



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

ANANDALAYA
PERIODIC TEST-2
Class: VI

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M.M: 50
Time: 2hrs

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 specific instructions.

SECTION- A (READING)(12 marks)

1. Given below is a part of the letter written by Pandit Nehru to his daughter Indira from the prison. Read it carefully and answer the questions give below:
 1. Central Prison
Naini
October 26, 1930
My Dear Priyadarshini,
On your birthday, you have been in the habit of receiving presents and good wishes. Good wishes you will still have in full measure, but what present can I send you from Naini prison? My presents cannot be very material or solid. They can only be of the air and of the mind and spirit, such goods as a fairy might have bestowed on you, things that even the high walls of prison cannot stop.
 2. You know, sweetheart, how I dislike sermonizing and doling out good advice. When I am tempted to do this. I always think of the story of 'a very wiseman' I once read. Perhaps one day, you will yourself read the book which contains the story.
 3. In ancient times, there came a great traveller from China to India in search of wisdom and knowledge. His name was Hieun Tsang and over the deserts and mountains of the North he came, braving many dangers, facing and overcoming many obstacles, so great was his thirst for knowledge. He spent many years in India learning himself and teaching others, especially at the great University of Nalanda, which existed then near the city that used to be called Pataliputra.
 4. He wrote this story about a man from South India who came to Karnaswana, which was a city somewhere near the modern Bhagalpur, in Bihar. This man, it is written, wore round his waist copper plates, and on his head, he carried a lighted torch. Staff in hand, with proud bearing and lofty steps, he wandered about in this strange attire. And when anyone asked him the reason for his curious attire, he told that his wisdom was so great that he was afraid his belly might burst if he did not wear copper plates round it. And because he was moved with pity for the ignorant people round about him, who lived in darkness, he carried the light on his head.
 5. Well, I am quite sure that there is no danger of my ever bursting with too much wisdom, and so there is no need for me to wear copper plates. And in my event, I hope that my wisdom, such as it is as I possess does not live in my belly. Wherever it may reside, there is room for still more of it and there is no chance of there being no room left.

6. I have liked my talks with you and we have discussed many things, but the world is so wide, and beyond our world lie other wonderful and mysterious worlds. So, none of us need ever be bored or imagine, like the very foolish and conceited person whose story Hieun Tsang has told us, that we have learned everything and there is nothing more to learn.
7. Goodbye little one, and may you grow up into a brave soldier in India's service!

With all my love and good wishes,

Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer the questions given below.

- (a) Why did Jawaharlal Nehru could not send any present to his daughter on her birthday? (1)
- (b) How do you know that Hieun Tsang had great thirst for knowledge? (1)
- (c) Why did the man in the story by Hieun Tsang referred as a foolish and conceited person? (1)
- (d) 'A very wise man' came from _____ (1)
- (A) Pataliputra (B) Karnaswarna (C) South India (D) China
- (e) What advice Pandit Nehru wish to give his daughter through this letter? (1)
- (A) We have learnt a lot and now there is no need to learn more.
- (B) Wise people don't need to acquire more knowledge.
- (C) Feel proud for your wisdom.
- (D) Always keep thirst for knowledge.
- (f) Find words from the letter that have the same meaning as: (2)
- (A) To give a long talk to people, telling them how they should behave in order to get better (para 2) _____
- (B) To show excessively proud on oneself (para6) _____

2. Read the poem carefully.

<i>At school I've learned a lot of things</i>	<i>I practice, and it shows.</i>
<i>I really like to do,</i>	<i>I've learned to fake a burp, a cough,</i>
<i>like running in the hallway</i>	<i>And even fake a sneeze.</i>
<i>And eating gobs of glue.</i>	<i>You would think with all this learning</i>
<i>I've learned I'm good at making pencils</i>	<i>I'd be doing well at school,</i>
<i>dangle from my nose.</i>	<i>But everything I learned to do</i>
<i>I've learned to hum and pop my gum.</i>	<i>appears to break a rule.</i>

Answer the following questions on the basis of the poem.

- (a) Who is the speaker in this poem? (1)
- (b) Write the lines from the poem, which tell that the speaker is aware of breaking school rules? (1)
- (c) Does the speaker seem to enjoy coming to school? Pick out words and phrases that show that. (1)
- (d) What could be the things he does not like to do in school? (1)
- (e) Which poetic device does the poet use in the poem? (1)
- (A) Simile (B) Metaphor (C) Repetition (D) Personification

SECTION- B (WRITING) (15 Marks)

3. (a) Recently you have witnessed a cricket match played between your school and another school. Your school has won the match. Make a diary entry of the event in not more than 60-70 words. (4)

OR

- (b) You are selected for a debate competition to be held in your school. Write your feelings, aspirations and expectations in the form of a diary entry in not more than 60-70 words.

