



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

**ANANDALAYA**  
**PERIODIC TEST-3**  
Class : IX

Subject : English Communicative  
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M.M : 40  
Time : 1 Hr. 30 Min.

**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains four sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has a passage for comprehension.
3. Section B-Creative writing Section has 2 questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
4. Section C-Grammar Section has 2 questions. Follow the instructions given with each question.
5. Section D-Literature section has 3 questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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

1. Read the passage given below. (10)

- 1 I, therefore, pledge myself to the loyalty of our past culture from wheresoever it may have come and by whomsoever it may have been contributed. I pledge myself to the service of the totality of my country's culture. I pledge my loyalty to my country, irrespective of religion or language; I pledge myself to work for its strength and progress and for the welfare of its people without distinctions of caste, colour or creed. The whole of Bharat is my home and its people are my family. The people have chosen to make me the head of this family for a certain time. It shall be my earnest endeavour to seek to make this home strong and beautiful, a worthy home for a great people engaged in the fascinating task of building up just, prosperous and graceful life.
- 2 The family is big and is constantly growing at a rather inconveniently fast pace. We shall, each one of us, have to participate unsparingly in building its new life, each in his own way. For sheer size the tasks ahead of us are so demanding that no one can afford to sit back and just watch or let frustration become endemic in our country. The situation demands of us work, work and more work, silent and sincere work, solid and steady reconstruction of the whole material and cultural life of our people.
- 3 This work, as I see it, has two aspects: work on one's self and work for the society around. They are mutually fruitful aspects of work. The work on one's self is to follow the urge towards moral development as a free person and under self-imposed discipline, which alone can render that development is possible. Its end product is a free moral personality. We can neglect the end-product only at our peril. This end-product cannot sustain itself without seeking and exercising itself to bring about the approximation of the society to which it is privileged to serve to a better, a juster and a more graceful way of life. The individual cannot grow in full perfection without a corresponding advance of the collective social existence.

**Source: - Presidential speech by Dr Zakir Husain**

Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option from those given below:

- (i) The speaker pledges himself to be loyal to India's past culture whatever ..... (1)
- (A) be its sources and contributions (B) may be its strength  
(C) may be its shortcomings and weaknesses (D) may be its character

- (ii) The speaker pledges to work for the welfare of the people ..... (1)  
 (A) respective of caste, colour or creed (B) irrespective of caste, colour or creed  
 (C) caring for caste, colour and creed (D) judging their caste, colour and creed.
- (iii) The people of India have chosen to make the speaker the head of the family ..... (1)  
 (A) for all time (B) for an indefinite time  
 (C) for a long time (D) for a fixed time.
- (iv) India's population is growing rather at a ..... (1)  
 (A) conveniently fast pace (B) inconveniently fast pace  
 (C) at a good pace (D) at a reasonable pace.
- (v) Choose the correct meaning of the word 'irrespective' (1)  
 (A) without any reason (B) without any cause  
 (C) without caring for (D) without any help
- (vi) What according to Dr. Zakir Husain would happen if we won't participate in building a new India? (2)
- (vii) Dr. Zakir Husain urges us to work hard. What are the two aspects of work he expresses in his speech? (2)
- (viii) Which word in para-3 is the synonym of 'risk'? (1)

### SECTION-B

#### CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (9 Marks)

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (50 words) (4)

A. You are Upendra Sharma, President of Gautam Nagar Residents' Welfare Society. You have organised an event "Ban on Plastic Week" to create awareness regarding the harms of plastic, through several activities and competitions. Draft a suitable notice for the society's notice board.

**OR**

B. You are the Head boy/girl of your school. Your school is organising remedial classes for students of classes IX-XII before school hours. Write a notice for the school notice board informing students about these classes.

