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PERIODIC TEST 3
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.

SECTION- A (READING) (7 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below:

A Royal Treat

1. Sadiq was sitting in his father's food shop in a small lane of Lucknow, fanning flies away from a tray of biryani. Suddenly he saw a man in a silk sherwani get down from a horse. 'Looks rich! Is he coming to our shop?' Sadiq wondered.
2. Sadiq's father Mohammed Qadir, looked up from the kebabs he was frying as one of the servants came forward and said grandly, "Nawab Hasan Ali has come!" The man in silk entered, looked around their small shop and said in bored tones, "I hear you are the famous cook, Mohammed Qadir. I like tasting new dishes. What is your speciality?"
3. "Dal," said Sadiq's father and went on frying the kebabs. "Dal?" The Nawab looked surprised. "Only dal?"
4. "I can make biryani and all the usual things, but you asked me what I cook the best," Qadir replied calmly. "But, dal! That doesn't sound very exciting. My friends praised your cooking so much. I expected something better."
5. "But you haven't tasted the dal I make."
"Fine, I'll taste it. What kind of dal do you make?"
"Urad" "Get me some. Let's see what's special about it."
"I haven't got it now."
"What!" The Nawab was looking angry now, Sadiq realized worriedly.
"I make my *Shahi dal urad* only on order," Qadir said.
6. "It takes me a day to make with secret spices. If Your Honour so wishes, I'll cook it for tomorrow's lunch." "Alright." Said Nawab Hasan Ali gave in. "I live nearby. You can bring it to my house."
7. "I'm sorry, sir, but that is not possible," said Qadir. Sadiq sighed. His father lost a lot of customers by being so difficult. Nawab Hasan Ali had never met such a rude cook, yet he was amused. "What's the problem now?"
8. "Huzoor, to enjoy my dal you will have to come to my shop to taste it. It spoils if it is taken off the fire. And, Your Honour, once I call, you will have to come immediately."
9. "Really? What if I'm late?" "I'll throw the dal away or feed it to the poor," Qadir said as he slid some kebabs into the hot oil which began to hiss.

Extract from Dal Delight by Subhadra Sen Gupta

Answer the questions given below.

- (i) What impressed Sadiq when he was sitting in his father's shop? (1)
- (ii) Why did the Nawab come to the shop? (1)
- (iii) What was the speciality of Mohammed Qadir's *Dal*? (1)
- Choose the best answer from the given options.
- (iv) Sadiq thought that his father (1)
- (A) refused to go out of his way and please any of his customers.
- (B) was too proud of his culinary skills.
- (C) was too meek to impress the Nawab.
- (D) was not interested in cooking for the Nawab.
- (v) The word *sighed* shows that Sadiq was (1)
- (A) feeling excited about the Nawab's visit to his shop.
- (B) getting bored with the conversation between his father and the Nawab.
- (C) worried that the Nawab would be annoyed at his father's reactions.
- (D) worried about the meal to be served the following day.
- Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following words.
- (vi) admired (para 4) (1)
- (vii) pleased (para 7) (1)

SECTION B (WRITING) (9 Marks)

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (4)
- A. English Department of your school is organising an 'One Act Play' competition on the birth anniversary of Anton Chekhov on 28th January. As the head boy/girl, write a notice in about 50 words inviting students to participate in the competition.

OR

- B. On the occasion of Republic Day, your school is organising an Inter-house patriotic song competition for classes VI to VIII. As the head boy/girl, write a notice in about 50 words inventing all the details about the competition.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)
- A. Develop stories from given outlines. Remember to give the title of the story.

An old lady becomes blind --- calls in a doctor --- agrees to pay large fees if cured --- doctor comes daily --- Starts stealing one piece of furniture daily --- delays the cure --- at last cures her --- demands his fees --- lady refuses to pay, saying cure is not complete --- doctor objects lady says sight not restored as she cannot see all her furniture --- doctor understands --- he gives all furniture back --- moral

OR

- B. A famine --- a rich man distributes loaves of bread among poor children --- tells them to have one each --- struggle for the largest --- a little girl stands and waits --- takes the smallest loaf -- - mother finds silver coins in the loaf --- girl return them to the rich man --- 'It is your reward' says the rich man --- moral

SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (4 Marks)

4. Choose the most appropriate word from the help box to complete the following passage. (2)
Do not copy the passage.

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Millions of people (a) _____ the world love going on holiday to beaches. There is no doubt beaches are beautiful places. But how safe are they for (b) _____? The blue flag certification is (c) an _____ of the water quality, cleanliness, safety, services available, environmental education and other (d) _____ of a beach.

5. Identify the error in each line in the following passage. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the number. Do not copy the passage. (2)

		Incorrect	Correct
Discipline is the structure or fundamental unit	(a)	_____	_____
of the successful person. It is essential for us at home,	(b)	_____	_____
about soldiers in the battlefield, for students at school,	(c)	_____	_____
and for players on the playground.	(d)	_____	_____

SECTION- D (LITERATURE) (10 Marks)

6. Read the extract from the lesson 'The Bear Story' and answer the following questions. (2)

(A) *What are you scolding him for, missus," said the cook; "he has been as good as gold the whole day, bless him!*

- (i) Why was the mistress scolding the bear?
(ii) Why did the cook say "as good as gold the whole day"

OR

- (B) Read the extract from the poem 'Dad and the Cat and the Tree' and answer the following questions.

*"Fall?" scoffed Dad,
"A climber like me?
Child's play, this is!
You wait and see."*

- (i) What does it signify when the father says, 'Child's play, this is!'"
(ii) Why did father scoff at his wife's remarks?

7. Answer the following questions in 60-80 words (**ANY TWO**) (4)
- (i) Why did Nishad not believe in all the clues and theories against Mr. Nath?
 - (ii) Why was it difficult for the speaker to understand what the talking fan was saying?
 - (iii) "Prevention is better than cure." Elucidate this proverb in the context of the grandmother's prophecy in the chapter 'A Tiger in the House.'

8. Answer the following question in not more than 100-120 words. (**ANY ONE**) (4)
- (A) What role has the global market played in transforming cricketers into the most famous players in the game today?

Use the following hints to write your answers.

turned them into global star – made them popular – paid best – get endorsement – financially secured

OR

- (B) Nurturing a wild animal with proper love and care transforms it into the most amiable creature. Discuss this with reference to the chapters 'The Bear Story' and 'A Tiger in the House'.