4. (a) You are Sudha/Samarth. Your brother is going to appear for an admission test in a famous school. He wants you to give him some necessary tips in this regard. Write an email to guide and advise him about taking care of important points in not more than 80-100 words. (5)

OR

- (b) You might have been to a restaurant to enjoy food with your family and friends. Write a short description of such a restaurant, its ambience, cuisines, hospitality etc. in not more than 80-100 words.

5. (a) You are the Secretary of Madhuran Society, Anand. Write a letter to the President of the Municipality, Anand informing him about the dog menace in your society. Request him/her to take immediate action. (Word limit 120-150) (6)

OR

- (b) You are a resident of Sunrise Society, V. V. Nagar, Anand. Write a letter to the President of the Municipality, Anand informing him about the irregular disposal of filth from your society. (Word limit 120-150)

SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (6 Marks)

6. Choose the correct answers from the options given below. Do not copy the paragraph. 6x1/2=3

A man invited Nasruddin to go hunting (A) _____ him, (B) _____ mounted him on (C) _____ horse which was (D) _____. The Mulla said nothing. Soon the hunt outpaced him and was out of sight. It began to rain heavily (E) _____ there was no shelter. All the members of the hunt got soaked through. As soon as the rain started, Nasruddin took off all his clothes, folded them and sat down on the pile. As soon as the rain stopped, he dressed himself and went back to his host's house (F) _____ lunch. Nobody could work out why he was dry.

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| (A) (i) in | (ii) along | (iii) on | (iv) with |
| (B) (i) because | (ii) or | (iii) but | (iv) if |
| (C) (i) an | (ii) a | (iii) the | (iv) X |
| (D) (i) slow | (ii) eating | (iii) sitting | (iv) jumping |
| (E) (i) which | (ii) when | (iii) so | (iv) and |
| (F) (i) in | (ii) by | (iii) for | (iv) on |

7. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. One has been done for you. 3x1=3

- (a) an / one / India / at / time / was not / nation / independent
At one time India was not an independent nation.
- (b) was a / of / it / separate / collection / kingdoms
- (c) people / India / traders / as / many / settlers / or / came to / invaders
- (d) the / later came / and / Aryans / part of / the mix / became

SECTION - D (LITERATURE) (30 marks)

8. Read the extract from the poem 'Beauty' and answer the following questions. 3x1=3

*Beauty is heard
In the night,
Wind sighing, rain falling,
Or a singer chanting
Anything in earnest.*

- (a) Where can the poet hear beauty in the atmosphere?
- (b) What do you mean by 'anything in earnest'?
- (c) Why does the poet say that beauty is heard at night?

OR

Read the extract from the poem 'The Quarrel' and answer the following questions.

*We hated one another
The afternoon turned black.
Then suddenly my brother
Thumped me on the back,
And said, "Oh, come along!
We can't go on all night-
I was in the wrong."
So he was in the right.*

- (a) Who hated one another in the above lines and why?
- (b) The brother thumped on his sister's back? State the reason.
- (c) Select the correct answer from the given options:

What does the poet mean by – *The afternoon turned black*?

- (A) The afternoon was dark with black clouds.
- (B) All of a sudden it was night.
- (C) The afternoon was spoiled because of their bad mood.
- (D) They both wanted to talk to each other.

9. Read the extract from the lesson 'A Different Kind of School' and answer the following questions. 3x1=3

"The blind day is, of course, really the worst, but some of the children tell me that the dumb day is the most difficult. We cannot bandage the children's mouths, so they really have to exercise their will -power."

- (a) Who speaks the above lines to whom?
- (b) Why is the dumb day the most difficult for children?
- (c) Which day according to the speaker is the worst? Why?

OR

Read the extract from the lesson ‘The Shepherd’s Treasure’ and answer the following questions.

How pleased the king was, and how embarrassed the jealous governors became to hear the wise man’s reply! Now they knew that the shepherd was indeed the humblest and the wisest man in the land. The king made him the governor of a much bigger district that very day.

- (a) Why was the king pleased?
- (b) What did the other governors come to know about the shepherd?
- (c) How many times did the king reward the governor? Why?

10. Answer the following questions in 30 words (ANY THREE) 3x2=6

- (a) According to you, why was Tansen scared of singing Raga Deepak?
- (b) Why was it a proud moment for India when the space shuttle Columbia lifted off?
- (c) How does Miss Beam’s school make children understand misfortune?
- (d) What does poet mean by ‘beauty is in yourself’?

11. Answer the question in 100 – 120 words. 1x5=5

- (a) There are many good values which we have learnt after reading the story ‘Taro’s Reward’. Do you think those values are very important to become a good human being? Justify your answer by describing the qualities of Taro.

OR

- (b) ‘Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.’ Said *Nelson Mandela*. Education imparted in Miss Beam’s school can be helpful in bringing the change in the world. Give your opinion regarding the unusual methods.