



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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PERIODIC TEST 1
Class: VII

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M.M: 30
Time: 1 hr. 30 min

General Instructions:

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

SECTION- A (READING) (7 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

1. Dr. Kalam says, “To succeed in your mission, you must have single – minded devotion to your goal. Individuals like myself are often called workaholics. I question this term because that implies a pathological condition or an illness. If I do that which I desire more than anything else in the world and which makes me happy, such a work can never be an aberration.
2. Total commitment is a vital quality for those who want to reach the acme of their career. It means hundred percent devotion to the field of your interest. The aspiration to work at the best possible level of capacity leaves no room for anything else. There are the persons who scoff at the 40 – hour – a – week job they are being paid for. Some others work for 60, 80 and even 100 hours a week and find their work interesting, exciting and rewarding.
3. Total commitment is a common characteristic in all successful persons. Success depends upon the ability to manage the stress one encounters in one’s life. It is necessary for a person to face difficulties because these are compulsory to enjoy success. The difference between an energetic and a confused person lies in the way their minds handle their experiences. Each one of us has some kind of super intelligence deep inside us. The need is to get it stimulated to enable us to examine our deep thoughts, desires, beliefs and life philosophies.
4. Climbing to the top, whether it is to the top of the world’s highest peak, Mount Everest, or the top of a profession, demands strength. One needs good health and full supply of energy to change oneself according to demands of work. People are born with different energy reserves. The person who tries and burns out easily will do well to re-organise his or her life at the earliest.

Answer the questions given below:

- (i) What is the most desiring quality one needs to have to succeed in one’s mission? (1)
(A) We need to be focused and devoted to our goal.
(B) Choose the work or goal which makes you happy.
(C) Challenge the difficult situation and enjoy the success
(D) Choose the single goal, it is easy to achieve.
- (ii) Why do people find more exciting and rewarding to work for 60, 80 and even 100 hours a week? (1)
(A) People get social and economic privileges from the institution.
(B) People find that the working atmosphere is more suitable and convenient to them.
(C) People are loyal and committed toward the work and institution with absolute dedication.
(D) People are trainees in the new field of their choice.
- (iii) Why does Dr Kalam not approve of the term “workaholic”? (1)
- (iv) Why total commitment is the key to success in any field? (1)

- (v) Which vital element is required to reach top of the career or mountains? (1)
- (vi) Find the words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (2)
- (A) the typical or usual way of behaving (para-1)
- (B) skill to do something (para-2)

SECTION B (WRITING) (9 Marks)

2. You are fond of outdoor games. But your friends don't play outdoors. They are busy with the internet, mobile phones, etc. You want to tell them that outdoor games are a must for physical and mental growth but they don't listen to you. Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry. (4)

OR

You won the first prize in an inter-school debate on "Environment Pollution". Write your feelings in the form of a diary entry.

3. Write an e-mail to your friend who lives in another city informing him/her that you have been made the class monitor. Describe your feelings on being selected and the responsibility you have to carry out as class monitor. You may use hints given below. (5)
- Responsibility, behaviour in the class and with other students, discipline, punctuality

OR

Write an e-mail to your friend describing how you spent the summer break. You may use the hints given below.

Place, location, importance of the place, travel details, activities done, learning, suggest to your friend

SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (4 Marks)

4. Choose the most appropriate option from the brackets to complete the following passage. Do not copy the passage. (2)

The house, the only one (i) _____ (on/from/at/in) the whole valley, was situated (ii) _____ (at/on/by/in) the crest (iii) _____ (off/ of/ from/ by) a low hill, surrounded (iv) _____ (by/at/with/of) ripe corn dotted (e) from the flowers that always promised a good harvest.

5. Filling in the blanks with appropriate articles. Do not copy the passage. (2)

My friend was reading (i) _____ book on (ii) _____ life of Mother Teresa who was (iii) _____ inspiration to all. While going to (iv) _____ office, my friend bought a book.

SECTION- D (LITERATURE) (10 Marks)

6. Read the extract from the lesson 'Three Questions' and answer the following questions. (2)

"You have already been answered!" said the hermit still bending down to the ground and looking up at the king as he stood before him.

- (i) 'Based on the hermit's answer to the king's questions, which of these is true?
- (A) Time is the most valuable asset
- (B) The most necessary person is the person you are with a particular moment.
- (C) There is no right or wrong, only actions matter
- (D) While living in the present, we should also think about the future
- (ii) Why was the king desperately in search of the answers of his questions?

OR

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

*And if we ran around his tree,
He went the other way.*

- (i) What does the poet do in the first two lines?
(A) Explains what makes the squirrel special
(B) Discusses the squirrel's eating habits
(C) Compares the squirrel to a person
(D) Admires the squirrel's beauty
- (ii) Which figure of speech is used in the second line of the stanza?
7. Answer the following questions in 60-80 words (**ANY TWO**) (4)
- (i) Ravi's mother was firm but loving. Give evidence from the story to support the statement
- (ii) Why do you think the rebel does the opposite of what others do?
- (iii) Based on your reading of the lesson "The Tiny Teacher" Why do you think ant's life is very peaceful?
8. Answer the following question in not more than 100-120 words. (**ANY ONE**) (4)
- (i) Kids move when they see the miserable condition of the needy. Should they be appreciated or scolded for their action? Elucidate with the reference of the lesson 'A Gift of Chappals.'
- OR**
- (i) 'Perhaps they have, but they have not put their learning to good use'. Who are 'they' here? In the chapter 'The Tiny Teacher'. What kind of qualities they have put in their life?