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

A. Amit and Rajan are discussing about the effects of pollution. Amit is of the opinion that every individual must contribute towards improving the health of environment while Rajan feels that it is the duty of the government to ensure environment protection. Write dialogues for Amit and Rajan emphasising on the ill effects of pollution and solutions to protect the mother Earth. You may use the content from the MCB unit-3 Environment. (100 words)

**OR**

B. Shiksha and Karuna of class IX are interacting about the MCB unit-5 Mystery. Shiksha links the mysteries with super natural elements and feels that the events given in the unit are paranormal. However, Karuna has a scientific approach and believes that there are scientific reasons behind those mysteries. Taking hints from the unit and using your own thoughts write the dialogues between the two in not more than 100 words.

**SECTION-C**  
**GRAMMAR SECTION (8 Marks)**

4. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error as well as the correction as shown in the example. Do any four. (4x 1 = 4 marks) (4)

		Mistake	Correction
In the prisoner's room a candle is	e.g.	is	was
burning dimly. A prisoner himself	(i)		
sat by the table. Only him back,	(ii)		
the hair by his head, and his	(iii)		
hands are visible from outside through the window.	(iv)		

5. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form of the words given in the bracket. (4)
- Nasa says its robot rover Spirit **(i)** ..... (discover) a patch of ground that **(ii)** ..... (show) evidence of a past environment that **(iii)** ..... (be) perfect for microbial life. The deposits were probably **(iv)** ..... (produce) when hot spring water or steam came into contact with volcanic rocks. On earth these are the locations that tend to teem with bacteria, said Nasa scientists.

**SECTION-D**  
**LITERATURE SECTION (13 Marks)**

6. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (3x 1 = 3 marks) (3)
- A. *“Mere Gringoire indeed! Mere Gringoire! What, the old witch who lives at the top of the hill, and who says she is bedridden because she is too lazy to do any work? And what did Mere Gringoire want with the money, pray?”*
- (i) Why is Persome angry at Mere Gringoire?
- (A) The Bishop has sold the beautiful salt cellars to help her.  
(B) Mere Gringoire wanted to stay in their house for some days.  
(C) Marie has sold the salt cellars for helping Mere Gringoire.  
(D) Mere Gringoire looks for an opportunity to exploit the Bishop.
- (ii) Why does Mere Gringoire pretend to be bedridden, according to Persome?
- (A) She is very old and weak to walk on her feet.  
(B) She is very sick and can't walk on her feet.  
(C) She is lazy and didn't want to work.  
(D) She wants to earn sympathy of people.
- (iii) What did Mere Gringoire want the money for?
- (A) She wanted to keep the money for her safe future.  
(B) She wants to enjoy with that money.  
(C) She needed money for paying the rent.  
(D) It is her habit to earn easy money by fooling others.

**OR**

B.

*When I cry the hills laugh;  
When I humble myself the flowers rejoice;  
When I bow, all things are elated.  
The fields and the clouds are lovers  
And between them I am a messenger of mercy.  
I quench the thirst of the one;  
I cure the ailment of the other.*

- (i) What happens when the rain shows its humility?  
(A) Flowers rejoice (B) Fields dance  
(C) Valleys and fields get decorated (D) Everything is elated
- (ii) 'I quench the thirst of the one' means;  
(A) I quench the thirst of humanity (B) I quench the thirst of clouds  
(C) I quench the thirst of the fields (D) I quench the thirst of animals
- (iii) 'I cure the ailment of the other'. Here 'other' stands for;  
(A) Clouds (B) Fields  
(C) Hills (D) Valleys
7. Attempt ANY TWO from the given below questions in about 40-50 words each. (2x 2 = 4 marks) (4)
- (i) Bill Bramble and his wife were lovers of truth but they had to sacrifice truth for Harold. Give a reasonable explanation to it.
- (ii) Describe the ironical ending of the story 'Best Seller'.
- (iii) Why does the poet say, "But now comes the reckoning"?
8. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below, in about 120 words. (1x6 = 6 marks) (6)
- A. Was John A. Pescud a hypocrite? He pretends to have moral standards or opinions that he never practises in life. Justify your statement by giving examples from the text.

**OR**

- B. The play has a definite message for the readers: Violence and torture can convert a "man" into a "wild beast" but love and sympathy can restore his faith in God and humanity. Explain the statement in light of the drama 'The Bishop's Candlesticks'.