'The Shed' and answer the following questions. (2)

*There's a dusty old window around the side  
With three cracked panes of glass  
I often think there's someone staring at me  
Each time that I pass,  
I'll peep in through that window one day'.*

- (a) Why was the window dusty with broken panes?  
(b) Why did the poet decide to peep through the window some other day?

11. Read the extract from the lesson 'Quality' and answer the following questions. (2)

*"He looked at me for a time without replying, as if expecting me to withdraw or qualify the statement, then said, "It shouldn't have creaked." "It did, I'm afraid."  
"You got them wet before they found themselves." "I don't think so."  
"At this he lowered his eyes, as if hunting for memory of those boots and I felt sorry I had mentioned this grave thing. "Send them back, I will look at them. If I can do nothing with them I take them off your bill."*

- (a) What was the grave thing that author mentioned?  
(b) What did Gessler reply?

12. Answer of the following questions from the book 'An Alien Hand'. (ANY TWO) (4)

- (a) What does 'Anthem' represent in Soapy's life?  
(b) Explain the theme of the story 'I want Something in a Cage'  
(c) A Desert is not just an endless stretch of sand, waterless and without shelter but it is also a nature's lovely creation. Justify the statement with examples from the lesson.

13. Answer of the following questions from the book 'HoneyComb'. (ANY THREE) (6)

- (a) 'The author compared Gessler's shop with a church'. Give three reasons for the comparison.  
(b) State the significant of the role played by the bearded man in the story 'Three Questions'?  
(c) 'Playing a trick without harming others is the true test of wit'. Give examples from the story 'Gopal and the Hilsa Fish' to prove this statement.  
(d) The poem 'Tree' describes some uses of tree. State some indirect uses not mentioned in the poem.

14. Answer the following question in not more than 120-150 words. (ANY ONE) (3)

- (a) Family is the first school of discipline and of good habits. Discuss with reference to 'Chivvy'.

**Or**

- (b) Estimate and explain the Values that you have learnt from the story 'The Ashes that Made Trees Bloom'.